



## **Solano County Whistleblower Program Biannual Report**

For the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

### **Executive Summary**

The Solano County, Auditor-Controller's Office, Internal Audits Division, administers the County's Whistleblower (WB) Program. The Whistleblower Program includes a hotline number (866) 384-TIPS and a website for submission of complaints. The complaints received were reviewed by the Division in cooperation with Appointed and Elected Department Heads and the County Administrator as deemed appropriate.

During the period, the Whistleblower Program received 35 complaints, *including 2 open from the prior period*, of perceived incidence of fraud, waste, and abuse, or violations of County policy during the period.

- 31 complaints did not have merit, failed to provide sufficient information, or the allegation was not within the scope of the County's Whistleblower Program.
- As a result, 1 case is currently open with investigation during this period.

Details about the 3 complaints found to have merit include:

<b><i>Complaint Allegation(s)</i></b>	<b><i>Resolution</i></b>
Improper internet usage by staff	The department counseled the employee on the importance and adherence to the Acceptable Use policy.
Abuse of authority by a manager <i>(2 complaints)</i>	The department counseled the manager about using authority appropriately.

The Whistleblower Program continues to serve as a successful tool to aide in the identification of County-related matters of potential fraud, waste, and abuse. The Program examines and addresses controls while promoting accountability and oversight throughout the County by providing a process for employees, and others, to report perceived incidences of fraud, waste, and abuse in policy and practice.

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