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## ISPAC Calls on US Attorney to Investigate Potential Bid-Rigging At The Downs

"After yesterday's shameful performance by Governor Susana Martinez's hand-picked appointed officials and operatives at the Expo New Mexico fairgrounds, the Governor's press people can try the ole bait and switch all they want. But it won't fly. This is Susana's version of "Pay to Play," said Independent Source PAC's (ISPAC) Executive Director Michael Corwin in calling upon the US Attorney's office to "scrutinize this entire transaction because it sure looks like bid-rigging to us."

"They appear to have rigged the vote all the way from putting Susana's cohort Darren White's campaign donors in charge of the selection process to Susana's handpicking big donors to her campaign to serve as commissioners of the State Fair Commission.

"One of the commissioners, Kenneth 'Buster' Goff, appears to have caved in to the Governor's operatives' cajoling, to seal the deal in a highly deceiving procedural set of votes. Given Susana's attacks on the previous administration's behavior, this is a new low in hypocrisy.

"Mr. Goff and his wife gave Susana Martinez \$8,500 for her campaign. Goff, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dairy Farmers of America, was appointed Commissioner to the State Fair in August of this year shortly after Darren White was hired by the Downs.

"By the way, Darren White was, in a high profile manner, brought in to assist the folks that turned out to be the winning bidder," continued Corwin.

Corwin added that ISPAC "has prepared an 'IPRA' request to review all documents, emails and other communications between the Governor's office, State Fair Commission members, Expo New Mexico personnel and contractors" amongst other items "as is allowed by the state open records and meetings laws. A law the intent of which, the Governor's folks seemed to have no problem in ignoring."

**See attached copy of letter to US Attorney and ISPAC's IPRA Request.**

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