

SANDOVAL COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

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To: The Honorable David J. Heil, Chair Sandoval County Commission
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The Honorable Katherine. R. Bruch, Sandoval County Commissioner
The Honorable Michael Meek, Sandoval County Commissioner
The Honorable F. Kenneth Eichwald, Sandoval County Commissioner

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

The Sandoval County Ethics Board ("Ethics Board") submits this report pursuant to Section 8(j)(3) of the Sandoval County Ethics Ordinance which states that:

...The ethics board shall provide the board of county commissioners with a quarterly report stating the number of complaints that were submitted alleging a violation of the ethics ordinance, the number of complaints submitted to the ethics board by the contract compliance officer and a summary of the status of each complaint to include the date of the complaint for the case to be heard and date for final possible action. The quarterly status report must be approved by the ethics board and made available to the public on the county's website...

I. ORGANIZATION

The Ethics Board members are Robert Wilkins, Chair (District 1), Christopher Elam, Vice-Chair (District 3), Richard Coe (District 2), Arnold Farley (District 4), and Mike Patrick (District 5).

The Ethics Board alternate members are David Craig (District 1) and Cindy Adelsberg (District 3). During the current reporting period, Alternate positions for Districts 2, 4 and 5 were vacant.

The County Contract Compliance Officer, Luis Robles, is a neutral, non-partisan county official that advises the Ethics Board and performs other duties as set forth in the Sandoval County Ethics Ordinance.

II. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE ETHICS BOARD DURING THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

A. COMPLAINTS

Number of complaints submitted alleging violation of the Ethics Ordinance: 1

Number of complaints submitted to Ethics Board by Contract Compliance Officer: 0

Summary of the status of each complaint: See below.

On or about June 3, 2020, the Ethics Board Contract Compliance Officer received from Judi Walker a sworn complaint addressing conduct by Sandoval County Treasurer Laura Montoya. The complaint was assigned Sandoval County Ethics Board Complaint Number 2020-001. The Contract Compliance Officer provided to the Ethics Board a Decision declining acceptance of the complaint for filing and dismissing the complaint without prejudice because it did not identify a specific section of the Ethics Ordinance which can constitute a violation. At its June 30, 2020 meeting, the Ethics Board unanimously adopted the Decision of the Contract Compliance Officer.

B. ETHICS BOARD MEETING(S)

The Ethics Board met once during the current reporting period. At its June 30, 2020 meeting the Ethics Board, among other things:

1. Continued its discussion of proposed recommended changes to the Sandoval County Ethics Ordinance.
2. Continued its review and discussion of Sandoval County's proposed News Media Policy and Social Media Policy.
3. As discussed above, adopted the Decision of the Contract Compliance Officer relating to Sandoval County Ethics Board Complaint Number 2020-001.

III. LOOKING FORWARD

The Ethics Board expects to fulfill its mandated duties and responsibilities, including its obligation to meet at least once per quarter, and more often when necessary.

Respectfully,

Sandoval County
Ethics Board