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Roy Romer  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

AUTHORIZING THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANY VIOLATIONS OF CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LAWS ARISING OUT OF POLITICAL FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES OF M.D.C. HOLDINGS, INC., SILVERADO BANKING, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION AND ANY OF THEIR AFFILIATES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, SUB-CONTRACTORS OR AGENTS

WHEREAS, I have received information alleging that political fund-raising activities of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association and their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, sub-contractors or other agents may have violated the state Campaign Reform Act, other election laws, laws regulating financial institutions, criminal prohibitions against extortion or other Colorado and federal laws, both civil and criminal;

WHEREAS, section 24-31-101(1)(a), C.R.S. (1988) provides that the Attorney General shall investigate and prosecute all actions, civil and criminal, in which the state is a party or is interested when required to do so by the Governor;

WHEREAS, section 13-73-101, C.R.S. (1987) authorizes the Attorney General to convene the statewide grand jury when he deems it in the public interest to investigate matters extending beyond the boundaries of any single county; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the integrity of the election process of the State of Colorado that these allegations of wrongdoing in the political fund-raising process be investigated on a statewide basis and if there have been violations of state law by any person or organization, that the Attorney General be authorized to prosecute whatever civil or criminal remedies he deems appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby order the Attorney General to take all necessary steps, including the use of the statewide grand jury if he deems it appropriate, to investigate possible violations of state laws, both civil and criminal, arising from the political fund-raising activities of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, sub-contractors or other agents.

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Furthermore, I authorize and direct the Attorney General to prosecute any violations of state law, whether criminal or civil, which may arise from this investigation and to pursue whatever enforcement measures, civil or criminal, that he deems necessary to remedy violations of the law. The Attorney General is hereby invested with all necessary criminal and civil authority for this purpose. Further, I am ordering the director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to make available all possible investigative resources to the Attorney General for the purposes of this investigation. I direct that all agencies, officers and employees of the State of Colorado shall cooperate with the Attorney General in executing this Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 7th day of August, 1990.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer  
Governor