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### **State Auditor Colón Issues Statement Following Corruption Conviction of Former Las Vegas Mayor**

LAS VEGAS, NM –State Auditor Colón today issued the following statement regarding the conviction of former Las Vegas Mayor:

“This conviction is about accountability, and I am proud of our work at the Office of the State Auditor that helped lead to this conviction,” said Auditor Colón. “The citizens of Las Vegas, New Mexico contacted me about their concerns regarding the city leadership and we immediately took action. Team members and I personally attended the Las Vegas City Council meeting to ensure the city leaders knew we were deeply concerned about the issues pertaining to governance. After issues were identified through a special audit released by my office, I ordered an assessment of the potential loss of taxpayer dollars concerning the allegations of corruption, improper compliance, and violations of law. The unique partnership that allows the State Auditor and the New Mexico Attorney General to work closely to ensure New Mexicans are protected from waste, fraud, and abuse helped secure justice for New Mexico’s families.”

New Mexicans concerned about potential instances of fraud, waste, and abuse should contact the Office of the State Auditor. Reports may be made anonymously through our website at [www.saonm.org](http://www.saonm.org) or by calling 1-866-OSA-FRAUD. You may also speak to an investigator by calling 505-476-3800.

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