

  
Joey D. Moya

1                   **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

2   **December 3, 2018**

3                   **NO. S-1-SC-37346**

4                   **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**  
5                   **NOS. 2016-081 and 2016-086**

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7                   **IN THE MATTER OF HON. NELLIE SORIANO**  
8                   **Anthony Municipal Court Judge**

9   **ORDER**

10                   WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the  
11                   Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to permanent  
12                   resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, and the  
13                   Court having considered the petition, having determined that acceptance of the  
14                   stipulation is in the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and being  
15                   sufficiently advised; Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Petra Jimenez  
16                   Maes, Justice Charles W. Daniels, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, and Justice Gary L.  
17                   Clingman concurring;

18                   NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept  
19                   stipulation to permanent resignation from judicial office in lieu of further  
20                   disciplinary proceedings is GRANTED, and the stipulation to permanent  
21                   resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is  
22                   APPROVED;

23                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the permanent resignation of respondent,  
24                   Municipal Court Judge Nellie Soriano, shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on December

1 3, 2018;

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold,  
3 become a candidate for, run for, or stand for election to any New Mexico judicial  
4 office in the future;

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never seek, accept  
6 appointment to, or serve pro tempore for any New Mexico judicial office in the  
7 future, which includes the posts of judge in municipal court, probate court,  
8 magistrate court, metropolitan court, district court, Court of Appeals, and Justice of  
9 the Supreme Court;

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall never again hold or  
11 exercise any judicial authority in the State of New Mexico, to include officiating at  
12 weddings; and

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in  
14 Inquiry Nos. 2016-081 and 2016-086 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-  
15 104(B) NMRA.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Judith K. Nakamura,  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of  
New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 3rd day  
of December, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey D. Moya".

Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

17 I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:  
A true copy was served on all parties  
or their counsel of record on date filed.

Joey D. Moya  
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico