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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTS INVESTIGATION ON
ALLEGATIONS MADE BY COUNTY JUDGE**

After waiting 30 days for the El Paso County Judge Anthony Cobos to follow through with his promise to request an investigation, County Attorney José R. Rodríguez has asked the County Ethics Board to initiate a formal inquiry into the unfounded allegations made against him.

On April 2, 2007, during a regular meeting of Commissioner's Court, County Judge Anthony Cobos accused the County Attorney of giving faulty legal advice influenced by campaign contributions. The accusations escalated on April 6, when the County Judge used the term "kickbacks" during several interviews with the media. At the time, Judge Cobos indicated that he would be requesting a formal investigation into the matter, but several weeks later, he has failed to provide any evidence that would substantiate his allegations to any investigative body.

"It is imperative that we clear the air surrounding this issue. The County Judge made serious allegations very openly in the media, and the citizens of this community deserve to know the truth. We can not let this issue hanging unresolved indefinitely because it will undermine the public's trust in their government," said County Attorney Rodríguez.

In a letter issued on April 25, 2007 to the Chair of the El Paso County Board of Ethics, Dr. Gregory Rocha, José R. Rodríguez requested the board to "conduct an investigation into these allegations and issue a report with findings and recommendations."

During its regular monthly meeting today, the Board of Ethics vote unanimously to grant the County Attorney's request for an investigation.

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