

## 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. 2022-06: Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Campaign Reporting 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 Campaign Reporting Act;

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that the Working Families Organization, Inc. violated Sections 1-19-26.4, 1-19-27.3 and 1-19-34.3 of the Campaign Reporting Act;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, Sections 1-19-34.6(B) and 10-16G-9(F) against the Working Families Organization, Inc., and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought, to civil penalties, injunctive relief, and other equitable remedies;

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

1. The Commission's staff are authorized to demand that the Working Families Organization, Inc. comply with the Campaign Reporting Act and to prepare and

file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions of the Campaign Reporting Act and any other relief that the court deems just and proper.

2. If Commission staff file a lawsuit against the Working Families Organization, Inc., then 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 the Working Families Organization, Inc., upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.

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

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