

## **The PE: RIVERSIDE: Attorney fired after raising questions**

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The city of Riverside has fired a deputy city attorney who raised questions about how the city awards contracts. In an email to the City Council in March, Raychele Sterling wrote that employees told her they were ordered to steer contracts to the city manager's friends.

City officials have said the allegations of contract steering are baseless. An investigation by an outside law firm, ordered by City Manager Brad Hudson, is ongoing.

Sterling's job was terminated May 13, according to her attorney, Russell Perry, who provided a copy of the termination letter from City Attorney Greg Priamos. The letter did not give a reason for the firing.

Reached Friday, Priamos declined to say why Sterling was terminated.