



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

LESTER SANDRES RÁPALO
PRESIDENT

November 21, 2023

Ms. Maddy Ward
43 Pecan Valley Dr
New City, NY 10956
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Dear Ms. Ward:

Your appeal for a hearing was received on November 7, 2023, for the decision rendered by the “Acting Judicial Officer” for which you were found responsible for Section II Standards 2a-Discriminatory/Harassing Behavior; 2b- Endangering Conduct and, 2c- Intimidation for which you were suspended effectively immediately until Fall 2024 and deemed Persona Non-Grata.

A hearing was convened on November 16, 2023, which you attended. The hearing committee was comprised of an administrator, two faculty members, and two students. The Hearing Committee determined that you violated the College’s Code of Conduct, specifically, Section II, Standards of the Student Conduct, Standard 2a-Discriminatory Behavior; Standard 2b- Endangering Conduct and Standard 2c-Intimidation as you admitted to posting a video of screenshot messages of members of Hillel, the Rabbi, and RCC students on your Instagram account, which included their private telephone numbers and accusations of them committing harassment as well as other damaging statements. The students and the Rabbi, identified in such video/screenshots received several antisemitic and threatening messages from the public and remain fearful on Campus and in their private lives as a result.

As such, the sanction of suspension from Rockland Community College will remain effective immediately until the start of the Fall 2024 semester. Additionally, you are hereby deemed Persona Non-Grata until the start of the Fall 2024 semester. A notice will be sent to you once this status has been removed by the Office of Judicial Affairs. Please note that posting any college-related contact information may lead to separate legal action. Thank you for your participation in the Student Conduct Process. This concludes the process at this time.

Sincerely,

Lester Sandres Rápalo, EdD, MBA, MA

cc: Dr. LaToya Blount, Executive Director for Student Engagement and College Life
Jonathan Barnwell, Assistant Director of Judicial and Veterans Affairs