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Nancy R. Long
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Via email

Dear Ms. Long:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 2020 on behalf of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC).

As I have stated to RCLC and publicly, RCLC's Board had a policy for reimbursements that was established in 2012, well before I joined the organization. The Los Alamos County and RCLC's Treasurer reviewed all expenses each month before issuing payment; expenditures of the Coalition were presented; a budget was reported by Los Alamos County publicly at every RCLC meeting; any and all travel was pre-approved by the Board; and all financial documents were public. Further, all of my reimbursement requests were reviewed and approved specifically by then Treasurer, Commissioner Henry Roybal and Los Alamos County.

As I have also stated, most of the reimbursements submitted were for expenses incurred by board members. Many of those expenses are detailed, by board member, in the State Auditor's report you cite.

Finally, the State Auditor's report has numerous issues. Then Auditor Wayne Johnson stated that a \$10 mirror purchased was for "personal use" and that I and other staff double-booked mileage reimbursements. Both were false. The \$10 purchase was for a frame for a certificate of appreciation for an outgoing board member, and there was not one instance or staff double-booking mileage. Auditor Johnson chose not to review RCLC's reimbursements prior to my tenure, even though the Adams+Crow investigation stated that these issues began in at least 2012. Finally, Adams+Crow is a law firm and not an accounting firm. Adams+Crow was not on the approved list of firms allowed by the State Auditor to conduct audits. In fact, Mr. Johnson failed to employ an accounting firm to conduct his Special Audit, in direct conflict with the New Mexico Audit Rule.

Neither I, nor any board member, knowingly or deliberately violated any standard for reimbursement. Both the State Auditor and the law firm hired by Los Alamos County

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reached the same conclusion. I did not personally benefit from any reimbursable expenditure, as these were monies I paid for in advance on my personal credit card, on behalf of the RCLC and their guests.

I would be happy to respond to future correspondence once the requests for reimbursements are apportioned and assigned to those board members who created those expenses, and the issues related to the Adams+Crow's report are resolved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

Andrea Romero

cc: Commissioner Henry Roybal, RCLC Chair
Councilor Darien Fernández, RCLC Vice Chair
Mayor Javier E. Sanchez, RCLC Secretary
Councilor David Izraelevitz, RCLC Treasurer
Councilor Michael Garcia, RCLC Board
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Commissioner Leo Jaramillo, RCLC Board
Commissioner Mark Gallegos, RCLC Board
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