

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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Steven Rapada Sentenced for Violating Conflict of Interest Laws

Today, February 3, 2022, Steven Rapada pleaded to, and was sentenced on, a misdemeanor violation of "Conflict of Interest" pursuant Government Code section 1090/1097.

Rapada's plea and sentencing occurred after it was discovered that Rapada, while serving as Chief of Staff to a Fresno County Supervisor, had a personal financial interest in, and actively participated in, a County negotiated contract regarding a project at the site of the old University Medical Center in southeast Fresno.

As a result of his plea, Rapada has been placed on probation for a period of one year and was ordered to complete 60 hours of community service. Additionally, this plea renders Rapada forever disqualified from holding any office in the State of California.

Media may email <u>FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov</u> with any questions.

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