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PRESS RELEASE

Commission Issues \$5,000 Penalty to County Manager who Failed to Disclose Conflicts

CARSON CITY, NEVADA (September 21, 2022) – On September 21, the Nevada Commission on Ethics approved a stipulated agreement with Lander County Manager Bartolo "Bert" Ramos. The Commission previously granted a partial motion for summary judgment against Ramos for his role in negotiating contracts and disclosure obligations relating to a business owned by a family member (Case 19-088C). This week the Commission approved a global resolution for this case and an additional pending matter in which it is alleged that Ramos failed to properly disclose and abstain from participation in a county lease that benefited a family member (Case 22-026C). As part of the stipulated agreement, Ramos must pay a \$5,000 penalty and schedule ethics training for himself and Lander County staff.

The Commission also approved a stipulation with Douglas County Sheriff Daniel Coverley resolving Case 22-055C, relating to the use of a Sheriff's uniform to support a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Nevada. The agreement included the admission of one non-willful violation of the Ethics Law with required training for both the Douglas County Sheriff and his staff.

Finally, the Commission approved their annual report for fiscal year 2022 and discussed their ongoing project related to Commission brand identity.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in Las Vegas.

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