

Yvette Herrell is a corrupt politician who looks out for herself and uses her elected office to line her own pockets.

- *Voters need to see and hear that Yvette Herrell used her position of power in the legislature to benefit her and her family. She got a sweetheart deal from the state, earning her companies nearly half a million dollars in taxpayer funded government contracts. Then she funneled an additional half million in tax dollars to an organization run by her family.*

Alamogordo Daily News: “With The Support Of Local Representatives Yvette Herrell [...] funding was received from the New Mexico State Legislature Of \$525,000 For The Renovation Of The Plaza Building.” “With the support of local representatives Yvette Herrell, Zach Cook and Bill Gray along with Sen. Bill Burt, funding was received from the New Mexico State Legislature of \$525,000 for the renovation of the Plaza Building. Otero County Commissioners Susan Flores and former County Commissioners Ronny Rardin and Tommie Herrell supported the funding.” [Alamogordo Daily News, [7/27/17](#)]

In 2013, Yvette Herrell Requested \$750,000 Worth Of Funding For The “Otero Co Tularosa Basin History Museum” To “Plan, Design Renovate And Furnish The Plaza Building To House The Collections, Exhibits, Research Library And Book Shop Of The History Museum Of The Tularosa Basin Historical Society In Alamogordo In Otero County.” [Yvette Herrell, 2013 Capital Outlay Requests, accessed [10/15/18](#)]

The Plaza Building Was Acquired By The City Of Alamogordo And Later Otero Country, “With The Intent Of Working With TBHS To House The New Museum And Research Center;” The Museum Opened In January 2016. “In recent years, the building fell into disrepair and sat vacant. The city acquired the building with the intent of working with the TBHS to house the new museum and research center. The project was derailed for many reasons with the city considering selling the property to the CVS Drug Store chain. After many meetings, the city and the TBHS came to an agreement to turn over ownership of the property to Otero County. The agreement was for a two year period, the museum had to be under construction in that period or the property would revert back to the city to dispose of as needed. The Tularosa Basin Museum of History opened to the public in January 2016.” [Alamogordo Daily News, [7/27/17](#)]

The President Of TBHS Is Josette Herrell, Yvette Herrell’s Mother. [Alamogordo Daily News, [1/16/16](#)]

La Cronica de Nuevo Mexico: “TBHS Once Again With The Help Of State Representative Yvette Herrell, Applied To The 2013 New Mexico State Legislature For Capital Outlay Money And Received \$525,000, \$25,000 More Than They Had Actually Requested.” “Despite this lack of support from the City of Alamogordo, TBHS pushed ahead, and in early June their application for the Plaza Building to be placed on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties was accepted, opening the door to grant opportunities as an officially registered historic structure. In the meantime, the Otero County Commission had been watching the situation closely. County Commissioner Tommie Herrell, whose wife Josette was on the TBHS board, invited the Society to make a presentation at the County Commission meeting in January 2012. After watching the City of Alamogordo gradually withdraw their support in restoring the Plaza Building, the county commissioners at their June 13, 2012, meeting voted to authorize county staff to negotiate with the city for the county to take over the property. [...] TBHS once again with the help of State Representative Yvette Herrell, applied to the 2013 New Mexico State Legislature for capital outlay money and received \$525,000, \$25,000 more than they had actually requested.” [La Cronica de Nuevo Mexico, [Summer 2015](#)]

Susie Galea, Former Republican Mayor Of Alamogordo: “It’s Disturbing To See Herrell Run Ads Claiming “Conservative” Values. What Exactly Is She Talking About? Is [Yvette Herrell] Talking About The Time She Funneled More Than Half A Million Taxpayer Dollars To Her Mother’s Organization?” [New Mexico Political Journal (Blog), [6/1/18](#)]

While Herrell Was A State Legislator, Her Company Took In \$440,000 By Renting Property To Two New Mexico Departments. “The review of documents by the AP found Rep. Yvette Herrell’s company, Herrell Properties, took in \$440,000 by renting property to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and New Mexico Environment Department since 2013.” Yvette Herrell was a state legislator from 2011 – 2018. [Associated Press via US News, [4/6/18](#); New Mexico Legislature, Yvette Herrell, accessed [7/20/18](#)]

Herrell Failed To Disclose Nearly Half-A-Million In Income From Her Real Estate Company On State Financial Disclosure Statements. “A New Mexico GOP state lawmaker and congressional candidate failed to disclose that her real estate company earned nearly a half-million dollars in contracts with two state agencies over five years, according to an analysis of campaign finance disclosure records by The Associated Press.” [Associated Press via US News, [4/6/18](#)]

Herrell Did Not Disclose That Income, Despite State Law Requiring Lawmakers Who Provide “Goods And Services In Excess Of \$5,000” To Disclose The Income Annually. “However, Herrell, R-Alamogordo, did not disclose that income on ethics disclosure statements, but listed herself as the company’s owner, according to public documents reviewed by the AP. [...] State law requires lawmakers who provide ‘goods and services in excess of \$5,000’ from state agencies report the income annually to the state secretary of state’s office. Anyone who ‘knowingly and willfully’ violates the state’s financial disclosure act faces a \$1,000 fine or a year in jail. The secretary of state’s office also can impose fines up to \$5,000 and send the case to an independent arbitrator to resolve disclosure disputes.” [Associated Press via US News, [4/6/18](#)]

Herrell Said She Had Never Personally Been Paid By Or Collected Any Income From The State Of New Mexico. “In a statement, Herrell said she has always diligently submitted the necessary paperwork required by the secretary of state’s office and other entities since becoming an elected lawmaker in 2011. ‘While I am a partner in a company that has owned real estate in which the state leased, I have never personally been paid by or collected any monies from the state of New Mexico,’ Herrell said. Herrell said the secretary of state’s office has never brought up any irregularities about her disclosures since she’s been a lawmaker.” [Associated Press via US News, [4/6/18](#)]

Herrell “Amended A Financial Disclosure Filings To Show That Her Company Received Money From State Contracts With State Agencies” After It Was Revealed That She Previously Failed To Disclose These Contracts. “A Republican New Mexico state lawmaker and congressional candidate has amended a financial disclosure filing to show that her company received money from contracts with state agencies, in a move ensuring compliance with state regulations. State Rep. Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo previously disclosed that she is a partner in Herrell Properties. She submitted an amended filing this week to show the company earned more than \$5,000 from goods or services provided to state agencies. Other state records have indicated that Herrell Properties took in \$440,000 since 2013 by renting property to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and New Mexico Environment Department. New Mexico secretary of state’s office spokesman Joey Keefe said the amended filing brought Herrell into compliance with the requirement to ‘disclose the name of any state agency to which the legislator sold goods or services in excess of \$5,000.’” [Associated Press, [4/13/18](#)]

Albuquerque Journal Editorial Board: Herrell’s Failure To Disclose Income From Her Real Estate Company Was “Pretty Egregious.” EDITORIAL: “It’s not as outrageous as the scam perpetrated on taxpayers by former Democratic state Sen. Phil Griego – who pushed for the sale of a state-owned building, pocketed a \$50,000 real estate commission and is now serving time in prison. But it is nevertheless pretty egregious. The ‘it’ is \$440,000 in rent state Rep. Yvette Herrell’s real estate company has collected from two state agencies since 2013. There’s no prohibition against that, but here’s the problem: Herrell – who is seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Congressional seat in southern New Mexico – didn’t disclose that income on ethics disclosure statements during her tenure in the Legislature.” [Albuquerque Journal, Editorial Board, [4/13/18](#)]

Albuquerque Journal Editorial Board: Herrell’s Response To The Charges That She Had Never “Personally Been Paid By Or Collected Any Monies From The State” Was “Disingenuous At Best.” EDITORIAL: “For her to say she didn’t disclose that income because she has never ‘personally been paid by or collected any monies

from the state' is disingenuous at best. It's a little like someone trying to make the case that purchasing something online isn't the same as shopping, because she never went into a bricks and mortar store." [Albuquerque Journal, Editorial Board, [4/13/18](#)]