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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **NO CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST FORMER SEASIDE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KAYLA JONES**

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that the Monterey County District Attorney's Office will not file criminal charges against former Seaside City Council Member Kayla Jones related to reimbursements/expenditures incurred while she served on the City Council.

After reviewing an audit commissioned by the City of Seaside for potential criminal charges against Ms. Jones, the District Attorney's Office has determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove that Ms. Jones committed a crime. To prove criminal misappropriation of funds by a public official, it must be proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the official knowingly acted without legal authority or authorization. The evidence presented to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office showed that city administration approved all expenses incurred and reimbursements requested by Ms. Jones, rendering insufficient proof that she knowingly acted without legal authority or authorization.