



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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SECRETARY OF STATE

September 21, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

State Ethics Commission
Attn: Jeremy Farris, Executive Director
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Re: SEC Case No. 2022-032

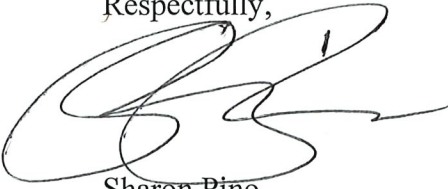
Executive Director Farris:

On August 18, 2022, the Office of the New Mexico Secretary of State ("SOS") was referred State Ethics Commission Case No. 2022-032 ("Complaint") for review and certification of voluntary compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 1-19-25 to -37 (1979, as amended 2021). On August 22, 2022, SOS sent a letter to Cynthia4nmhouse ("Respondent") via electronic mail requesting a response to the Complaint, with instructions to respond within fifteen (15) calendar days. *See* attached. On September 9, 2022, Cynthia4nmhouse responded.

After a review of the Complaint and supplemental material, the response, and the Respondent's campaign finance reports, the SOS cannot certify voluntary compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act and returns the Complaint to the State Ethics Commission for further proceedings pursuant to the State Ethics Commission Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 10-16G-1 to 10-16G-16 (2019, as amended 2021). Please note that the inability to certify voluntary compliance as required by Section 1-19-34.4(C) does not imply a violation has occurred.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Ethics Division at (505) 827-3600 or sos.ethics@state.nm.us.

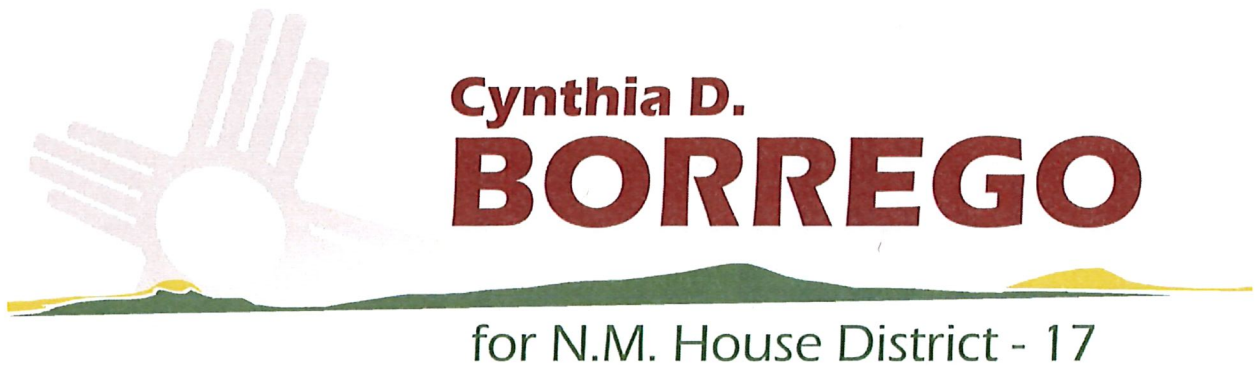
Respectfully,



Sharon Pino
Deputy Secretary of State

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enc: Cynthia4nmhouse Response to SOS Inquiry Letter



Dear State Ethics Commission -

The Cynthia For New Mexico House Campaign is in receipt of a complaint filed by Mr. Greg Gallegos for a campaign report filing, listed as "Anonymous" in the amount of \$500 raised at our first fundraiser held in March 2022, and an "In Kind Donation" made to the Campaign from the Speakers Fund, and filed in April to the Secretary of State.

Please find our response as follows:

1)Response to: 1-19-34 (B) NMSA 1978 and 1.10.13.20 (D) NMAC

Review of our records from the event shows we were able to accurately identify the contributors of \$410 of the \$500, of those individuals who attended the event and gave cash. An amendment to our report has been made by our campaign treasurer.

The remaining amount of \$90.00 cannot be accurately identified and attributed to any one individual in attendance. The individual at the door was a volunteer, and therefore did not realize that all cash funding accepted required documentation.

Therefore, the campaign has decided to contribute the \$90 which cannot be identified to any one individual to a charitable organization, per statute.

Future campaign events we will require only trained individuals to handle all funds received.

2)1-19-34.7 (A) NMSA 1978 as defined by 1-19-34.7 (F) NMSA, 1-19-34.7 (J) NMSA1978, and 1.10.13.32 (C) NMAC

The Treasurer for Cynthia4nmhouse has amended our financial report to show the amount received from Speaker Fund, \$7,556.24 to be shown as an “Inkind Donation,” as should have been appropriately reflected.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this complaint.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Borrego
Candidate for NM State House
District 17