



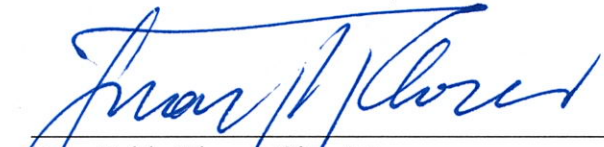
## **STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION**

As City Attorney, I was pleased to see the level of commitment from Mayor and Council toward open government and the democratic process at their Special Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Staff worked diligently to put the meeting together and to fully inform the public during the meeting.

As a point of clarification, it should be noted that Agenda Item Number 8 was not an action item to remove the City Manager, but simply and fundamentally a contract renewal decision, and for those reasons City Charter, Article III, Section 9, Removal Procedure mentioned in the Dispatch article is not applicable.

The City will continue to move expeditiously to have Council consider an Interim City Manager appointment for a candidate through the Arizona League of Cities collaborator Interim Management Professionals LLC.

It is certainly reasonably understandable, from this office's perspective, that the meeting had to be cut short due to public safety concerns.



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Juan Pablo Flores, City Attorney  
January 18, 2019