



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Ethics
and Campaign Review Board
November 13, 2025 at 3:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City
Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue

Procedures for Ethics and Campaign Review Board Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Request for Approval of the May 8, 2025, Ethics and Campaign Review Board Meeting Minutes. (Xavier Vigil, Assistant City Clerk; xivigil@santafenm.gov)
 - b. Request for Approval of the September 11, 2025, Ethics and Campaign Review Board Meeting Minutes. (Xavier Vigil, Assistant City Clerk; xivigil@santafenm.gov)
 - c. Request for Approval of the September 6, 2024 Ethics and Campaign Review Board Meeting Minutes. (Xavier Vigil, Assistant City Clerk; xivigil@santafenm.gov)
5. Discussion and Possible Action Items
 - a. **Case #2025-3.** Complaint Brought Forward by Suzanne Romero - In Accordance with Section 6-16.4 SFCC 1987 "Determination of Legal Sufficiency; Setting a Hearing." Consideration of Whether the Complaint Sets Forth Legally Sufficient Facts which, if True Show Probable Cause to Believe there was a Violation. (The Board May Go Into Executive Session Under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(3) to Deliberate in Connection with an Administrative Adjudicatory Proceeding.)
 1. Discussion of Actions.
 2. Action Regarding Whether the Complaint Sets Forth Legally Sufficient Facts, Which, if True, Show Probable Cause to Believe there was a Violation.
 3. Action on Any Steps as Permitted Under Section 6-16 SFCC 1987.
 - b. **Case #2025-4.** Complaint Brought Forward by Stefanie Beninato - In Accordance with Section 6-16.4 SFCC 1987 "Determination of Legal

Sufficiency; Setting a Hearing.” Consideration of Whether the Complaint Sets Forth Legally Sufficient Facts which, if True Show Probable Cause to Believe there was a Violation. (The Board May Go Into Executive Session Under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(3) to Deliberate in Connection with an Administrative Adjudicatory Proceeding.)

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- c. **Case #2025-5.** Complaint Brought Forward by Stefanie Beninato - In Accordance with Section 6-16.4 SFCC 1987 “Determination of Legal Sufficiency; Setting a Hearing.” Consideration of Whether the Complaint Sets Forth Legally Sufficient Facts which, if True Show Probable Cause to Believe there was a Violation. (The Board May Go Into Executive Session Under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(3) to Deliberate in Connection with an Administrative Adjudicatory Proceeding.)

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- d. Proposal to the Governing Body to Add to the Jurisdiction of the Board Complaints of Discrimination.

6. Public Comment
7. Executive Session
8. Discussion Items - No Action
9. Matters from Staff
10. Matters from the Committee
11. Matters from the Chair
12. Adjourn

Persons with disabilities in need of additional accommodations, contact the City Clerk’s office at 505-955-6521, five (5) working days prior to meeting date.

All Attachments Double Sided

CASE # 2025-4

RECEIVED NOV 25 2025

Complaint Form

(Please print or type)
(Additional pages may be added)

City of Santa Fe
Ethics & Campaign Review Board

Date: 11/4/25

- Name of person and/or group charged with alleged violation. David Montoya
- Please explain briefly the nature of the alleged violation. 9-2.15B + improper campaign expenditures
Definition of expenditure "for political purpose"
- Please state which specific provision(s) or part(s) of the Code of Ethics or Election Code you believe have been violated. Posting Campaign Signs on Public
Property 9-2.15B + definition of expenditure
Purchases NOT for political purpose
on private property w/o permission
- Please state the facts you have regarding the violations, including:
the date(s) _____
the time(s) see attached
the place(s) _____
people involved _____
other facts _____
- Are there any witnesses to the violation who are willing to confirm your charge? Please list with addresses, phone numbers and what they know. _____
- Attach documentation of actual evidence you have to support your complaint, to this form. Campaign Expenditure Report 9/5/25 Photos
- What is your name? Stefanie Benmate
- Address? PO Box 1601 Santa Fe Zip Code 87504
- Telephone Number? 505 988 802 Work: _____
- Email Address? info@nmgo.com

Received on: November 4 20 25

Stefanie Benmate

To the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and complete.

Stefanie Benmate
Signature

4 day of Nov 20 25

City Clerk's Office
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of Nov 20 25
DENISE DUPONT
COMMISSION # 1080796
(Seal) COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/29/2027

David Montoya

Posting of Campaign signs on Public Property

9-2.15 B Campaign signs may not be located on or overhang public property

I have seen David Montoya's on public property 2 on the rail trail facing Paseo de Peralta at Guadalupe; 2 on the bridge at St Francis Dr (east side) just south of Alameda; and on the fencing N and S of this intersection in part of the river park. I have also seen 3 signs in the landscaped part of the shopping complex at St Francis and Cordova where Trader Joe's is located (2 and 3 November 2025). I doubt Montoya has the owner's permission to post these signs since they were put up on Sunday and the owner is an out of state corporation. I have taken photos

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: david montoya signs

Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2025 12:09:17 -0700

From: STEFANIE BENINATO <stebeni@zianet.com>

Reply-To: info@nmmediate.com

To: asalazar@santafenm.gov, gfcardenas@santafenm.gov, mscott@santafenm.gov

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Additionally Leroy Trujillo littered Cordova Rd between Don Diego and St Francis with his signs (most have been removed) I also saw a big sign of his on the trail at Rodeo Rd and Galisteo on public property (someone had already dismantled it) and I saw another sign about 30 ft N on Galisteo St again between the trail and the vehicular part of the street--it too had been taken down

Did you actually give Mr Trujillo any written notice about his violation of 9.2-15B? If so he should be fined.

I would appreciate prompt attention to these scofflaws.

Stefanie Beninato

Second Part of Complaint Violation Of Using Campaign Funds For Personal Enrichment.

The code defines Ord 2023-13 defines expenditure as a payment, transfer, distribution, or obligation, or promise to pay, transfer or distribute any money or other thing of value for a political purpose, including payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign.

In David Montoya's expenditure report in Sept 2025, he used campaign funds for new tires, fuses, lights and reregistration of a non running truck that he owned. If he had claimed mileage, gas or expense of painting a political sign on the truck, I think that meets the understood

definition of “for a political purpose” This car is now available to him for personal use well after the election and getting a car currently owned by the candidate in a running condition does not qualify “for a political purpose” IMO. He did charge money for gas at least twice in his Sept report.

In his first expenditure report (5 Sept 2025) he also claimed an expenditure for a “sound system” whose purpose was “for parades and rallies”. However the purchase was made the day after Fiestas weekend when any parades, Mr Montoya may have joined were already done. In response to a letter I wrote that was published in the New Mexican about what I perceived as his irregular expenditures, Montoya said he used the sound system at candidate forums. I believe this statement is untrue since the organizations sponsoring these forums provided the sound system (Unfortunately the New Mexican removed his comment because it was an unfounded personal attack against me) Again it seems he will use the sound system for his own personal enrichment well after the campaign ends. This report is available online at the City of Santa Fe’s Clerk’s webpage. See Attached

His first expenditure report notes money spent on a microphone and microphone adapter and an iPhone gimbal stabilizer and tripod...It seems like he is milking his contributors while retaining long lasting electronic and vehicular goods for himself and that they are not solely “for a political purpose” as would be apparel, pens, bags, buttons with his name or campaign logo on them or campaign signs. He also bought a cooler “for parades” and repeated large purchases for barbeques.

City of Santa Fe

CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENT / EXPENDITURES

Name of Candidate David Montoya

Position Sought City Council District No. One

Reporting Period 5/5/2025 TO 9/5/2025

Total of Expenditures this Reporting Period: \$9,694.40

Cumulative Total of Expenditures to Date (Including this Report): \$9,694.40

Date Expended	Name of Individual or Business and Mailing Address Purpose of Expenditure	Method of Payment	Amount
05/07/25	Office Depot 542 Guadalupe St. Clipboards, Pens	Personal CC	\$32.45
05/11/25	Market Street Guadalupe St. BBQ Meat for Volunteers	Personal CC	\$89.77
05/20/25	Market Street 542 Guadalupe St. Burgers and Dogs for Canvassing cookout	Personal CC	\$60.53
05/22/25	Sierra 542 Guadalupe Cooler for Parades	Personal CC	\$106.05
05/23/25	Sams Club 4201 Rodeo Road Soft Drinks, Water, Brisket for campaign	Personal CC	\$166.29
06/04/25	Lowes Materials for Truck Signs	Personal CC	\$165.22
06/09/25	Office Depot 542 Guadalupe St. Labeling machine	Personal CC	\$60.48
06/22/25	Seventh Sector Web Design	Personal CC	\$200.00
07/01/25	Orale MVD Express St. Francis Drive Campaign truck re-registration	Personal CC	\$99.00
07/06/25	Seventh Sector Web Design and Admin Support	Personal CC	\$100.00

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENT / EXPENDITURES (Continued)

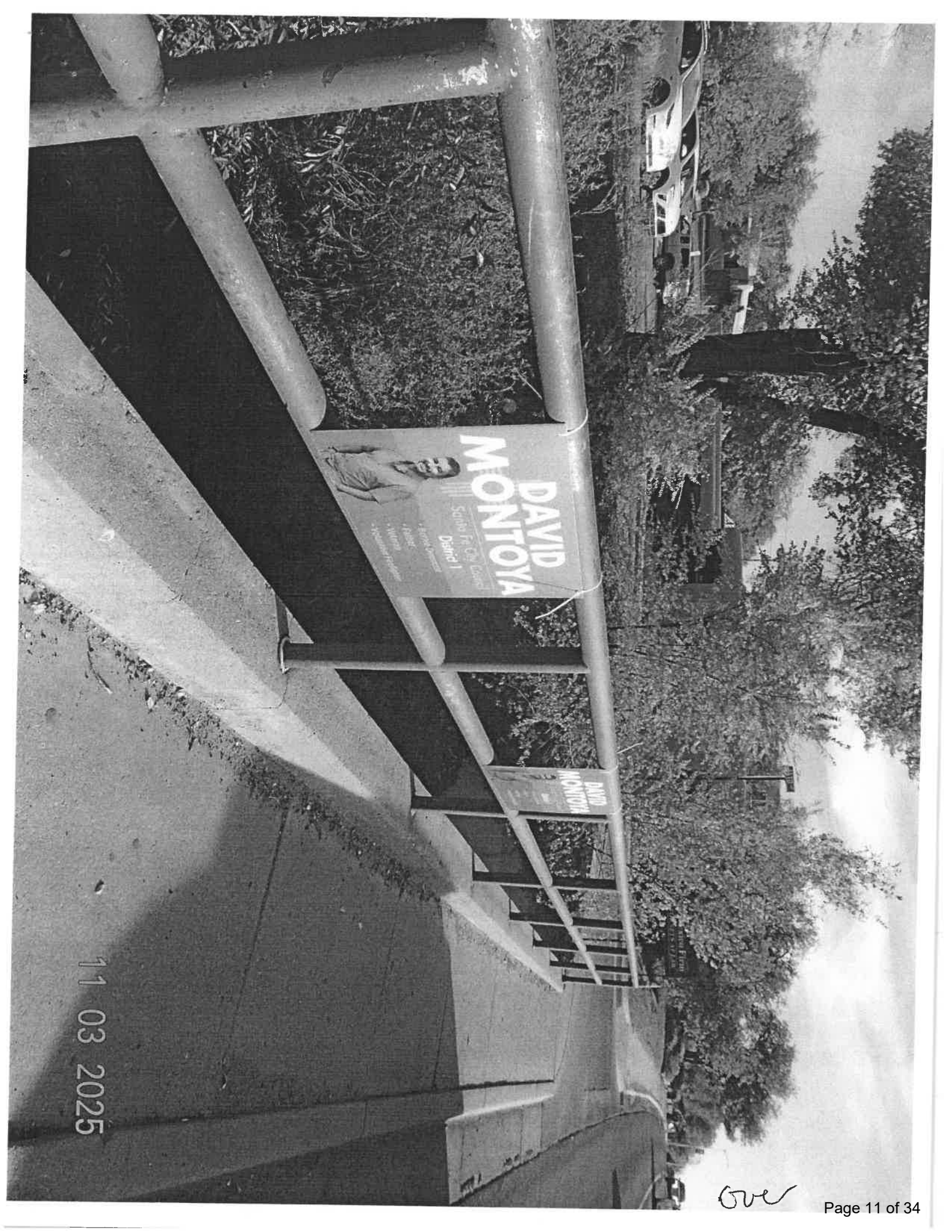
Date Expended	Name of Individual or Business and Mailing Address Purpose of Expenditure	Method of Payment	Amount
07/31/25	Best Buy Zafarano Microphone	Campaign CC	\$75.72
07/31/25	Market Street 562 Guadalupe Brisket for Dem Picnic	Campaign CC	\$110.36
08/01/25	The Candyman St. Michaels Drive Microphone adapter cable	Campaign CC	\$14.05
08/08/25	Office Depot 562 Guadalupe Office Supplies	Campaign CC	\$80.22
08/04/25	Sams Club 4201 Rodeo Road Campaign Drinks Ribs	Campaign CC	\$123.48
08/07/25	Walmart Riverside Dr. Espanola Campaign truck tires	Campaign CC	\$249.65
08/08/25	Walmart Riverside Dr. Espanola Campaign Truck Lights Cleaning Supplies fuses	Campaign CC	\$84.47
08/11/25	Sams Club 4201 Rodeo Road BBQ Supplies	Campaign CC	\$80.03
08/18/25	Office Depot 562 Guadalupe Copy Paper	Campaign CC	\$30.28
08/20/25	David Montoya Loan Payment	Check	\$1,000.00
08/26/25	Santa Fe Fiesta Council Parade Registration	Campaign CC	\$208.00
08/26/25	Cassandra Rose LLC Viedography	Direct Payment Campaign	\$500.00
08/26/25	Joseph Casados Field support	Check 106	\$1,000.00

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DAVID MONTOYA

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**DAVID
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Santa Fe City Council
District 1
• Santa Fe Democrat
• Father
• Veteran
• Volunteer Firefighter

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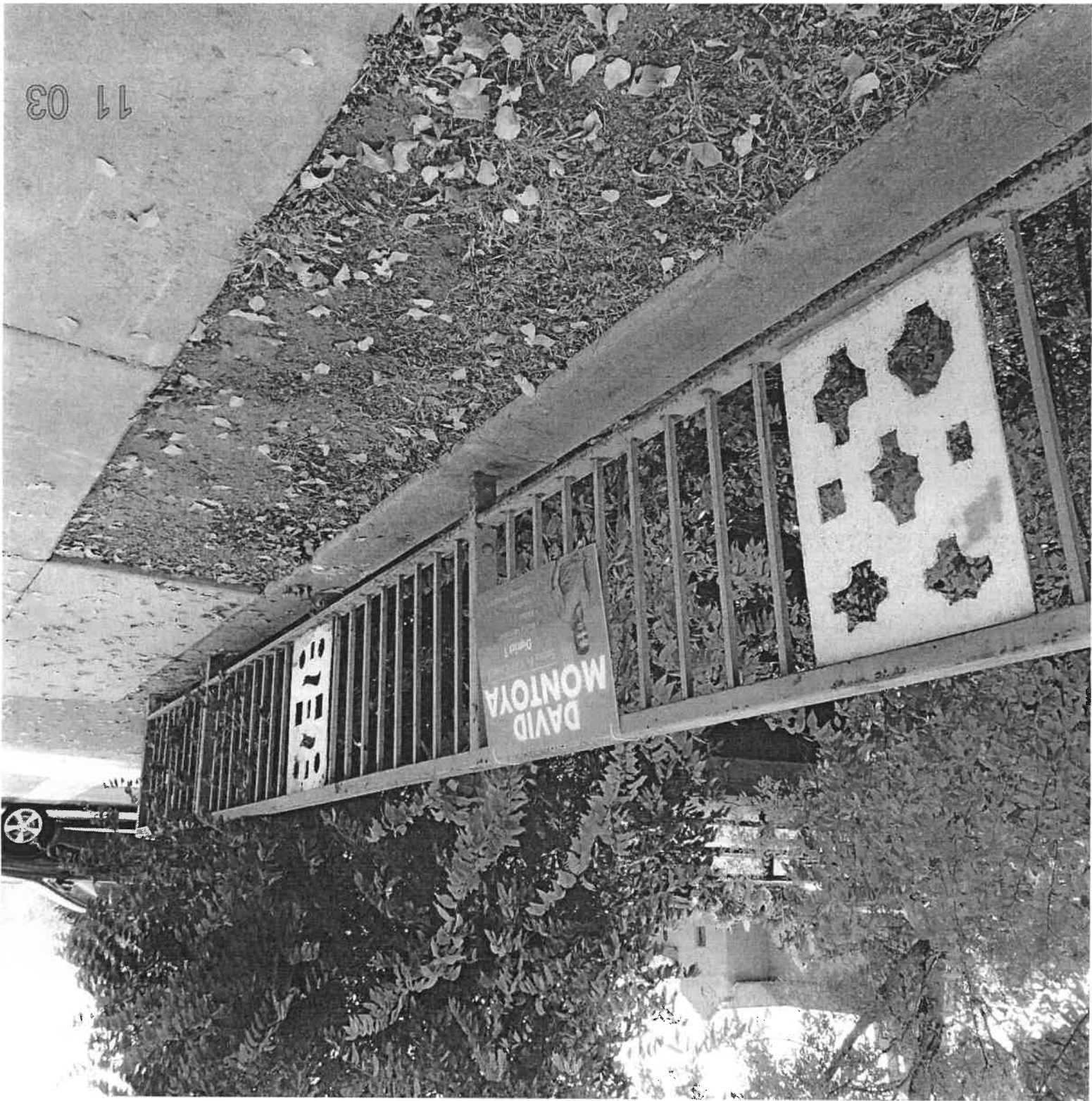
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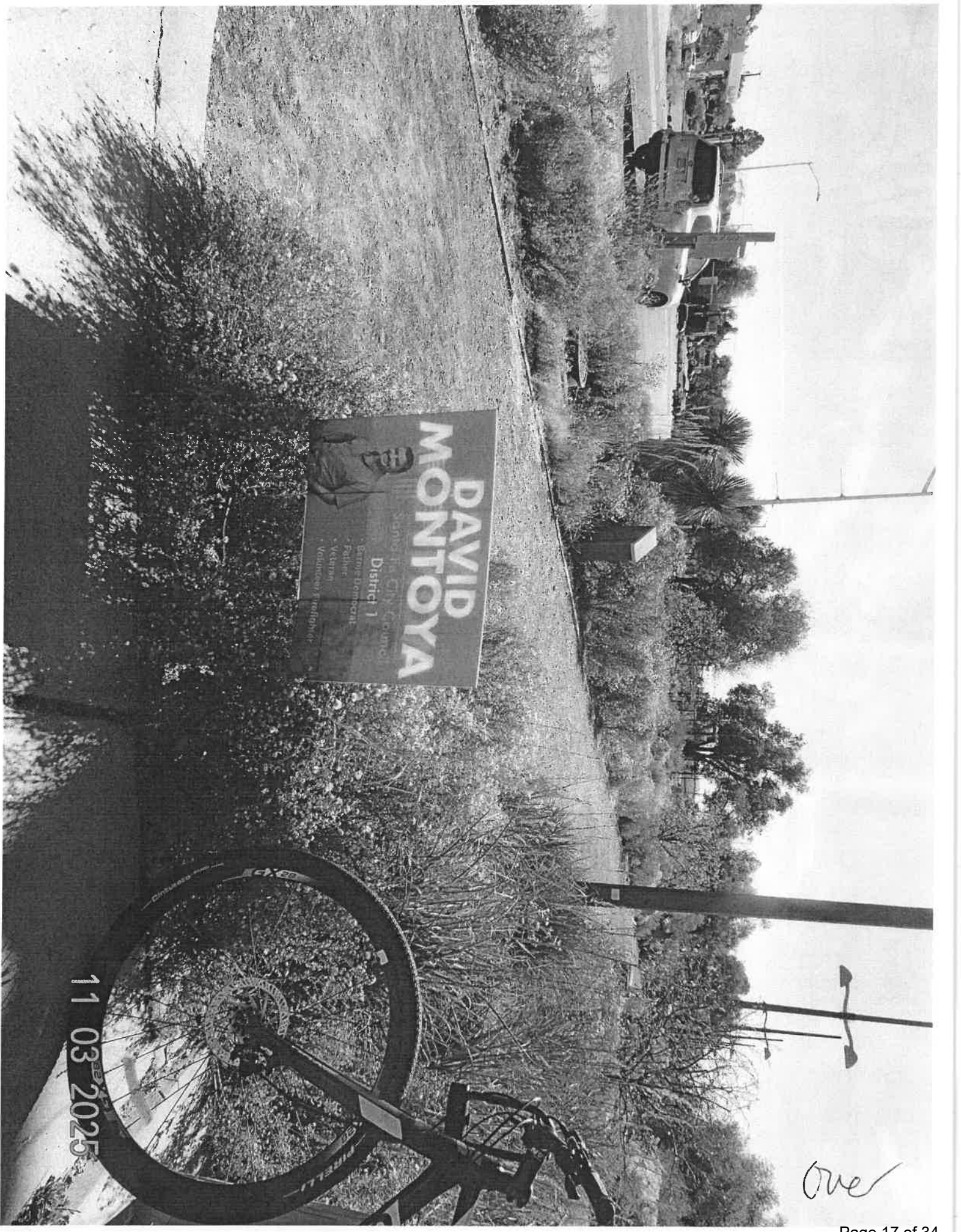
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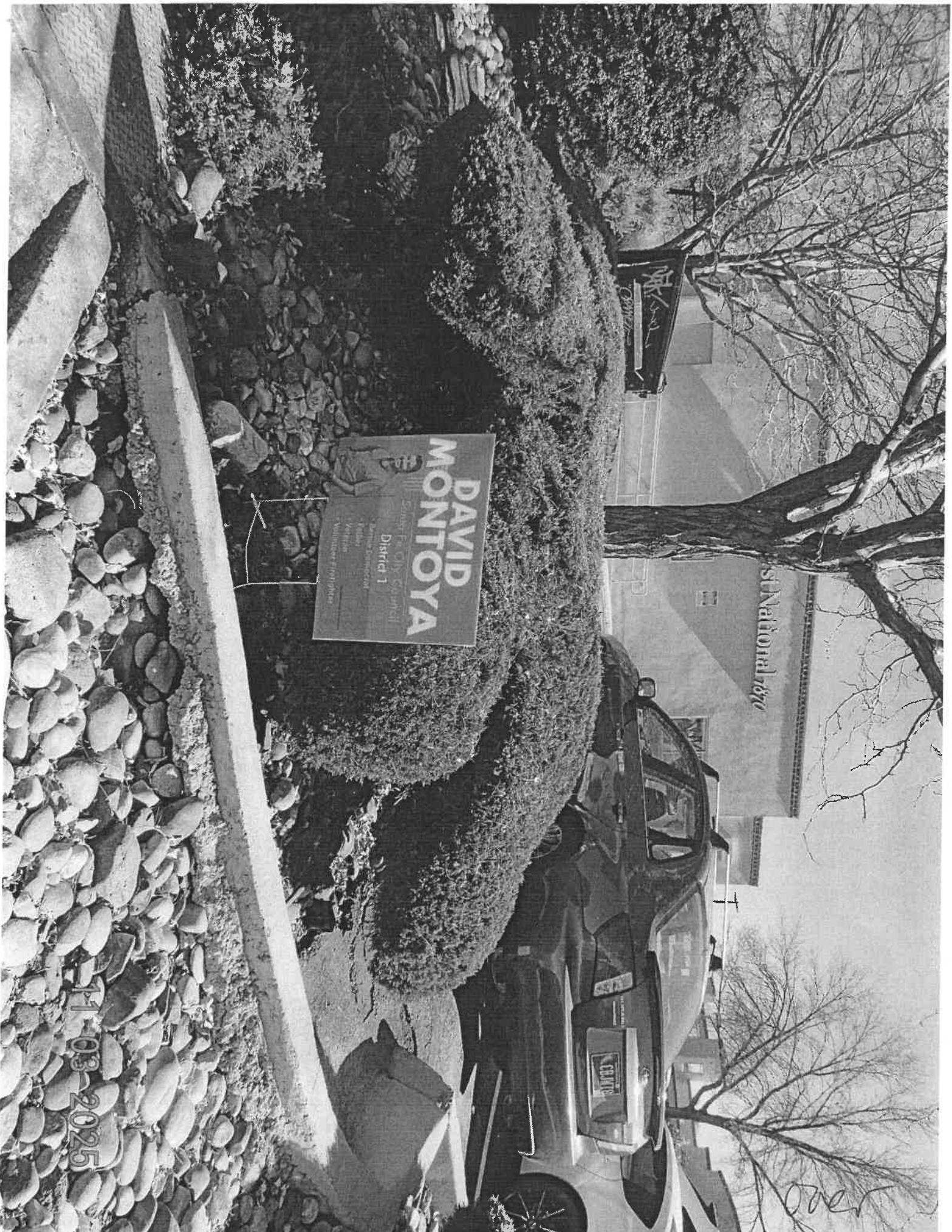

DAVID MONTOYA
 Sonoran City Council
 District 1
 Former Democrat
 Veteran
 Volunteer & Entrepreneur

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 Mayor of the City Council
 District 1
 Member of the Board of Directors
 Mayor
 Vice Mayor
 Multicultural Entrepreneur

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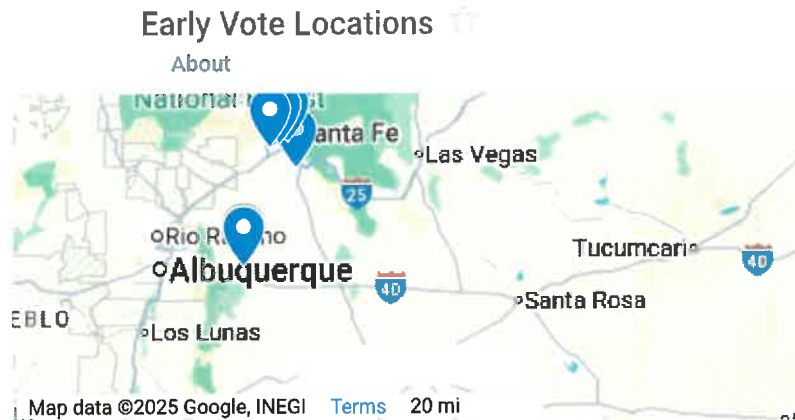


DAVID MONTOYA
 City Council
 District 1
 Pueblo
 Representing
 the people of Pueblo



11.03.2025

Below is the map for early polling locations. Only the Clerk's Office is open Oct 7; all other polling locations open Oct 18. Click to see [current wait times](#).



Election Day Polling Locations

Polls are open from 7am-7pm on Election Day. Click to see [current wait times](#).

Want to see an overview of Early and Election Day polling locations to choose the right one for you? [Click here](#).

Edgewood/Galisteo

Edgewood Fire Station #70
1 Municipal Way
Edgewood, NM 87015

Galisteo Community Center
35 Ave Vieja
Galisteo, NM 87540

Eldorado/Hondo/Glorieta

CASE # 2025-5

RECEIVED - CITY CLERK
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Complaint Form

(Please print or type)
(Additional pages may be added)

City of Santa Fe
Ethics & Campaign Review Board

Date: 11/4/25

1. Name of person and/or group charged with alleged violation. _____

Leroy Trujillo

2. Please explain briefly the nature of the alleged violation. _____

Posting campaign signs on public property

3. Please state which specific provision(s) or part(s) of the Code of Ethics or Election Code you believe have been violated. _____

~~9-2.15B~~ 9-2.15B

4. Please state the facts you have regarding the violations, including:
the date(s) _____

the time(s) see attached statement

the place(s) _____

people involved _____

other facts _____

5. Are there any witnesses to the violation who are willing to confirm your charge?
Please list with addresses, phone numbers and what they know. _____

see attached photo + emails

6. Attach documentation of actual evidence you have to support your complaint, to this form. _____

Photos / emails to article etc

7. What is your name? Stefanie Beninato

8. Address? PO Box 1601 Santa Fe Zip Code 87504

9. Telephone Number? 505 988 8022 Work: None

10. Email Address? mjb@nmpa.com

Received on: November 4 20 25
By: [Signature]
City Clerk's Office

To the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and complete.
Stefanie Beninato
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NOTARY PUBLIC
DENISE DUPONT
COMMISSION # 1080796
COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/29/2027

4 day of Nov 20 25
[Signature]
Notary Public

Leroy Trujillo

Posting of Campaign signs on Public Property

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I saw Leroy Trujillo's campaign signs on public property (utility poles in public ROW on Don Diego and on Camino de los Marquez and in the river park at Galisteo and De Vargas streets in the beginning of October 2025. I reported this violation to the city clerk's office.

The clerk's office assured me that they had informed Trujillo of the ordinance's prohibition about posting on public property

I was out of town and returned on 29 October. On 30 October 2025, I saw Trujillo's signs on virtually every utility pole on Cordova Rd from Don Diego to St Francis Dr. I observed them again on 31 October in these locations and also on Cam de los Marquez

On 2 November I observed Trujillo's sign between the trail and the street on public property at Galisteo and Rodeo Rd and also about 30 ft north of this intersection

On 3 November, after his signs were removed, there were more signs back up on Cordova Rd in the same location.

On 3 November I observed Trujillo's signs on a utility pole at Guadalupe and Paseo de Peralta and on 4 November I observed Trujillo's signs on E San Mateo east of Pacheco St and at the Salvador Perez Recreation Park at the corner of Alta Vista St and St Francis Dr.

I have photographed a few of these signs.

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Leroy Trujillo campaign signs on public property

Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2025 14:41:42 -0600

From: STEFANIE BENINATO <stebeni@zianet.com>

Reply-To: info@nmmediate.com

To: asalazar@santafenm.gov, gfcardenas@santafenm.gov

Andrea and GERALYN On Sunday I noticed a Leroy Trujillo campaign sign on DeVargas in the river park at Galisteo. I am not sure if it is still there.

I then noticed another of his signs on Don Diego on a utility pole near Camino de los Marquez. That has been removed but there is another one on Cam. de los Marquez on a utility pole in front of Zoomie's dog day care.

Please educate Mr Trujillo about where he can post signs and have him remove these signs and any others he has on public property

Thank you

Stefanie Beninato



----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: more Leroy Trujillo campaign signs on public property

Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2025 19:47:14 -0600

From: STEFANIE BENINATO <stebeni@zianet.com>

Reply-To: info@nmmediate.com

To: asalazar@santafenm.gov, gfcardenas@santafenm.gov

Now I see Leroy Trujillo's signs pinned to trees and poles on Cordova. I thought you were "talking" to him about not posting on public property (ROW is public property).

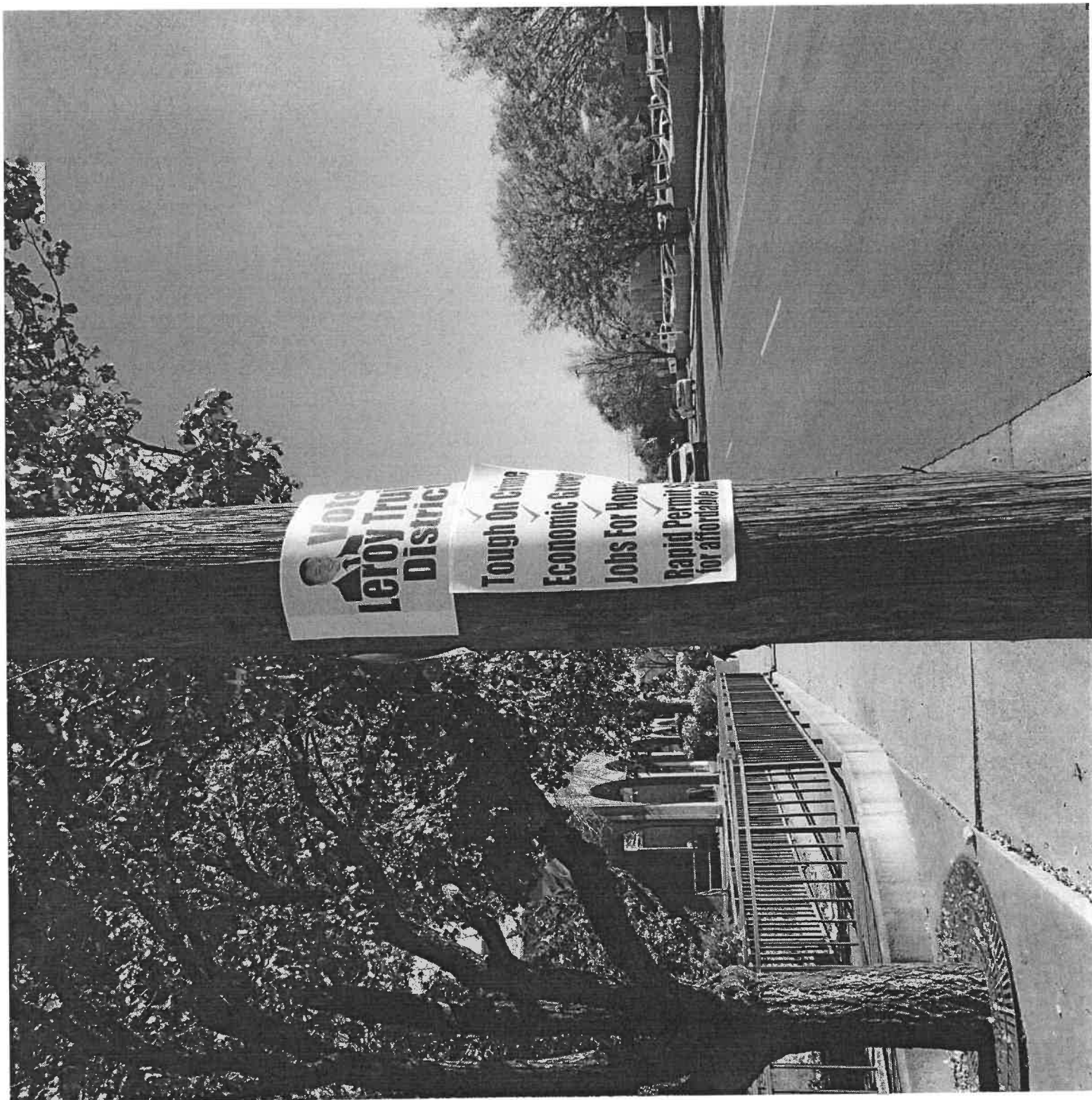
I would like to file a formal complaint against him for violating posting of campaign sign rules.

Stefanie Beninato





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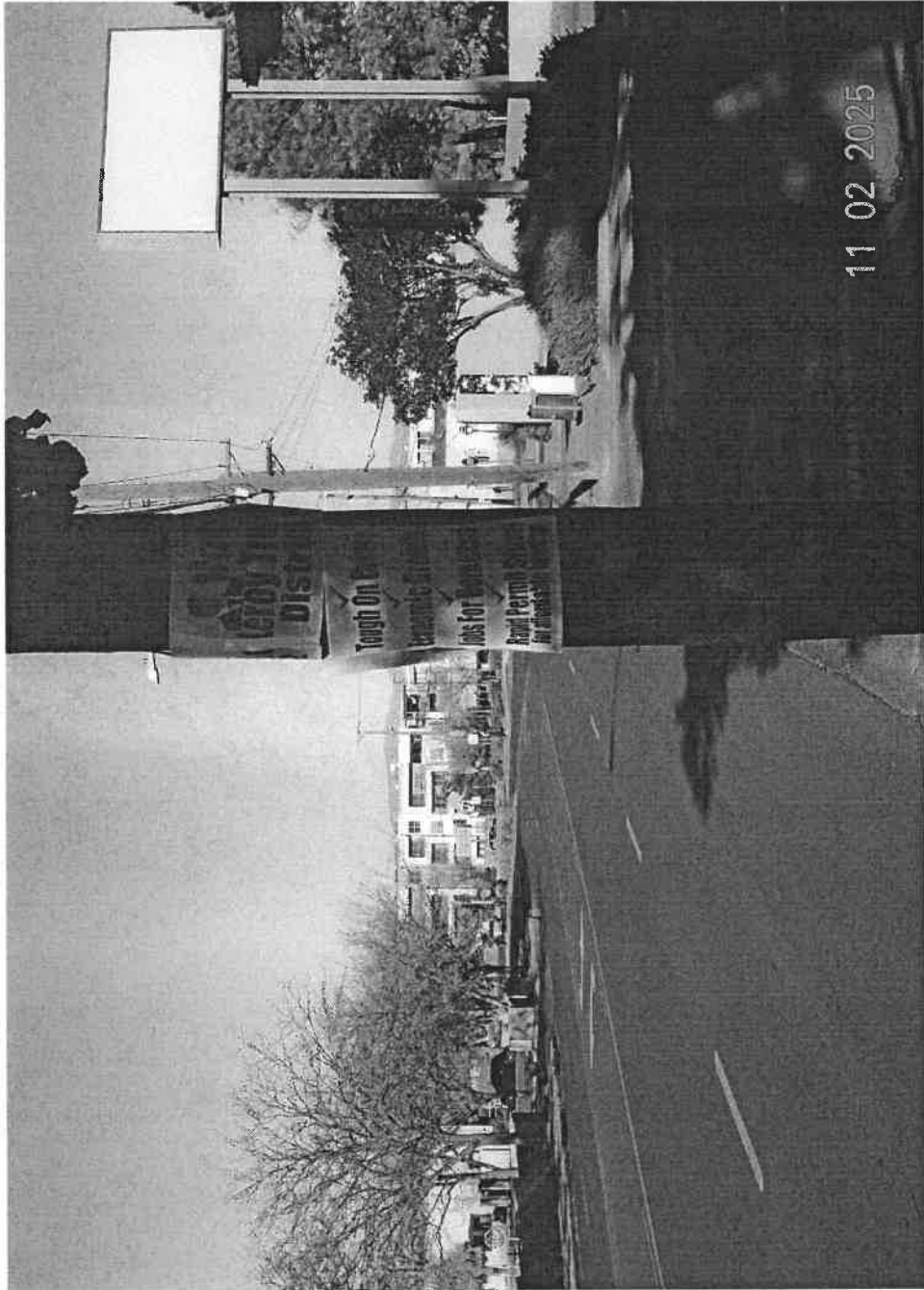


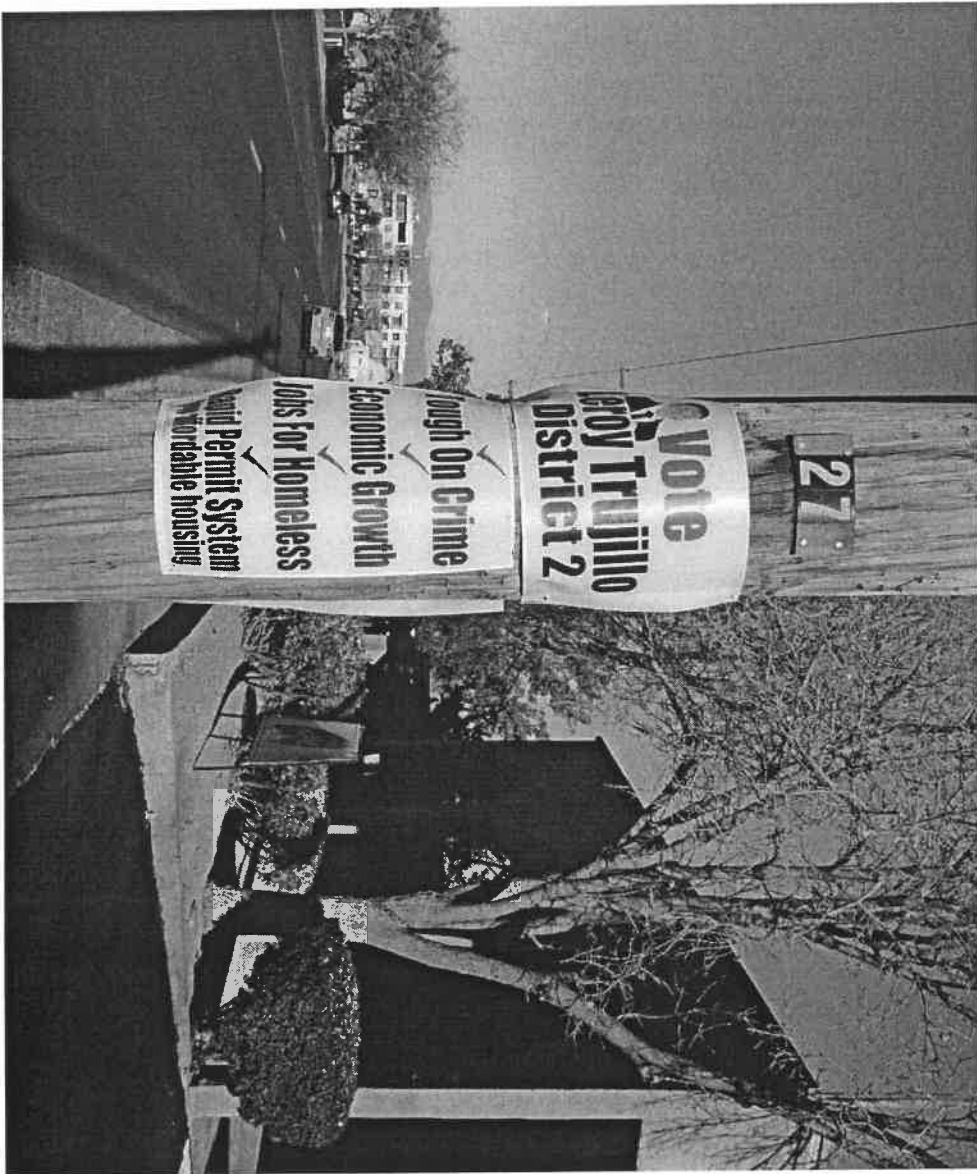
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