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State Auditor Tim Keller Confirms Investigation of the City of Las Vegas

SANTA FE, NM – Today, State Auditor Tim Keller confirmed that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) is designating the City of Las Vegas for a special investigation. The OSA will examine concerns related to procurement such as conflicts of interest with a city vendor, contracting without seeking competitive prices, and budget adjustments without the approval of the Las Vegas City Council.

“We are going to look into concerns about whether the City of Las Vegas has followed the rules when it comes to purchasing,” stated State Auditor Tim Keller. “Competitive bidding and other practices are designed to safeguard tax dollars from patronage, fraud and abuse. We appreciate the cooperation of the City as we work to get to the bottom of this.”

Earlier this week, the Las Vegas City Council voted three-to-one to initiate a special audit of certain aspects of city business.

The Office of the State Auditor helps government work better by providing transparency and accountability for government spending; informing policy choices; and tackling fraud, waste and abuse. OSA is an independently elected executive agency responsible for examining the use of public dollars in New Mexico.

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