

LeDoux Responds To Ethics Charge Dismissal

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The Select

Committee on Legislative Ethics has dismissed a complaint against Kodiak Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux. However the panel said the Kodiak Republican and candidate for U.S. House created an "appearance of impropriety" by having the City of Unalaska pay for former staffer Christine Marasigan to join LeDoux on a three-day "legislative fly-in" to the community last August. LeDoux said at the time of the trip her plan was to re-hire Marasigan when the legislature reconvened in January.

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sec "and...
she should have gone out on the trip.")

LeDoux

reimbursed the city of Unalaska over 2-thousand dollars for the expenses after a complaint was filed with the ethics committee. LeDoux, who has run on an ethics-reform campaign against embattled Congressman Don Young, said she was forthcoming with the committee.

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concluded there was no violation.”)

The
legislative ethics committee did not reveal who filed the ethics complaint. LeDoux
said complaints before the committee are kept secret until they are
adjudicated.

LeDoux said
many legislative aides only work seasonally, and that Marasigan had taken time
off to spend with family in Anchorage, but was expected to return to her Juneau
staff. Instead, Marasigan went to work running LeDoux's campaign for U.S.
House.

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suffice it to say, she’s just still working.”)

LeDoux’s
opponents for the Republican nomination for U.S. House have not commented on
the issue.

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