

## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Hon. William F. Lang, Chair Jeffrey L. Baker, Member Stuart M. Bluestone, Member Hon. Garrey Carruthers, Member Hon. Celia Foy Castillo, Member Ronald Solimon, Member Judy Villanueva, Member

Resolution No. 2022-05: Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ("Commission") met in Santa Fe, on October 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Commission has the power to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act;

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that Hector Rangel, an employee of the City of Sunland Park, violated Subsections 10-16-3(A), 10-16-3.1(C) and 10-16-4(A) of the Governmental Conduct Act;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, Sections 10-16-18(B) and 10-16G-9(F) against Rangel, and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought, to include civil penalties and any other appropriate court order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission:

1. The Commission's staff are authorized to demand that Rangel comply with the Governmental Conduct Act and to prepare and file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act and any other relief that the court deems just and proper.

- 2. If Commission staff file a lawsuit against Rangel, the Executive Director is instructed to provide regular updates on the status of the suit at the Commission's meetings during closed session. Commission staff shall communicate with the Chair as necessary between Commission meetings.
- 3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an agreement to settle or dismiss claims brought against Rangel, upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 14th day of October 2022.

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The Hon. William F. Lang
New Mexico State Ethics Commission
Chair