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**FORMER PLACERVILLE MAYOR DAVID MACHADO
PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY AND
CONFLICT OF INTEREST ALLEGATIONS**

Today, former Mayor of Placerville David Machado pled guilty to various felony and misdemeanor counts relating to conspiracy to obstruct justice and conflict of interest by a public official.

Defendant David Machado pled guilty to a violation of Penal Code § 182(a)(5) [felony conspiracy to obstruct justice and the due administration of laws], Penal Code § 182(a)(5) [conspiracy to destroy or conceal evidence and delaying/obstructing a public officer], and, Government Code § 87100 [public official using his official position to influence a government decision which the defendant knew he had a financial interest].

As a consequence to his guilty pleas, defendant Machado was placed on three years formal probation, ordered to serve 120 days in county jail (which he may serve through alternative sentencing or community service), ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000, and resign from any public office, commission or board, and is now barred in the future from holding any public offices. As a further consequence for his guilty pleas, defendant Machado signed a statement of allocution which stated the following:

Defendant Machado Allocution Statement

"I am admitting guilt to the charged crimes because I am in fact guilty of those offenses. I admit to wrongdoing for my actions and am accepting responsibility for what I have done in my private capacity, for acts as a public official, and those done with other persons. I further stipulate and agree that there is a factual basis for the entry of the pleas, including, at least one overt act to support each charge. I understand that occupying the positions of mayor and city councilman subject me to additional laws and also that I am held to a higher standard by virtue of my position but that in taking my actions I clearly overstepped what was permissible and legal. I am agreeing to resign effective immediately from any public office, commission or board, and understand that I am barred in the future from holding any public offices based upon my guilty plea for violating government code section 87100. My resignation was and is directly related to the guilty pleas in this case, and any prior statement I have made to the contrary is not true."

(See attached actual signed copy of allocution)

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This investigation and prosecution stemmed from a complaint by a Placerville city official. "Defendant Machado's guilty pleas and admissions of wrongdoing will hopefully set an example for all public officials to understand that no one is above the law and that abuse of one's position of power will never be tolerated", Vern Pierson, District Attorney.

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Dated: June 22, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Machado", is written over a horizontal line.

Defendant David Machado