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## **Mayor's Statement on Federal Jury Verdict**

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The judicial process has taken its course and the jury has delivered its decision. A difficult chapter in our city's history has closed.

This ordeal reminds all of us - as public servants - to be mindful that everything we do lives up to both the spirit and letter of the law. Our citizens deserve and expect nothing less.

Almost two years ago, we embarked on a series of reforms designed to lift the ethical standards of public servants and improve the transparency of our city government. Those included clear reporting standards on gifts, travel, meals and tickets, as well as electronic reporting and searchable internet access to campaign finance disclosure reports.

In the coming weeks, we will resume consideration of additional reform proposals to address some of the issues raised either during the course of this case or as other situations have come up. Those will include proposed rules covering lobbying and how the Council handles zoning cases.

This Council is committed to ensuring that the public has confidence in its city government. And every day, each of us works to make sure that confidence is well deserved.

Mayor Tom Leppert

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