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PRESS RELEASE

State Ethics Commission announces settlement agreement with Cuba Mayor Denny Herrera and DDH, Inc. Fuel Service Station for violations of the Governmental Conduct Act

Albuquerque, NM, May 28, 2025 – The New Mexico State Ethics Commission has reached a settlement agreement with Denny Herrera and his business DDH, Inc. Fuel Service Station (“the Released Parties”), addressing alleged violations of the Governmental Conduct Act during Mr. Herrera’s tenure as mayor of the Village of Cuba.

Following an investigation, the Commission found reason to believe that Mr. Herrera improperly benefited from a village directive requiring employees to exclusively refuel Village vehicles at DDH, Inc. Fuel Service Station, in violation of Section 10-16-13.2(A) of the Governmental Conduct Act.

To resolve the matter without litigation, the parties entered into a settlement agreement that, among its terms, included the following:

- On May 14, 2025, Mr. Herrera formally notified the Village of Cuba of his ownership interest in DDH, Inc. Fuel Service Station and clarified that village employees are free to purchase fuel from any station that accepts WEX cards, in compliance with state and local procurement rules;
- Mr. Herrera will remit \$2,500 to the State of New Mexico within seven days of the agreement’s execution;

- Mr. Herrera will remit \$1,000 to the Village of Cuba within seven days of the agreement's execution and provide proof of payment to the Commission; and

New Mexico's Governmental Conduct Act broadly prohibits a public officer from using the powers and resources of their public office to obtain a private benefit, and the Act specifically forbids public officers from selling goods, services or construction to public employees under their supervision. The Commission works so that New Mexicans can trust that public officers will adhere to those basic principles.

Read the full settlement agreement here: (1) [Settlement agreement between and among the New Mexico State Ethics Commission and Denny Herrera and his business DDH, Inc. Fuel Service Station.](#)

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 Procurement Code and the Governmental Conduct Act. The Commission is comprised of three Democratic Commissioners, three Republican Commissioners, and one independent Commissioner who is registered as "decline to state."

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