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Date: October 14, 2026

Re: OIG Case No. 21-00059

Please find attached the supplemental summary report from the Office of Inspector General's Sexual Allegations Unit, which investigates adult-on-student sexual misconduct. Additionally, please find attached the original summary report in this case, previously issued June 26, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (773) 534-9400.

Sincerely,

Philip Wagenknecht
Inspector General



**NOT SUBSTANTIATED CASE — SEXUAL ALLEGATIONS UNIT
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

Case No. 21-00059

October 14, 2026

The OIG issued a summary report in this case on June 26, 2026, finding there was insufficient evidence that Special Education Teacher Hilario Dominguez¹ engaged in sexual misconduct toward [REDACTED] while working for The Resurrection Project (TRP), a nonprofit organization, during the summer of 2017. The OIG recently gathered additional information that is addressed in this supplemental report, but this information did not change the outcome, and the OIG is again closing this case as not substantiated.

The OIG first opened the case in 2021 after CPS was notified that TRP had investigated Dominguez in 2018 for alleged conduct toward [REDACTED] in 2017 that raised grooming concerns. Although the alleged conduct took place during a gap in Dominguez's CPS employment, he was a CPS employee when the OIG took the case, and CPS has an interest in ensuring that its staff have not engaged in sexual misconduct toward minors.

According to the TRP records from 2018, [REDACTED] told TRP staff member Paloma Rodriguez in 2017 that Dominguez communicated with her by text message, questioned her about her dating life, commented on her physical appearance, had one-on-one interactions with her, and offered her rides home. There were no further details, and no witness claimed to have seen any of the messages. The 2018 TRP records also state that [REDACTED] repeatedly declined to proceed with her complaint against Dominguez or provide additional information.

Nevertheless, in April, May, June, and July of 2022, OIG staff attempted to reach [REDACTED] and her parents on 12 occasions in order to schedule an interview with [REDACTED]. By this point, [REDACTED] was an adult CPS graduate. The contact attempts included leaving three voicemails for [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] who would have been familiar with the OIG and would have been

¹ On October 9, 2026, CPS advised the OIG that Dominguez is still on a "special leave" relating to his position with the [REDACTED].

trained on CPS policies and practices with respect to sexual misconduct investigations);² leaving three voicemails for [REDACTED] father; and sending direct messages to [REDACTED] on two different social media platforms that the OIG located. The OIG never received a response from [REDACTED] or her parents.

Additionally, the OIG located two potential phone numbers for [REDACTED] through a public records search and tried to call each number twice. The mailbox for the first phone number—now confirmed to be [REDACTED] number—was full both times and the OIG could not leave a message. The other potential phone number for [REDACTED] had a busy signal each time, and it is unclear whether this number belonged to her.

Dominguez participated in an OIG interview in 2022 and denied having any inappropriate conduct with [REDACTED]

Due to the Sexual Allegations Unit's heavy caseload and limited resources, the OIG did not complete its final review of the case and issue its summary report until earlier this year. On June 26, 2026, the OIG closed the case as not substantiated because the allegations were secondhand and not sufficiently corroborated.

After issuing its report on June 26, 2026, the OIG reopened the case after receiving a phone call from [REDACTED] on September 18, 2026. [REDACTED] informed the OIG that she had only become aware of the OIG's investigation after receiving an outcome letter from CPS's Office of Student Protections and Title IX (OSP) that was sent via mail to her parents and dated September 9, 2026. [REDACTED] denied receiving or hearing about any of the OIG's contact attempts and was dismayed that she had not had the chance to share her account of events. During this same phone call, the OIG explained that even though the OIG had closed its case, the OIG still wanted to meet with her to obtain her firsthand account, given that earlier attempts to contact her were unsuccessful. She agreed, and the interview took place on September 22, 2026.

After obtaining [REDACTED] account of events, the OIG conducted follow-up steps that involved speaking with Dominguez and obtaining additional documents. When the OIG opened this case, the secondhand description of the allegations from the TRP records raised the possibility that there could be evidence to corroborate the allegations, even years later (for example, electronic messages and eyewitness testimony). However, after conducting these follow-up steps—considering [REDACTED] description of the allegations along with documents from both parties—the OIG has determined that there is insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations under a preponderance of the evidence standard, for the following reasons:

- **[REDACTED] firsthand account was less indicative of sexual misconduct than the TRP records indicated:** The allegations that [REDACTED] discussed during her OIG

² [REDACTED].

interview are much narrower in scope than the allegations described in the TRP records from 2018. The OIG opened this case because the initial report raised grooming concerns. The TRP records contain only secondhand information but state that Dominguez allegedly texted ██████ talked with ██████ about her dating life, made comments about ██████ personal appearance, and offered to drive ██████ home. This pattern of behavior led ██████ to report the matter to TRP staff member Paloma Rodriguez.

However, the recent firsthand account from ██████ does not point to any sustained pattern of behavior by Dominguez. Rather, ██████ recalled two specific incidents when Dominguez made her uncomfortable during the summer of 2017, while they were both working for TRP:

- While she was alone with Dominguez in his car during a TRP-related errand, Dominguez asked ██████ a question along the lines of, “What type of guys are you into?”
- While in a hallway at the TRP office, Dominguez picked ██████ up off the ground, held her against him so that their upper bodies were touching, and swung her body from side to side. This second incident prompted her to confide in Paloma Rodriguez.

██████ could not recall any of their interactions before or in between these two incidents. Specifically, she did not remember Dominguez messaging with her at all during the relevant time period, and she did not remember him making any comments about her physical appearance. She could not recall any other instance when he made her uncomfortable. After she complained to Rodriguez and other staff were informed, Dominguez never made her uncomfortable again.

██████ firsthand account to the OIG was less indicative of sexual misconduct than what was discussed in the TRP records.

- **The allegations cannot be factually corroborated under the circumstances:** Based on ██████ account, there were no identified witnesses to either incident, and it would be extremely difficult to sufficiently corroborate two brief and unwitnessed interactions that occurred in 2017. The passage of time has always been an issue in this case. Nearly a year and a half passed before TRP’s human resources department collected written statements relating to this matter. Several more years passed before the OIG became aware of the matter and opened this investigation.

██████ and Dominguez may have confided in family members or other associates about the relevant incidents, but the passage of time—and the fact that this matter has reportedly been the subject of recurring rumors in the

community for nearly a decade—would cast significant doubt on the reliability of these individuals’ memories.

- **Text messages are potentially inconsistent with some of [REDACTED] claims:** Text messages provided by Dominguez showing his conversations with [REDACTED] in 2020 and 2022 cast doubt on some of [REDACTED] claims regarding Dominguez’s efforts to talk with her about the situation years later, though these potential inconsistencies could reasonably be explained by the passage of time, if [REDACTED] no longer has the messages.

[REDACTED] told the OIG that Dominguez reached out to her on two occasions to set up a restorative conversation. She recalled that on the second occasion, Dominguez wanted to bring his wife, but the conversation stalled when [REDACTED] said she also wanted to bring a family member along. However, the text messages from November of 2022 show that it was [REDACTED], not Dominguez, who reached out to request the meeting on this occasion. Still, it is unclear who originally proposed the meeting, because [REDACTED] outreach message to Dominguez referred to side conversations they each had with a campaign associate of [REDACTED].

The messages also show that [REDACTED] specifically suggested that they meet alone. It was Dominguez who said he did not feel safe meeting with her alone, given the prior allegations. He said he would bring his wife to the meeting. [REDACTED] agreed and explained that it was [REDACTED] campaign associate who had advised her to meet with Dominguez alone. [REDACTED] also said she wanted to bring her mother if Dominguez was bringing his wife. Eventually, the conversation did stall, and the meeting never took place.

The text messages also show that Dominguez described the allegations of inappropriate conduct on his part as “baseless, horribly imaginative and wild rumors” in the text messages, and [REDACTED] never contradicted him. However, her silence does not necessarily reflect that she agreed with him. They planned to have a meeting about the situation, so the message thread was not necessarily the most suitable platform for her to discuss the substance of the allegations.

- **Even if the incidents happened as [REDACTED] described them, it does not necessarily prove that Dominguez acted for a sexual purpose:** Again, there is insufficient evidence to prove that these events from 2017 even took place. However, [REDACTED] described the two incidents during her OIG interview in a believable manner, and she articulated the emotional distress she felt at the time.

Ultimately, even if the incidents took place just as [REDACTED] described, it is plausible that Dominguez's conduct was not sexually motivated (for example, he could have asked about her dating preferences as part of an ill-advised matchmaking effort or attempt to relate to her as a mentor). The OIG would need additional evidence, beyond what [REDACTED] has alleged, to prove that these two incidents were part of a grooming effort by Dominguez or that his conduct met the definition of sexual harassment under CPS policy. As discussed in this report, the alleged conduct did not meet the threshold for grooming or sexual harassment, when considered alongside the other available evidence.

To be clear, Dominguez's alleged conduct—asking [REDACTED] about her dating preferences on one occasion and physically picking her up, holding her body against his, and swinging her from side to side on another occasion—would not be acceptable behavior for a CPS staff member. Currently, such conduct would violate CPS's standards for staff/student boundaries ("the Boundary Standards"), even if it was not sexually motivated. However, the Boundary Standards would have been inapplicable to the conduct in the summer of 2017 because (1) the Boundary Standards did not yet exist;³ and (2) Dominguez was on a break from his CPS employment.

Ultimately, the OIG investigated Dominguez for his off-duty conduct at TRP due to a concern that he may have engaged in sexual misconduct toward a minor, which would raise a serious concern for him continuing to work at CPS. This investigation did not establish that he engaged in sexual misconduct.

Concerns have also been raised regarding the timing of [REDACTED] outreach to the OIG and its close proximity to the election, given that Dominguez is a candidate for board president and [REDACTED]. The upcoming election was not a factor in the OIG's decision to reopen this case. Once [REDACTED] contacted the OIG and expressed a willingness to participate in an interview, the OIG's original summary report was substantially incomplete, and a supplemental report was required. The OIG would never have refused to take a statement from the alleged victim of sexual misconduct under these circumstances. Further, it is understandable that a victim of sexual misconduct would feel compelled to speak out before an election.

Nevertheless, the OIG considered the issue of whether the allegations were politically motivated because it relates to a defense argued by Dominguez and could undermine the credibility of the allegations.

³ CPS adopted its first iteration of the Boundary Standards several months later and published them for staff in January of 2018.

In fact, after reopening the case, the OIG received evidence from Dominguez that raised this very concern. It has been alleged that [REDACTED], had some involvement in raising these allegations against Dominguez in advance of the 2019 election, though the OIG cannot confirm this. However, text messages provided by Dominguez show that, leading up to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] campaign associate sent text messages to Dominguez in which she appeared to seek his support for [REDACTED] campaign, tried to arrange a meeting between Dominguez and [REDACTED], and tried to facilitate a meeting between Dominguez and [REDACTED]. The campaign associate even sent messages to Dominguez indicating that the prior sexual allegations against Dominguez during the 2019 election were unfair, and that he was a victim of those rumors along with [REDACTED].

The OIG made its repeated contact attempts to [REDACTED] and her parents in the spring and summer of 2022, a few months before the campaign associate approached Dominguez on [REDACTED] behalf in October.

The [REDACTED] campaign associate's messages to Dominguez suggest that [REDACTED] and/or her associates did not have any significant concern about Dominguez being a danger to minors. However, these messages cannot be directly attributed to [REDACTED].

It is also important to note that [REDACTED] opinions and motivations with regard to the allegations may not have always been aligned with [REDACTED] and there did not appear to be any political motive for [REDACTED] to make the allegation for the first time to TRP staff in 2017, as she reportedly did.

The political backdrop is relevant but should not distract from the question at the heart of this investigation: whether Dominguez attempted to groom [REDACTED] for a sexual purpose or sexually harassed her during the summer of 2017. Given that those allegations were not otherwise corroborated by the evidence, the OIG did not have to consider the issue of political motivation to determine that the allegations against Dominguez are not substantiated.

FINDINGS

There is insufficient evidence that, while Hilario Dominguez and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were working for TRP during the summer of 2017, Dominguez (1) asked [REDACTED] a question to the effect of, "What type of guys are you into?" or (2) picked [REDACTED] up off the ground, held her against his body, and swung her around.

In its original summary report from June 26, 2026, the OIG found that there was insufficient evidence that Dominguez engaged in sexually inappropriate conduct with [REDACTED] or any other minor at TRP. The evidence that the OIG obtained after the case was reopened in September of 2026 did not change the outcome.

SUMMARY OF THE OIG'S PREVIOUS SUMMARY REPORT AND THE RECENTLY OBTAINED EVIDENCE

A. THE OIG'S SUMMARY REPORT FROM JUNE 26, 2026

On June 26, 2026, the OIG issued a summary report of its investigation into allegations that Dominguez engaged in inappropriate behavior with [REDACTED] while working for TRP, a nonprofit organization, during the summer of 2017. [REDACTED] was a TRP intern at the time. Dominguez was not a CPS employee at the time of the alleged conduct, but he worked for CPS before and after the conduct, and he was a CPS employee when CPS received the allegation.

In 2021, approximately four years after the alleged conduct occurred, a member of the community heard about the allegation—reportedly after receiving an anonymously delivered record of TRP's formal investigation of the allegations from 2018—and reported it to CPS, leading the OIG to open this case. According to these records from TRP, [REDACTED] told TRP staff member Paloma Rodriguez in 2017 that Dominguez sent text messages to [REDACTED] commented on her physical appearance, had one-on-one interactions with her, and offered her rides home. None of the statements from Rodriguez or other interviewed parties contained any further details about the allegations. A more in-depth discussion of TRP's investigation can be found in the OIG's June 26, 2026 summary report.

During the OIG's investigation, the OIG was unable to obtain any firsthand information from [REDACTED]. In 2018, TRP's human resources department had spoken to and gathered statements from several involved parties, but not [REDACTED]. The TRP records state that [REDACTED] repeatedly declined to provide additional information or participate in the TRP investigation. The OIG attempted to contact [REDACTED] and her parents by various methods to schedule an interview with [REDACTED] as detailed later in this report, but they never responded.

In 2022, the OIG interviewed Dominguez, who denied that any of his interactions with [REDACTED] were inappropriate. (Both of his OIG interviews are discussed in more detail later in this report.)

Because the allegations were based on secondhand information and uncorroborated, the OIG closed the case as not substantiated.

On July 9, 2026, Dominguez contacted the OIG and inquired about the status of his case. The following day, the OIG informed him that the OIG issued a not substantiated report on June 26, 2026, and advised him that he would receive an outcome letter from CPS.

The CPS Office of Student Protections and Title IX (OSP) mailed outcome letters to Dominguez and [REDACTED] dated September 8 and 9, respectively.

B. [REDACTED] CONTACTED THE OIG IN SEPTEMBER OF 2026, PROMPTING THE OIG TO REOPEN THE CASE

On September 18, 2026, [REDACTED] contacted the OIG. She stated that she had never heard about the OIG's investigation prior to receiving the outcome letter dated September 9, 2026. She said that she had not received the OIG's previous contact attempts. She expressed her concern that she had never had the opportunity to tell her side of the story.

Note: The OIG made 12 attempts to contact [REDACTED] and/or her parents in 2022:

- The OIG left three voicemails for [REDACTED] mother on different dates in April of 2022.
- The OIG left three voicemails for [REDACTED] father on different dates in April of 2022.
- The OIG sent a direct message to what appeared to be [REDACTED] Facebook account in May of 2022.
- The OIG sent a direct message to what appeared to be [REDACTED] Instagram account in June of 2022.
- On two dates in July of 2022, the OIG called two phone numbers that appeared to be associated with [REDACTED]. The OIG found these numbers by searching a public records database.
 - One of these phone numbers is now confirmed to be [REDACTED] phone number. The OIG was unable to leave a voicemail at this phone number because the mailbox was full on both occasions.
 - The second potential phone number had a busy signal each time. It is unclear if this number ever belonged to [REDACTED]

During that same September 18, 2026 phone conversation with [REDACTED], the OIG explained that its previous contact attempts had been unsuccessful and asked [REDACTED] if she would be willing to share her account now, despite the case having been closed. She agreed, and the interview took place on September 22, 2026.

C. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] (SEPTEMBER 22, 2026)

[REDACTED] explained that Dominguez was a youth supervisor for TRP's One Summer Chicago program during the summer of 2017, when [REDACTED] was a paid intern with the program. The youth participants were between 16 and 18 years old. They assisted

with TRP's outreach efforts by printing out and distributing flyers, visiting community members at home, and contacting elected officials.

1. Overall Impressions of Dominguez

██████ described Dominguez as an extroverted, high-energy individual. She said Dominguez was "always" flirtatious with adult women in the office. When asked how Dominguez was flirtatious with the adult women, ██████ explained that he would compliment the women on their appearance. However, she said Dominguez was not flirtatious with minors.

2. ██████ Encounters with Dominguez During the 2017 Summer Program

a. First Incident: Question About Dating Preferences

On one occasion, ██████ was instructed to transport supplies from TRP to an event taking place in Back of the Yards. ██████ and Dominguez used Dominguez's vehicle to transport the supplies and travel to the event. It was not unusual for adult staff to transport the youth staff, as events took place throughout the neighborhood, and ██████ was not always willing to walk to the various locations. However, this was the first and only time that she and Dominguez were alone in his car together. ██████ did not recall being alone with a supervisor in their car on any other occasion.

On the way to the event, ██████ sat in the passenger seat, alone with Dominguez. She could not recall what she and Dominguez talked about at first, but at some point during the drive, Dominguez asked ██████ "What type of guys are you into?"

██████ responded to the question by saying that she liked a ██████ who ██████ ██████. ██████ response was based on her ██████, who was ██████ years old at the time. ██████ intentionally focused her answer on her ██████ because she did not want to open the conversation to further discussion about what type of females Dominguez was interested in.

██████ believed Dominguez's question was unprofessional. It caused her mood to completely change; she felt alone, scared, and trapped, and her body told her that something was wrong. She had never been asked that question by any male, let alone an adult.

At the time, ██████ believed that Dominguez asked her the question about her dating life because he either wanted to form a dating relationship with her or wanted to be her friend. As an adult, ██████ believed that Dominguez knowingly and intentionally crossed boundaries with her, and she understood that an adult should not have that type of interaction with a minor.

b. Second Incident: Physical Contact in the Hallway

During the One Summer Chicago program, ██████ would begin her day at the office by entering the hallway leading to the area where participants gathered to organize for the day. Approximately one or two weeks after ██████ encounter with Dominguez in his vehicle, ██████ was walking through the hallway when she encountered Dominguez, who appeared happy to see her.

Dominguez then ran toward ██████ grabbed her around the waist, and lifted her off the ground. While Dominguez's hands were around ██████ waist, he swung her from side to side with their bodies touching. He continued to swing ██████ back and forth in a "cradling" manner. ██████ breasts were pressed against Dominguez's body, and her shoulders were touching his.

██████ froze when Dominguez put her down. ██████ felt powerless and violated because Dominguez was a figure of authority. It felt like she "lost her autonomy."

██████ could not remember if Dominguez said anything to her while in the hallway.

██████ remembered an adult female being present while Dominguez picked her up and hugged her, but ██████ was unsure who the adult female was or whether she was involved with TRP.

Dominguez only hugged and lifted ██████ that one time. ██████ never saw Dominguez hug and lift other participants in this manner.

In retrospect, ██████ believed that Dominguez intentionally crossed boundaries with her by picking her up and cradling her.

c. Other Interactions with Dominguez During the Summer of 2017

██████ told the OIG that she could not remember any other interactions with Dominguez during the summer program that made her uncomfortable, apart from the two incidents discussed above.

The OIG informed ██████ that according to the TRP records, it was reported that she and Dominguez communicated electronically, and that Dominguez's messages made her uncomfortable. ██████ told the OIG that she did not remember messaging with Dominguez, but that it was possible this happened. She also said that although TRP supervisors sometimes communicated with youth participants on a Facebook group chat, ██████ did not recall Dominguez or any other supervisor messaging her directly.

██████ also could not recall if Dominguez ever commented on her physical appearance, which was another allegation mentioned in the TRP records.

██████ could not recall whether Dominguez's partner (now wife) was involved with TRP.

3. Disclosures and TRP's Response

Shortly after the second incident with Dominguez, █████ confided in TRP employee Paloma Rodriguez about her interactions with him. █████ felt comfortable confiding in Rodriguez because she was a trusted adult. █████ remembered their conversation only vaguely, but she recalled that Rodriguez was furious about what had happened and wanted to advocate for her. Rodriguez asked █████ if she wanted Rodriguez to elevate the report to TRP Supervisor Berto Aguayo, and █████ agreed because she trusted Aguayo and considered him to be professional.

Rodriguez spoke to Aguayo about █████ complaint during a One Summer Chicago program that was held at a park. Aguayo subsequently approached █████ at the event and informed her that Rodriguez had reported a concerning matter to him. █████ told Aguayo about her encounters with Dominguez. Aguayo apologized to █████ for what she had experienced and asked how he could support her. He asked if she wanted him to inform Program Director Sal Cerna of the matter, and █████ agreed. █████ then saw Aguayo approach Cerna at the event.

In the moment, █████ wanted an adult to address the problem instead of asking her what to do about it.

The OIG asked █████ if she would be surprised that TRP records indicate that on multiple occasions, she told an adult that she did not want to proceed with the complaint against Dominguez. In response, █████ noted that TRP staff never gave her a formal opportunity to discuss her experiences, and she never refused to discuss the matter with anyone. At the time, she struggled to process and appropriately describe her experiences with Dominguez. She did not know if TRP staff misinterpreted her wishes at the time, but regardless, she wished they had handled the situation better. Rodriguez and Aguayo had each asked her how she wanted to proceed, but she felt that they, as the adults, should have known what to do. █████ also pointed out that pulling her to the side at a public event was not a professional or suitable way to handle the matter.

█████ said that her later professional experience with another organization showed her how TRP should have handled her complaint. That organization had a procedure for addressing reports that involved informing the child's parents and other stakeholders. None of those things happened when █████ complained to TRP staff about Dominguez.

4. Other Disclosures

In addition to reporting the information about Dominguez to Rodriguez, █████ confided in her █████, who █████. █████ declined to provide her partner's name to the OIG due to privacy concerns. █████

also confided in her parents and other family members after the second incident when Dominguez hugged and lifted her.

5. *Aftermath of Reporting to TRP*

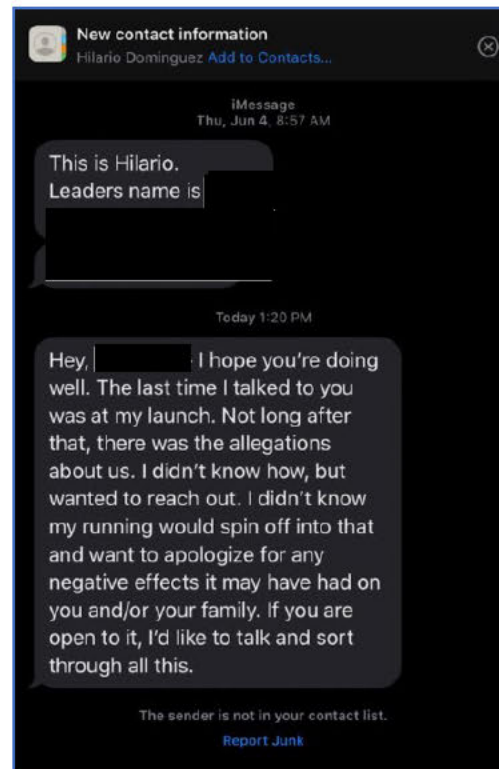
After [REDACTED] reported the matter to Rodriguez and other TRP staff members became aware of it, she saw Dominguez less at TRP, and his behavior no longer caused her to feel uncomfortable.

However, during the nearly 10 years that followed, the matter was discussed on social media on multiple occasions, starting in either 2018 or 2019. These posts had her name redacted. [REDACTED] felt like she lost control over what happened with Dominguez because she was the subject of these social posts and rumors, and people would respond to the posts by saying “crazy things.” [REDACTED] never spoke out in response to these rumors because she did not view social media as an appropriate platform. She felt like she never had the chance to share her story.

6. *Dominguez’s Subsequent Outreach Attempts*

[REDACTED] informed the OIG that Dominguez had reached out to her or asked her about the allegations on multiple occasions:

- Dominguez texted [REDACTED] to apologize for how the allegations had affected her. He mentioned last seeing [REDACTED] at a campaign launch of his, which she told the OIG would have taken place in either 2018 or 2019. Dominguez also noted in the message that the allegations relating to him and [REDACTED] had been raised shortly after that campaign launch. [REDACTED] provided a screenshot of this message, seen here to the right. The screenshot did not indicate the date or year of the message.
- On an unknown later date, Dominguez reached out to [REDACTED] via text message and invited her to have a restorative conversation about the allegations. Dominguez mentioned that he wanted to bring his wife along. However, when [REDACTED] said she wanted to bring a family member with her, Dominguez never responded, and the restorative



conversation never took place. [REDACTED] did not have a screenshot of this exchange.

The next time [REDACTED] spoke with Dominguez was in person, in approximately 2023, while she was working at [REDACTED]. Dominguez had come to the restaurant with his family. [REDACTED] tried to avoid serving his table, but she had to. She did not recall any notable interactions with Dominguez during the meal, but at the end of the meal, Dominguez got up and hugged her and said, “We’re good, right?” [REDACTED] froze in that moment. She believed Dominguez was referring to the allegations and wanted to intimidate her. [REDACTED] was uncomfortable because there was a clear power imbalance: Dominguez was a customer at her place of work, and she could not be confrontational and express her true feelings because she could have risked losing her job.

7. Interpersonal Relationships of Involved Parties

[REDACTED] provided the following information regarding various parties’ personal relationships with each other:

- [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] and Dominguez did not have any personal relationship.
- Rodriguez, the TRP staff member that [REDACTED] first confided in, previously had a personal friendship with [REDACTED] mother. (The OIG asked about this because Dominguez had brought it up during his first interview.) This friendship developed after [REDACTED] confided in Rodriguez. However, Rodriguez and [REDACTED] were not currently friends.⁴
- TRP Program Director Sal Cerna, who was informed of [REDACTED] report at the time, is Dominguez’s father-in-law.

8. OIG Contact Attempts

[REDACTED] stated that the first time she had heard of the OIG’s investigation was when she received the outcome letter from OSP dated September 9, 2026. This was consistent with [REDACTED] initial phone call to the OIG, where she expressed concern that she had never been contacted.

The OIG informed [REDACTED] that it had attempted to contact her in 2022, which included: (1) leaving three voicemails for her mother in April of 2022; (2) leaving three voicemails for her father in April of 2022; (3) sending a direct message to what appeared to be her Facebook account in May of 2022; and (4) sending a direct message to what appeared to be her Instagram account in June of 2022. The OIG

⁴ Rodriguez similarly told a press outlet that she and [REDACTED] recently had a falling out.

asked [REDACTED] to confirm that it had the correct phone numbers for her parents. The OIG also showed [REDACTED] the screenshots of the social media messages.⁵

[REDACTED] confirmed that the OIG had called the correct phone numbers for her parents. She also reviewed the screenshots of the OIG's attempts to contact her on social media and did not dispute that these were her accounts, though she denied seeing the messages. She reiterated that she had never received or heard about any of these contact attempts by the OIG.

D. INTERVIEWS OF HILARIO DOMINGUEZ

As discussed in the original summary report, the OIG first interviewed Dominguez in 2022. The OIG conducted a follow-up interview with Dominguez in 2026 after speaking with [REDACTED]

1. First Interview of Dominguez (July 20, 2022)

The OIG interviewed Dominguez about the allegations of misconduct referenced in the 2018 TRP records.

Dominguez acknowledged that he drove minors at TRP when he was organizing, and that [REDACTED] had been in his car. After they would finish organizing for the day, [REDACTED] would ask Dominguez to drop her off at the corner nearest to her house. However, Dominguez said that [REDACTED] was not alone with him on these occasions because his girlfriend (his fiancée at the time of his interview, and now his wife) was also present. Dominguez noted that his girlfriend also organized for TRP, and [REDACTED] was aware that Dominguez and his girlfriend were dating.

Dominguez acknowledged communicating with [REDACTED] frequently in the course of organizing for TRP. He also acknowledged engaging in phone communications with her. He said they mostly discussed organizing-related work, but that [REDACTED] would sometimes vent about her [REDACTED] with her mother. Dominguez said that he was careful not to discuss too much of his personal life with [REDACTED], given his training as a CPS teacher.

As a general matter, Dominguez denied discussing dating with [REDACTED]. However, he said that [REDACTED] once voluntarily told him and his girlfriend that she had a [REDACTED]

⁵ During the phone conversation with [REDACTED] on September 18, 2026 and during the interview on September 22, 2026, the OIG did not mention to [REDACTED] that it had also tried calling two potential phone numbers for her—one of which has since been confirmed to be her phone number—on two occasions in July of 2022. This is because the OIG staff members who spoke with [REDACTED] did not become aware of these other documented contact attempts until after [REDACTED] interview. As discussed above, the OIG was unable to leave [REDACTED] a voicemail at her now-confirmed phone number because the mailbox was full on both occasions.

Dominguez denied ever commenting on [REDACTED] appearance and denied ever being alone with her. He said he never had the intention of dating [REDACTED] or forming any relationship with her outside of organizing.

Dominguez told the OIG that [REDACTED] is the daughter of [REDACTED]. However, he also noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had supported him when he ran for Local School Council.

Dominguez recalled that TRP had investigated the allegations in 2018 and “cleared” him. Dominguez noted that Paloma Rodriguez, the TRP employee who reported [REDACTED] allegation, had a close personal relationship with [REDACTED]. He said that Rodriguez was the “comadre” of [REDACTED].

Dominguez said that he did not know why Rodriguez believed that something inappropriate occurred between him and [REDACTED]. He said he could only speculate that it had something to do with him running for alderman in 2019. He said he was not aware of whether [REDACTED] ever complained to Rodriguez about him, but he did not understand why [REDACTED] would have done so.

2. Second Interview of Dominguez (October 6, 2026)

The OIG conducted a follow-up interview of Dominguez based on the more specific allegations from [REDACTED]

a. Alleged Incidents

Dominguez denied asking [REDACTED] a question to the effect of, “What type of guys are you into?” He also said that he was never in a car with [REDACTED]. The OIG was unable to obtain a clear answer as to whether he meant that he was never in a car with [REDACTED] at all, or that he was never in a car with her alone.

Dominguez denied having physical contact with [REDACTED] in which he grabbed her by the waist and swung her around.

b. Interpersonal Relationships and Potential Motive for the Allegations

Dominguez’s attorney called into question the timing of [REDACTED] contacting the OIG close in time to the election. He expressed his belief that [REDACTED] was making excuses by claiming that it was the OSP outcome letter that compelled her to speak out.⁶ He noted that Dominguez had announced his candidacy months earlier and that [REDACTED] had ample opportunity to speak out then.

⁶ The attorney was likely aware of [REDACTED] statements to the press that she did not know about the investigation until receiving the OSP outcome letter.

Dominguez told the OIG that it had become clear to him that the campaign of [REDACTED], was responsible for spreading the rumors about him.

The OIG asked Dominguez if he believed the initial allegations from 2017 and/or 2018 were politically motivated from the start, or if they were non-political to begin with but subsequently revived for a political reason. Dominguez did not answer because his attorney said he did not think the question was relevant to the investigation.

Dominguez's attorney also brought up during the interview that Paloma Rodriguez, the TRP employee who reported [REDACTED] allegation, had a close family relationship or other personal relationship with [REDACTED] (As discussed above, Dominguez had brought up a similar point during his first interview.) The attorney noted that Dominguez did not work at the same TRP location as Paloma Rodriguez.

c. Text Messages with [REDACTED] Regarding the Allegations and a Potential Meeting

The OIG asked Dominguez about the text message that [REDACTED] provided to the OIG in which Dominguez reached out to [REDACTED] and mentioned that he had last seen her at his campaign launch; generally referred to past allegations about the two of them; apologized for the effect his political campaign may have had on [REDACTED] and her family; and offered to have a meeting with her to discuss it. [REDACTED] screenshot did not show the year of the message because it appears that she took the screenshot that same year.

The OIG also asked Dominguez about the second outreach attempt that [REDACTED] described. As discussed above, she did not provide a screenshot of this exchange but told the OIG that Dominguez reached out again for a restorative conversation and wanted to bring his wife, but the conversation stalled after she told him that she wanted to bring a family member along.

Dominguez provided his own copy of the first message, as well as subsequent messages with [REDACTED] about a possible meeting, though he pointed out that "restorative conversation"—the phrase [REDACTED] used during her OIG interview—was not language he used to describe it. The relevant messages are summarized below.

- **Messages from Dominguez to [REDACTED] in June and July 2020:** Dominguez's copy of the messages that [REDACTED] also provided to the OIG showed that these messages were from June and July 2020.
 - On June 4, 2020, Dominguez said, "This is Hilario" (indicating that they had not been in recent contact on these same phone numbers) and gave [REDACTED] an individual's contact information.

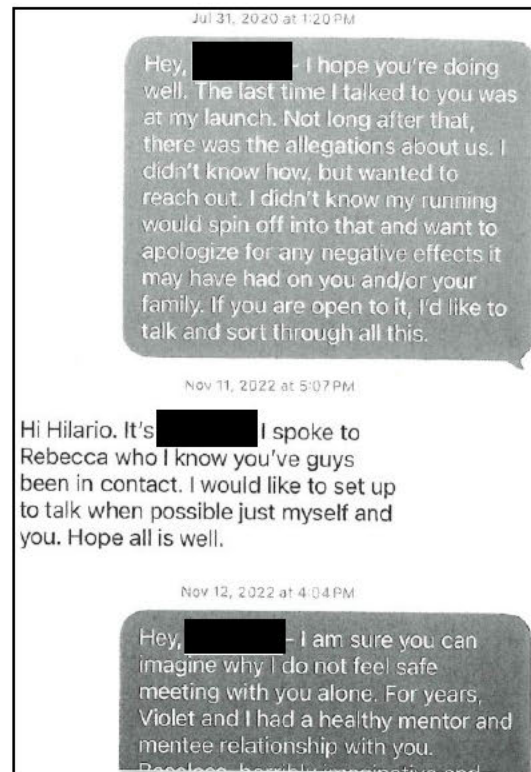
- On July 31, 2020, Dominguez sent the message in which he referred to the past allegations, apologized for the effect of his campaign on [REDACTED] and her family, and offered to meet with her if she wanted to. There is no response shown from [REDACTED] until she messaged him more than two years later (below).

Dominguez explained to the OIG that he initially reached out to [REDACTED] in 2020 because the “lies and rumors” that were spread during his campaign had caused trauma for him and his family, and he believed the situation may have had a similar impact on [REDACTED] and her family. He wanted to close the loop on the situation.

The OIG asked about the campaign launch that [REDACTED] attended. Dominguez said that this was the launch of his campaign in the 2019 election for alderperson. He said that [REDACTED] came to congratulate him and told him that her mother, [REDACTED]

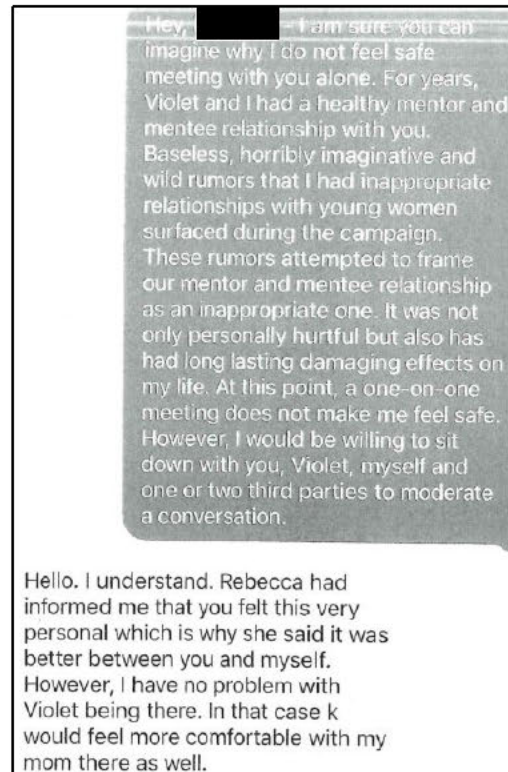
- **Conversation between Dominguez and [REDACTED] in November 2022:**

- The next message shown between them is from November 11, 2022. [REDACTED] reached out to Dominguez and referenced an individual named Rebecca that they had both spoken to. (Dominguez told the OIG that this referred to Rebecca A. Williams, whom he identified as the manager of [REDACTED] political campaign.) [REDACTED] then requested a one-on-one meeting with Dominguez.



Dominguez reaches out to [REDACTED] in 2020. [REDACTED] later reaches out to Dominguez in 2022.

- Dominguez responded the following day, November 12, 2022, by telling [REDACTED] that he did “not feel safe” meeting with her alone, and he explained why. He noted he and his wife had a “healthy mentor and mentee relationship” with [REDACTED] for years, but that during “the campaign,” there were “baseless, horribly imaginative, and wild rumors” about Dominguez’s interactions with “young women.” These rumors “attempted to frame [Dominguez and [REDACTED] mentor and mentee relationship as an inappropriate one.” For that reason, Dominguez wanted his wife and third parties to attend their meeting.



- [REDACTED] responded that same day, November 12, 2022, by saying that she understood Dominguez’s position. She said that Rebecca had advised her to meet with Dominguez one-on-one because, according to Rebecca, Dominguez “felt this very personal.” [REDACTED] said that because Dominguez was bringing his wife, she wanted to bring her mother along as well.
- [REDACTED] followed up on November 15, 2022 by suggesting that they meet the following weekend. Dominguez did not respond until November 18, 2022, when he asked if they could meet the week after Thanksgiving. [REDACTED] responded on November 23, 2022 and agreed.

Both parties have told the OIG that the proposed meeting never took place.

During and after the interview, Dominguez’s attorney also provided messages between Dominguez and Rebecca Williams, the individual associated with [REDACTED] campaign whom [REDACTED] referred to during her texts with Dominguez. These messages are addressed in a later section.

d. Restaurant Encounter with [REDACTED]

Dominguez said he remembered seeing [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] restaurant in approximately 2023, but he disputed most of her account of their interaction. He clarified that [REDACTED] was the hostess at the restaurant, not his server. She helped him and his wife to their table, but there was no interaction between them after that, and a different employee served them. Dominguez denied hugging [REDACTED] and asking her if they were “good.”

Dominguez said that he recalled this incident at the restaurant, despite their minimal interaction, because it was awkward for him and his wife to see [REDACTED] there.

E. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM DOMINGUEZ

1. *Photo of Dominguez and [REDACTED] Together*

After Dominguez’s second interview with the OIG, his attorney provided the OIG with a picture of Dominguez, [REDACTED], and eight other people standing together in a group and smiling. [REDACTED] and Dominguez are standing next to each other, and it appears that their arms are behind each other’s backs in a friendly, appropriate manner. Dominguez’s attorney said he believed the photo was taken during an event at a school. The photo is date-stamped February 12, 2018, several months after Dominguez’s alleged misconduct toward [REDACTED]. Dominguez’s attorney explained that the photo shows that they had friendly interactions during this time period.

2. *Messages Between Dominguez and [REDACTED] Campaign Associate*

During and after Dominguez’s second interview, Dominguez’s attorney provided the OIG with messages between Dominguez and Rebecca Williams, whom Dominguez identified as a campaign manager for [REDACTED] mother. Dominguez’s attorney later provided the OIG with evidence confirming that Williams was connected to [REDACTED] campaign in the 2023 election (though her official role or title at the time is unclear). The messages date from October 19, 2022 to February 2, 2023. The following is a summary of the clearly relevant messages:

- **October 19, 2022:** Williams reached out to Dominguez, who told Williams that he did not have her number saved.
- **October 25, 2022:** Williams told Dominguez that [REDACTED] (likely referring to [REDACTED]) wanted to meet with him.
- **November 11, 2022:** Dominguez said he was “back” and told Williams, “Let me know when y’all are free.” Williams congratulated Dominguez on his recent wedding, and they exchanged cordial messages.
- **November 18 to 21, 2022:** On November 18, 2022, Williams told Dominguez that [REDACTED] was going to reach out to him “to set up.” (*Dominguez had also*

texted with [REDACTED] on this same date in response to her attempts to schedule a potential meeting between them, as discussed above.) Dominguez did not initially respond to Williams. Williams followed up on November 21, 2022, and Dominguez told Williams that he would call her.

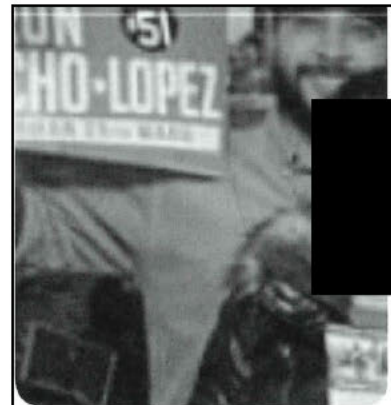
- **January 6, 2023:** Dominguez told Williams, “Haven’t heard from [REDACTED] yet.” (Dominguez’s attorney informed the OIG that [REDACTED] refers to [REDACTED])
- **January 31, 2023:** Williams sent Dominguez a photo of Dominguez holding a campaign sign for candidate Byron Sigcho-Lopez— [REDACTED] opponent in the upcoming 2023 election for alderperson—and then stated:

Dude... Loreen⁷ and Byron literally nicknamed u a pedo during the campaign last time (a thing many of us told him was inappropriate....)

I mean, I get ctu stuff... But they literally contributed to the trauma and harm to both u and [REDACTED] last race...

Do you boo... But Byron hurts the progressive movement, and the folks that protect and stand by him are enablers

Food for thought.



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- **February 2, 2023:** Dominguez rebuked Williams for the above message, calling it “completely inappropriate” and accusing her of “toxic behavior.” He went on to state as follows:

You insinuating to me that Byron and Loreen are responsible for the false rumors that I was inappropriate with young women is inappropriate and exploitative. The reality is that those rumors were bolstered and arguably set in motion by those currently flocking around [REDACTED] like Tanya Cabrera, etc. At no point have [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] stepped out to clarify or denounce those rumors. Why? Because it was politically advantageous for [REDACTED]

⁷ This refers to Loreen Targos, who is a political figure and Sigcho-Lopez’s spouse.

What is abusive is thinking you have open access to me to send these messages and bring up my trauma without my consent for political jockeying. Furthermore, years of my life were irreparably damaged by rumors about that [REDACTED] exploited, if not started. I don't need you waving them in my face when convenient. I am asserting a boundary and clearly communicating: I do not want you reaching out to me like this again.

F. EVIDENCE OF STATEMENTS MADE TO THE PRESS AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA

1. *Blog Post from the 2019 Election*

Dominguez's attorney sent the OIG a February 2019 blog post that covers the 2019 election for alderperson in which [REDACTED] and Dominguez ran against each other.⁸ Dominguez's attorney sent the blog post to further the argument that the allegations against Dominguez were politically motivated.

The blog post discusses how, during the campaign, in November 2018, [REDACTED] had sought the endorsement of outgoing alderman Danny Solis and asked a middleman, Anthony Sutor, to set up a meeting with Solis. Sutor—the main source of the information in this blog post—had reportedly worked for the [REDACTED] campaign around this time frame late in 2018 but stepped down a few months later, prior to this blog post. The post goes on to state the following regarding [REDACTED] November 2018 meeting with Solis and the aftermath:

In yet another bombshell, Sutor claimed [REDACTED] came forward with unexpected allegations at the meeting surrounding candidate Hilario Dominguez. She accused Dominguez of “sexually assaulting her daughter who was underage” while Dominguez was employed at The Resurrection Project (TRP) working with youth, Sutor said.

He did not wish to disclose the name of the victim and did not present documentation to corroborate the allegations, and neither [REDACTED] nor Dominguez' campaigns could be reached to bring clarity to the matter despite the snowballing rumors.

Sutor did submit a video that places Dominguez and the minor walking next to each other, at one point touching each other's arm, in a TRP march that he organized in 2017.

⁸ Dominguez's attorney informed the OIG that the blog is no longer active. He provided the following link to an archived version of the post from the Wayback Machine internet archive: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190226104621/https://www.chicagonow.com/el-arco-press/2019/02/solis-insider-reveals-who-alderman-supports-cites-allegations-of-sexual-misconduct-against-a-candidate/>.

When contacting the non-profit organization, marketing manager Sarah Powell said TRP is not at liberty to discuss employment related matters for any current or former employees.

In a statement issued this past December, Ada Tong, spokesperson for State Rep. Theresa Mah, D-Chicago, said, “Rep. Mah and Mr. Raul Raymundo, Executive Director of The Resurrection Project, said they have conducted an investigation and found the claims to be false.”

Katrina, a Chinatown resident who did not wish to disclose her last name, said she first learned about the accusations through flyers that were distributed across the ward that characterized Dominguez as a predator of two underage girls.

She recently asked Rep. Mah about the issue in the presence of Dominguez, her endorsed candidate, and Mah denied that [REDACTED] even had a daughter, Katrina said. She later confronted Mah on her misleading statement, knowing that [REDACTED] has been candid about her motherhood during the race.

Mah’s office could not be reached for comment in time for this publication.

Both Dominguez and [REDACTED] did not attend the most recent candidate forum in the West Loop.

[REDACTED] made the allegations, I didn’t. She told us, I didn’t,” Sutor defended himself. “She’s the one that put this out there.”

“I was hoping that it wouldn’t come to this. But people are going to the polls on the 26th... without this information,” he added.

The post also stated that attempts to reach [REDACTED] to confirm the details of the meeting were unsuccessful.

2. Statements Made During this Reopened Investigation

After the OIG reopened its case, various parties talked to the press and posted on social media in September and October of 2026, including as follows:

- [REDACTED] gave statements that were generally consistent with what she told the OIG.
- Dominguez denied the allegations. In a press conference, he noted that he first confronted these rumors 10 years ago when the [REDACTED] campaign decided to “weaponize” them when he ran for alderperson. He also stated that the Chicago Tribune article about [REDACTED] allegations did not tell the entire story with regard to the text message he sent to [REDACTED] offering to talk with her about the rumors. Although [REDACTED] had claimed she did not respond

to Dominguez, Dominguez clarified that [REDACTED] did later text him in 2022, when “the [REDACTED] campaign wanted my support for her election.”

- [REDACTED] has denied being responsible for the allegations against Dominguez and called Dominguez’s claim an attempt to “deflect from responsibility.”
- An Instagram account that appears to belong to outcry witness Paloma Rodriguez made the following comment on the Dominguez campaign’s Instagram page:

I am certainly not calling Hilario a rapist. But I can with complete certainty say that he acted inappropriately . . . Sometimes you just don’t know a person.

In another comment on a different account’s post about Dominguez, Rodriguez chastised Dominguez for blaming the allegations on [REDACTED] and “naming names”; she pointed out that Dominguez should not have addressed [REDACTED], given that [REDACTED] had never been quoted in any article. In a separate comment on another account’s post, Rodriguez pointed out that she first reported Dominguez’s “misconduct” a year before “ANYONE” ran for office, and that Dominguez’s own father-in-law (Sal Cerna) had “‘cleared” him and that there were “never any investigations, ever[.]”

- Paloma Rodriguez also told a media outlet that she told TRP in 2017 and 2018 that [REDACTED] had felt uncomfortable around Dominguez in 2017. She said she stood by her decision to report what [REDACTED] told her.
- On October 6, 2026, Loreen Targos, a political figure and the spouse of 25th Ward Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez, posted on Facebook that Dominguez was the target of “slandorous allegations” during the 2019 election for alderperson. People posted flyers claiming that he was predatory. Although Sigcho-Lopez and another candidate were accused of spreading these rumors, Targos later learned that people connected with [REDACTED] campaign were responsible for the flyers. A woman named Paloma was one of the people connected to the [REDACTED] campaign and to the rumors. A local man who was active in the community posted a video online stating that it was [REDACTED] daughter who had made the allegations against Dominguez.

Targos went on to state that she met with [REDACTED] campaign manager, and Sigcho-Lopez following the 2019 election. Targos asked [REDACTED] about the rumors involving Dominguez and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told Targos that she was not concerned about Dominguez’s character or his fitness to return to the teaching profession.

ANALYSIS

Based on [REDACTED] recent firsthand account of her interactions with Dominguez, taken together with the other evidence, there is insufficient evidence that Dominguez attempted to groom [REDACTED] for a sexual purpose or sexually harassed [REDACTED] during the summer of 2017, or engaged in any other behavior toward her that would have violated CPS policy at the time.

The two interactions that [REDACTED] described are difficult to sufficiently corroborate, given the lack of eyewitnesses and the passage of time.

Further, even if the conduct took place just as [REDACTED] described, it is plausible that Dominguez's conduct was not sexually motivated. That is not to say that the conduct, as alleged, would have been acceptable behavior for a CPS employee. If the conduct had been proven, it would have been unprofessional and would have violated CPS's current Boundary Standards.

A. THE FIRSTHAND ALLEGATIONS FROM [REDACTED] WERE LESS INDICATIVE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT THAN THE 2018 TRP RECORDS SUGGESTED

The allegations that [REDACTED] discussed during her OIG interview were narrower in scope than the allegations described in the TRP records.

The OIG opened this case because the initial report raised grooming concerns. The TRP records state that Dominguez allegedly texted with [REDACTED] talked with [REDACTED] about her dating life, made comments about [REDACTED] personal appearance, and offered to drive [REDACTED] home, and this behavior led [REDACTED] to report the matter to Paloma Rodriguez. Even though Dominguez was not a CPS employee during the summer of 2017 when the alleged conduct took place, he worked for CPS before and afterwards, and he was reportedly in a position of authority over [REDACTED] during the relevant time period. The allegations raised the possibility that he could engage in similar conduct with CPS students.

However, the recent firsthand account from [REDACTED] does not point to this same alleged pattern of behavior by Dominguez. Rather, [REDACTED] recalled two specific incidents in which Dominguez made her uncomfortable. She could not recall any of their interactions before or in between these two incidents. Specifically, she did not remember Dominguez messaging with her at all during the relevant time period, and she did not remember him making any comments about her physical appearance. She could not recall any other instance when he made her uncomfortable.

It is possible that Dominguez engaged in boundary-crossing conduct toward [REDACTED] that was more pervasive than what [REDACTED] remembered during her OIG interview. It is also possible that Paloma Rodriguez misconstrued or misremembered [REDACTED] initial report when she provided a written statement to TRP in 2018, more than a year after

the alleged conduct took place. Regardless, ██████ firsthand account to the OIG was less indicative of sexual misconduct than what was discussed in the TRP records.

B. THE ALLEGATIONS CANNOT BE FACTUALLY CORROBORATED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Based on ██████ account, there were no identified witnesses to either incident. She said that she and Dominguez were alone in his car during the first incident. During the second incident, an unidentified adult woman who may or may not have been affiliated with TRP was present.

Also, since ██████ allegations do not involve inappropriate messages (as was originally reported), there is no helpful electronic evidence of their interactions during the summer of 2017.

The passage of time is also an issue with respect to corroboration. Approximately a year and a half passed before TRP's human resources department collected written statements relating to this matter. Several more years passed before the OIG became aware of the matter and opened this investigation. At this point, it is very difficult to sufficiently corroborate two brief and unwitnessed interactions.

On October 3, 2026, an Instagram account that appears to belong to Paloma Rodriguez (the initial outcry witness at TRP who has had a close personal relationship with ██████) left a comment on the Dominguez campaign's post about the OIG's reopened investigation. Rodriguez stated in the comment that while she would not call Dominguez a "rapist," she knew with absolute certainty that he had acted inappropriately.

However, the detailed written statement from Rodriguez in the TRP records from December 2018 is a more reliable record of her memories of ██████ report (and even that written statement is from a year and a half after the alleged conduct). The written statement gives no indication that Rodriguez had any firsthand knowledge of Dominguez and ██████ interactions. She only described what ██████ told her. Rodriguez also recently told a media outlet that she reported to TRP what ██████ told her about Dominguez; there is no indication in the article that Rodriguez had firsthand knowledge of their interactions. Also, as discussed above, Rodriguez's statement in the TRP records described allegations that were different in scope from ██████ firsthand account to the OIG.

There are other individuals who reportedly heard about these events from ██████ and/or Dominguez soon afterwards or were familiar with ██████ and Dominguez's interactions—these include ██████ partner (whom she declined to name); ██████ mother; and Dominguez's wife. However, the passage of time—especially considering

that this matter has reportedly been the subject of recurring rumors for nearly a decade—would cast significant doubt on the reliability of their memories.

During his first interview, Dominguez mentioned an interaction that was vaguely similar to ██████ account of her first allegation. She alleged that when Dominguez asked her what kind of guys she was into, she gave him an answer that referred to her ██████, in an attempt to get Dominguez off the subject. When the OIG asked Dominguez if he ever talked with ██████ about dating-related matters, Dominguez said no but stated that ██████ once told him that she had a ██████—while Dominguez’s girlfriend was also present. It is unclear if Dominguez and ██████ may have been referring to the same interaction, but there is no way to tell which version is correct at this point.

C. TEXT MESSAGES BETWEEN ██████ AND DOMINGUEZ FROM YEARS AFTER THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT ARE POTENTIALLY INCONSISTENT WITH SOME OF ██████ CLAIMS BUT DO NOT DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS

The text messages provided by Dominguez showing his conversations with ██████ in 2020 and 2022 are potentially inconsistent with some of ██████ claims about Dominguez’s attempts to reach out to her after the alleged misconduct at TRP. The messages do not provide any clarity as to whether Dominguez engaged in the alleged misconduct at TRP.

██████ told the OIG that there were two occasions when Dominguez reached out to her in the years following the alleged conduct and its aftermath. She provided only the screenshot of the first message, where Dominguez reached out to her and apologized for the effect his campaign for alderperson may have had on her and her family, given the allegations that were raised during that campaign. Dominguez also provided the OIG with a screenshot of this message, showing that the conversation took place in 2020. By all accounts, ██████ did not respond to this message, which may indicate that she felt uncomfortable with Dominguez at that point—possibly because she was uncomfortable with Dominguez, or uncomfortable because of the rumors and how they had impacted her life.

██████ also told the OIG that Dominguez reached out to her at a later point to set up a restorative conversation. She recalled that Dominguez said he wanted to bring his wife, but the conversation stalled when ██████ told him she wanted to bring a family member along too. ██████ did not provide the OIG with a screenshot of this exchange, but Dominguez provided the OIG with a text message conversation that was similar to what ██████ described (though he noted during his interview that the phrase “restorative conversation” was not language he used to describe the proposed meeting).

The screenshots show that the text conversation about the proposed meeting took place in November of 2022, and it was ██████ not Dominguez, who reached out to

propose the meeting on this occasion. However, in her initial message to Dominguez requesting the meeting, ██████ referred to prior side conversations that she and Dominguez each supposedly had with “Rebecca” (whom Dominguez identified as Rebecca Williams, a campaign associate of ██████), which indicates that Dominguez may have been expecting ██████ message.

Notably, ██████ specifically suggested that they meet alone. Dominguez responded that he did not feel safe meeting with her alone, given the history of the allegations against him. He said he wanted to bring his wife to the meeting, which is consistent with ██████ account.

██████ agreed, explaining that it was Rebecca who had advised her to meet with Dominguez alone. ██████ said that if Dominguez was bringing his wife, she wanted to bring her mother as well. Eventually, the conversation did stall, and the meeting never took place.

██████ account to the OIG was potentially inconsistent with the messages because she stated that it was Dominguez who reached out to her, and the text messages show the opposite—though it is unclear who originally proposed the meeting, given that ██████ outreach text to Dominguez refers to previous side conversations they each had with Rebecca. Also, ██████ did not specify to the OIG that she initially requested to meet with Dominguez alone. However, these potential inconsistencies or omissions could reasonably be explained by the passage of time if ██████ no longer has possession of the messages.

Although ██████ never contradicted Dominguez during the text conversation when he referred to the allegations as “baseless, horribly imaginative and wild rumors,” this does not mean she agreed with him. Because they were planning a meeting to discuss the situation, that would have been the more suitable forum for her to confront him about his conduct at TRP, if she planned to do so.

As discussed later in this report, these November 2022 messages were sent around the same time as Rebecca Williams’s conversations with Dominguez in which she seemingly tried to form or maintain some sort of political alliance between Dominguez and ██████

D. THE CREDIBILITY ANALYSIS DID NOT WEIGH SIGNIFICANTLY IN EITHER PARTY’S FAVOR

The investigation did not find that one party was significantly more credible than the other.

██████ descriptions of the incidents were realistic and not outlandish, and she articulately described the emotional distress she felt as a result of these incidents. As discussed above, some of ██████ claims were potentially inconsistent with the

evidence of the text message conversation that Dominguez provided, but these potential inconsistencies were mild and could be explained by the passage of time.

To the OIG's knowledge, Dominguez has never been accused of acting inappropriately toward any other particular minor or student. [REDACTED] and two of Dominguez's colleagues at CPS told the OIG that they knew or had heard about Dominguez acting flirtatiously with female adult colleagues, but [REDACTED] herself said that she never saw him act flirtatiously with another minor.

During his second interview, Dominguez was somewhat unclear and inconsistent with his first interview with respect to whether he and [REDACTED] were ever in a car together, but this did not significantly affect his credibility. He was forthcoming about these issues at his first interview, which was closer in time to the events, and acknowledged that he drove her in his car with others present and communicated with her by phone.

E. THE TIMING OF THE NEW EVIDENCE FROM [REDACTED] DID NOT AFFECT THE DETERMINATION IN THIS CASE

Concerns have been raised about the timing of when [REDACTED] contacted the OIG and potential political motivations, given that it spurred the OIG to reopen the matter less than two months before an election in which Dominguez is a candidate. That evidence is briefly discussed here because it is relevant and part of Dominguez's defense, but ultimately the OIG did not need to fully investigate that side issue and reach a determination about it.

It is understandable that a victim of sexual misconduct would feel compelled to speak out before an election, given the importance of this issue to voters. On its own, [REDACTED] speaking out about these allegations does not raise any concern about her credibility. Dominguez and his attorney have argued that the situation here is more complicated because these allegations have been raised on multiple occasions over the past decade, and that the actions of the [REDACTED] campaign during the different elections have been inconsistent over time.

It is unclear whether the timing of when [REDACTED] contacted the OIG was purposeful on [REDACTED] part. [REDACTED] has contended that she never received or heard about any of the OIG's prior contact attempts to her and her parents in 2022.

With respect to the parental contact attempts, [REDACTED] mother was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who would have been familiar with the OIG and would have been trained on CPS policies and practices with respect to sexual misconduct investigations.

Also worth noting is that the TRP records state that [REDACTED] declined to provide additional information or participate in the TRP investigation in 2017 and 2018.

Therefore, it is possible that [REDACTED] not only did not want to participate in the TRP investigation but also did not want to participate in the OIG's investigation at the time of the OIG's attempts to speak with her.

[REDACTED] has repeatedly stated that she had never heard of the OIG's investigation prior to receiving the outcome letter from OSP dated September 9, 2026, which prompted her to contact the OIG on September 18, 2026. Her outreach to the OIG is consistent with the timing of when she would have received the outcome letter by mail.

That being said, Dominguez presented evidence pointing to a potential motive for [REDACTED] and/or her parents to disregard the OIG's contact attempts in the spring and summer of 2022. That same year, in October 2022, [REDACTED] campaign associate Rebecca Williams reached out to Dominguez and said that [REDACTED] wanted to meet with him. Around this same time, in November 2022, [REDACTED]—after consulting with Williams—reached out to Dominguez and requested a one-on-one meeting about the allegations, which ultimately did not take place. According to Dominguez, [REDACTED] was seeking his political support in 2022 ahead of her next election in 2023. This is supported by the text messages from January 2023 in which Williams chastises Dominguez for supporting [REDACTED] opponent instead.

If the relationship between [REDACTED] and Dominguez—who were opponents in 2019—was evolving into an alliance by 2022, this may have affected whether [REDACTED] and/or her parents decided to respond to the OIG's contact attempts. It is possible that [REDACTED] wanted to maintain a good relationship with Dominguez around this time period. However, it is also possible that [REDACTED] parents never told her about the voicemails the OIG left. It is also possible that [REDACTED] never saw the direct messages from the OIG on social media and did not realize the OIG had called her, given that it would be an unfamiliar phone number and the OIG was unable to leave voicemails. Ultimately, the OIG cannot determine whether [REDACTED] did or did not know of the OIG's investigation prior to September 2026.

Dominguez, nevertheless, argues that the allegations were politically motivated. He has come to believe that [REDACTED] was responsible for raising and/or perpetuating the allegations against him during the 2019 election when they ran against each other. His attorney provided an archived blog post that tends to support this but is not conclusive on the issue. [REDACTED] recently made a statement to the press denying Dominguez's claim that she was involved. [REDACTED] associate, Paloma Rodriguez, was responsible for reporting or re-reporting the allegation with TRP leadership during the election cycle. The OIG cannot confirm [REDACTED] involvement in raising or perpetuating the rumors against Dominguez in 2019, but it is plausible under the circumstances.

It would be entirely reasonable for [REDACTED] to raise concerns about Dominguez in 2019 if she believed he had engaged in sexual misconduct toward her daughter. What muddies the waters, however, is that [REDACTED] campaign apparently acted somewhat

inconsistently with this position during the next election cycle, when Dominguez was no longer her opponent.

█████ campaign associate Williams, seemingly in an attempt to gain Dominguez's support in advance of the 2023 election, referred to the past rumors against Dominguez in a manner that suggested that she thought they were unfair. Williams even seemed to indicate that Dominguez was a victim of the rumors, along with █████—not the perpetrator of misconduct against █████ daughter. The fact that █████ and Williams were also in contact around this time makes Williams's messages even harder to reconcile with █████ allegations.

Again, it was this same year, 2022, when █████ and █████ father did not respond to the OIG's outreach.

Significantly, however, the OIG stresses that the feelings and motivations of █████ mother, █████, may not be aligned with those of █████ in this matter. Also, there did not appear to be any political motive for █████ to make the allegation for the first time to TRP staff in 2017. Although the TRP human resources department did not collect written statements until late in 2018—during the campaign leading up to the 2019 election in which █████ was running against Dominguez—some TRP staff mentioned in those statements that they first heard about the allegations sometime in 2017.

But again, the OIG did not need to fully probe the potential political motivations that could be at play in this matter because, ultimately, the allegations made by █████ against Dominguez were not corroborated by the evidence.

F. IF PROVEN TRUE, THE ALLEGED CONDUCT WOULD VIOLATE THE CURRENT
BOUNDARY STANDARDS, BUT WOULD NOT, ON ITS OWN, DEMONSTRATE
GROOMING OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

As discussed above, there is insufficient evidence to prove that the conduct alleged by █████ took place. However, even if the conduct occurred as she alleged, the evidence still would have been insufficient to prove grooming or sexual harassment. Of course, the conduct as alleged would have been unprofessional and would violate CPS's current Boundary Standards, as discussed below.

*1. There Is Insufficient Evidence that the Two Incidents of Behavior, As Alleged,
Amounted to Grooming*

Grooming, as currently defined by CPS policy,⁹ is "[b]ehavior an adult in a position of trust or authority uses to build an emotional connection with a child or young person ... to gain their trust and break down their inhibitions for a sexual purpose." Common

⁹ CPS did not specifically define "grooming" in its policies until 2018.

examples of grooming include creating isolated, one-on-one interactions with a child and crossing physical boundaries with the child. See Comprehensive Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, CPS Policy Manual, Section 102.8A, Board Report 26-0625-PO1 (June 25, 2026) at (IV)(G).

As a TRP supervisor, Dominguez was seemingly in a position of authority over [REDACTED]. However, even if the OIG could corroborate that the two alleged incidents took place just as [REDACTED] described during her interview, there would be insufficient evidence to conclude that Dominguez engaged in the conduct in an attempt to groom [REDACTED] for a sexual purpose.

The first alleged incident—asking [REDACTED] what type of males she preferred to date—is concerning because it could have been an attempt by Dominguez to gauge [REDACTED] willingness to enter into a sexual or romantic relationship with him. Indeed, [REDACTED] said she considered that possibility at the time and felt uncomfortable, though she also recognized the possibility that Dominguez may have simply wanted to be her friend. In retrospect, [REDACTED] believed that Dominguez was intentionally testing her boundaries for a nefarious purpose. It is plausible that she was right about this. But it is also plausible that Dominguez asked the question for a reason that had nothing to do with pursuing [REDACTED] sexually. For instance, he could have been intending to encourage [REDACTED] to date a boy they both knew, or he could have been trying to relate to her in an ill-advised fashion.

The second alleged incident—greeting [REDACTED] at the TRP office by physically lifting her, holding her against his body, and swinging her back and forth—is not necessarily indicative of grooming. Dominguez engaged in this behavior in an open area, in view of at least one adult female, which shows that the conduct was not secretive. On its own, the alleged behavior is unprofessional but not necessarily sexual. It is also consistent with [REDACTED] statement that Dominguez is generally an extroverted, high-energy individual.

The two incidents took place one or two weeks apart, and [REDACTED] could not recall Dominguez acting inappropriately to her at any other time. She could not recall him messaging her directly, making comments about her physical appearance, or saying anything else inappropriate to her. Without additional evidence of Dominguez attempting to build an emotional connection with [REDACTED] over time, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that he engaged in the alleged conduct in an attempt to groom [REDACTED] for a sexual purpose.

2. There Is Insufficient Evidence that the Two Incidents of Behavior, As Alleged, Would Have Constituted Sexual Harassment Under CPS Policy at the Time

Dominguez was not a CPS employee at the time of the alleged conduct, but the CPS policy in effect at the time is instructive. It defined sexual harassment as:

[A]ny un-welcomed sexual advance or request for sexual favors or conduct of a sexual nature, including offensive remarks about a covered individual's sex ... when such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the work performance of an employee, a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an education program or activity or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or learning environment.

See Comprehensive Non-Discrimination Title IX and Sexual Harassment, CPS Policy Manual, Section 102.8, Board Report 16-0525-P01 (May 25, 2016) at (III)(B).

For the reasons discussed above, there is insufficient evidence that—as alleged—Dominguez's one-time question to [REDACTED] about her dating preferences or his single instance of physically boundary-crossing contact constituted "sexual advance[s]" or "conduct of a sexual nature" under the circumstances. It is unclear whether Dominguez intended the comment or physical contact to be construed as sexual.

Further, while [REDACTED] has described feeling uncomfortable in the moment during each incident, there is no evidence that either incident substantially interfered with her participation in TRP or created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment overall:

- [REDACTED] did not mention modifying her participation in the program after the first incident. She said she reported Dominguez to TRP staff after the second incident and was approached by TRP staff about this at one of TRP's public events, which shows that she was still participating in the program at this point.
- [REDACTED] noted that after TRP staff intervened, she started seeing Dominguez less, and he never made her feel uncomfortable again.
- [REDACTED] continued to interact with Dominguez on her own accord, at least sporadically, after the TRP summer program ended. Dominguez's attorney provided the OIG with a picture, apparently taken in 2018, that showed Dominguez and [REDACTED] at an event together, after the alleged misconduct in 2017. Their text messages also show that [REDACTED] attended Dominguez's campaign launch for the 2019 election.

Of course, it is plausible that [REDACTED] continued to act normally around Dominguez but was nevertheless uncomfortable, or that she processed her discomfort later. Still, these factors must be considered when determining whether the conduct constituted sexual harassment as defined by CPS policy.

3. *The Two Incidents of Behavior, As Alleged, Would Have Violated CPS's Current Boundary Standards, But These Standards Were Not In Effect at the Time*

Although there is insufficient evidence that Dominguez attempted to groom [REDACTED] for a sexual purpose or that his conduct met the threshold for sexual harassment, this does not mean that the alleged conduct would have been acceptable conduct for a CPS employee. If the alleged conduct took place today, it would have violated CPS's Boundary Standards, which contain the following relevant provisions:

- “Personal contact between students and Covered Individual Adults must always be appropriate to the circumstances, non-sexual and unambiguous in meaning.”
 - Dominguez would have violated this provision by asking [REDACTED] what type of males she preferred to date, because it was an ambiguous question that made [REDACTED] believe that he may have been sexually interested in her, even if that was not his intention.
- “Covered Individual Adults are responsible for maintaining professional and appropriate physical and emotional boundaries with students at all times” and “Covered Individual Adults must not engage in any type of inappropriate physical contact with students.”
 - Dominguez would have violated these provisions by picking [REDACTED] up, holding her against his body, and swinging her back and forth.

See Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Inappropriate Relations Between Adults and Students, CPS Policy Manual, Section 511.1, Board Report 25-0828-PO5 (August 28, 2025).

However, the Boundary Standards would be inapplicable to Dominguez's conduct during the summer of 2017—even if the conduct had been proven—for the following reasons:

- CPS did not adopt the Boundary Standards until the 2017-18 school year, months after the alleged conduct took place.¹⁰
- Dominguez did not work for CPS at the time of the conduct. It is also worth noting that Dominguez was acting in his capacity as a TRP staff member—not as a CPS employee—during his interactions with [REDACTED]. There was evidence that in the course of TRP's organizing work, adult and youth staff traveled together throughout the neighborhood and communicated by group chat. This

¹⁰ CPS's standards for staff-student boundaries were originally called the Guidelines Regarding Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries. They were adopted during the 2017-18 school year and published on the District Publications page as of January 19, 2018.

is a more relaxed setting than a school environment. One of the reasons that CPS adopted the Boundary Standards is that without these guidelines, staff may become too familiar with students and cross boundaries—not necessarily with bad intentions but simply as a result of acting like more of a peer than an authority figure.

Again, the OIG reiterates that the underlying conduct was not sufficiently proven, so there has been no determination that Dominguez crossed boundaries with [REDACTED]

G. THIS INVESTIGATION DID NOT ESTABLISH THAT DOMINGUEZ INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE [REDACTED] IN RELATION TO THE ALLEGATIONS

Finally, there is no evidence that Dominguez made any attempt to intimidate [REDACTED] regarding the allegations. The text message shown in the screenshot [REDACTED] provided—in which Dominguez apologizes for the effect that the rumors had on [REDACTED] and her family during his political campaign—does not contain any concerning language or suspicious undertones. Dominguez provided a copy of the same conversation, which shows that this conversation took place in July of 2020. ([REDACTED] screenshot does not show the year, likely because she took the screenshot that same year.)

Dominguez provided additional messages from 2022 that show a renewed discussion of Dominguez and [REDACTED] attempting to arrange a meeting. Dominguez expressed that he did not feel comfortable meeting with [REDACTED] alone given the allegations, and he asked for his wife to come along. [REDACTED] agreed and asked for her mother to attend as well. The conversation then fizzled out, and by all accounts the meeting never took place. Again, at no point during the conversation did Dominguez intimidate or threaten [REDACTED]

Finally, [REDACTED] and Dominguez gave sharply different accounts of their interaction at the restaurant. Dominguez said that [REDACTED] was the hostess, not their server, and that he did not speak with her at the end of his meal. Even if the interaction took place just as [REDACTED] described it—she was Dominguez’s server and he hugged her and asked, “We’re good, right?”—there is no evidence that this encounter at the restaurant was premeditated by Dominguez. Taking [REDACTED] account as true, Dominguez may have badly misjudged the situation by referring to the allegations at that time, but there is no evidence that he did this in an attempt to upset or intimidate her.

CONCLUSION

The OIG is closing this case as not substantiated.