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District Attorney declines to file charges in ‘chest-bumping’ incident

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—The Orange County District Attorney’s Office has declined to file charges against Costa Mesa Councilman Steve Mensinger after an Estancia teacher alleged he was “chest-bumped” by the city official at community event, it was announced this week.

Joel Flores filed a complaint with the Costa Mesa Police Department on April 23, alleging that Mensinger assaulted him earlier that day at the Costa Mesa Community Run after a verbal exchange about pending layoffs of city employees. Mensinger denied the charge, claiming that Flores had confronted him and there was no physical contact.

Per city policy, the matter was forwarded to the D.A.’s Office because the investigation involved a council member. On April 29, the D.A.’s Office rejected the case, citing “insufficient evidence.”

To contact Mensinger, please e-mail him [here](#).