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Blistering Audit Shows Ted Barela Too Irresponsible to Serve Senate District 39

Time as Estancia Mayor Marked by Financial Mismanagement, Lack of Leadership

New Mexico Together on Wednesday cited as further evidence that Ted Barela is too irresponsible to represent District 39 a blistering audit showing financial mismanagement and lack of leadership in the Town of Estancia while Barela, now a candidate for New Mexico Senate, served as the town's mayor.

"Ted Barela is too irresponsible to serve as a state senator," said Heather Brewer, New Mexico Together director. "This audit clearly lays out a pattern of fiscal irresponsibility and mismanagement. Given the state's grave financial crisis, which was created by the failed leadership of Gov. Susana Martinez, another failed leader, like Ted Barela, is the wrong choice in this election."

[The audit](#), released Wednesday by the Office of the State Auditor, enumerates examples of financial mismanagement and lack of leadership in the town of Estancia from July 2012 to July 2015. Barela served as mayor from 2008 until he resigned in 2013.

The audit, however, is not the only [evidence of Barela's irresponsibility during his time as mayor](#). Indeed, the town's finances were in disarray, a whistleblower filed a suit against Barela for his mismanagement, and the Fire Captain and every member of the Library Board of Trustees quit in protest of the mess Barela had made.

"New Mexico has had enough of failed leadership under Gov. Susana Martinez," Brewer said. "Like Martinez, Barela is a failed leader who will do nothing to move our state forward. In fact, given his record as mayor of Estancia, Barela could very likely make our state's financial situation even worse."

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