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PRESS RELEASE

State Ethics Commission settles with former gubernatorial candidate Greg Zanetti for violations of the Campaign Reporting Act

Albuquerque, NM, November 9, 2023 – Today, the State Ethics Commission announces it has entered into a settlement with former gubernatorial candidate, Greg Zanetti. This settlement relates to Administrative Case No. 2023-035, *Goolsby v. Zanetti*, in which the complainant alleges that Mr. Zanetti’s candidate committee violated the Campaign Reporting Act by accepting anonymous contributions in excess of the \$100 limit for individual anonymous contributions, with an aggregate limit of \$2,000 for a statewide election. Upon the Commission’s review, a total of \$3,661 was attributed to anonymous contributions. In response to the complaint, Mr. Zanetti’s candidate committee explained that the contributions in question were received during a “pass the hat” function, making it impossible to identify individual contributors.

To settle this administrative matter, Mr. Zanetti’s candidate committee has agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,661 to the State of New Mexico, representing a forfeiture of the anonymous contributions received.

On November 3, 2023, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission approved the settlement agreement, and the administrative case was made public.

To view the settlement agreement and additional filings related to this case, please visit the following link: [State Ethics Commission: Case Management & Filing System \(nm.gov\)](https://www.sec.state.nm.gov/case-management).

To view the Commission's meeting and minutes, please visit the Commission's meetings page located at: [Meetings | New Mexico State Ethics Commission \(nm.gov\)](#).

About the State Ethics Commission

The State Ethics Commission is an independent, constitutional state agency with the authority to enforce civil violations of New Mexico's governmental ethics and disclosure statutes, including the Campaign Reporting Act. The Commission is comprised of three Democratic Commissioners, three Republican Commissioners, and one independent Commissioner who is registered as "decline to state." The New Mexico State Ethics Commission aims to ensure transparency in campaign finance reporting.

For more information about the State Ethics Commission, visit www.sec.nm.gov.