



NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07 Authorization to petition district court for the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum related to the enforcement of the Campaign Reporting Act and to file civil action.**

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (“Commission”) met in-person and virtually on June 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Commission has the power to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Campaign Reporting Act, NMSA 1978, § 1-19-25 to -36 (1979, as amended through 2024).

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought approval from the Commission to petition a court of competent jurisdiction to file and serve subpoenas duces tecum under seal on the political committee and the non-profit under Rule 1-030(B)(6) NMRA for the depositions of both organizations to identify the identities of the individuals behind the political committee and the non-profit.

WHEREAS, the information gathered from the Rule 1-030(B)(6) depositions of the political committee and the non-profit could prove whether the non-profit constitutes a straw donor for other individuals to obfuscate their contributors to the political committee, whether either had knowledge that the non-profit constitutes a straw donor, or whether the political committee and the non-profit are effectively the same organization which could provide insight possible violations of NMSA 1978, Sections 1-19-34.3(A) or (B) of the Campaign Reporting Act.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought approval of the Commission to initiate civil action under NMSA 1978, Sections 1-19-34.3(A) or (B) in the event the Rule 1-030(B)(6) reveal violations of the Campaign Reporting Act, and has explained the proposed civil action

and remedies to be sought;

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

1. The Commission's staff are authorized to seek leave from a court of competent jurisdiction to issue and serve subpoenas duces tecum on the political committee and the non-profit for their Rule 1-030(B)(6) depositions in order to substantiate claims under Section 1-19-34.4(A) and (B) of the Campaign Reporting Act.
2. If, after taking the depositions of the political committee and nonprofit, there are good grounds to believe a violation of the Campaign Reporting Act has occurred, the Commission's staff are authorized to demand that the political committee and the non-profit comply with the Campaign Reporting Act and to prepare and file 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.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an agreement to resolve, settle or dismiss claims brought against the political committee or the non-profit upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.
4. The Executive Director is instructed to provide regular updates on the status of the matter at the Commission's meetings during closed session. Commission staff shall communicate with the Chair as necessary between Commission meetings.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 15th day of June 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JL Baker', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey L. Baker  
New Mexico State Ethics Commission

Hon. William F. Lang, Chair, RECUSED