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RPNM: Chavez, Arencon Violate Albuquerque Campaign Law
Smoking Gun Email Proves Chavez Asked Union for Illegal Help

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Republican Party of New Mexico Executive Director Bryan Watkins issued the following statement upon filing an ethics complaint against former Albuquerque Mayor and current congressional candidate Martin Chavez, Fire Union President Diego Arencon and IAFF Local 244 for knowingly and actively violating campaign laws in the 2009 Albuquerque mayoral race:

“A recently disclosed email proves former Mayor Martin Chavez and Fire Union President Diego Arencon conspired to violate the same city campaign laws they swore to uphold. Their corrupt tactics are beyond the pale and the public deserves to have some sunlight shined on the backroom dealings the union email so blatantly describes.”

Watkins continued, “The rules should apply to everyone including prominent partisan Democrats like Mr. Arencon and Mr. Chavez. To weed out corruption we must demand honesty and integrity from public servants and breaking laws in Albuquerque does not warrant giving Mr. Chavez a promotion to make laws in Washington.”

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Background Attachments:

- Copy of complaint filed by Bryan Watkins – August 4, 2011
- *“Marty has asked for another mailer, as he cannot receive and contributions because this is a publicly financed race.”* - Email from Diego Arencon to IAFF requesting unlawful assistance for Martin Chavez

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