

Embattled Placerville mayor stripped of his title

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Placerville Mayor David Machado, facing a political scandal and criminal charges over an alleged cover-up of his property dealings, was stripped of his title Tuesday night in a unanimous vote of his City Council colleagues.

The embattled Machado was not the Placerville Town Hall as the other four members voted to dismiss him from his mayoral duties and also passed a separate, non-binding resolution urging him to take an extended leave of absence from his seat on the city council.

“Dave Machado has worked hard for this city and has made many contributions – and he has allegedly made some appalling mistakes, which he will answer for in a court of law,” said Wendy Mattson, a council colleague. “Our work is to regroup, pull together and get back to the business of the city.”

Machado, 53, was arrested last week for investigation of felony perjury and conspiracy after the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office filed a criminal complaint accusing him of 30 “overt acts” of misconduct.

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