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PRESS RELEASE

State Ethics Commission settles with Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales for Campaign Reporting Act violations

Albuquerque, NM, February 5, 2024 – Today, the State Ethics Commission announces it has entered into a settlement agreement with Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales. This settlement relates to Administrative Case No. 2023-036, *Goolsby v. Morales*, in which the complainant alleged that Lt. Governor Morales violated various provisions of the Campaign Reporting Act (CRA) related to the disclosure of campaign contributions.

To settle this administrative matter, Lt. Governor Morales voluntarily amended his campaign reports to correct discrepancies and voluntarily comply with the CRA's disclosure requirements. These amendments were verified and confirmed to be in compliance by an auditor of the Secretary of State's office. In consideration of those amendments, Commission staff offered to settle this administrative matter.

On February 2, 2024, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission approved the settlement agreement, and the administrative complaint was made public.

For access to the settlement agreement and related documents, please refer to the docket for *Goolsby v. Morales*, available on the State Ethics Commission's Case Management & Filing System: [State Ethics Commission: Case Management & Filing System \(nm.gov\)](https://www.sec.nm.gov)

Meeting records and minutes can be found on the commission's meetings page at: [Meetings | New Mexico State Ethics Commission \(nm.gov\)](https://www.sec.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."

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