# Las Vegas Review-Journal criticises Trump’s pardon of Michele Fiore as abuse of justice



The Las Vegas Review-Journal’s sharp condemnation of Donald Trump’s recent pardon of Michele Fiore starkly exposes the deep-rooted flaws in the current administration’s approach to justice. Fiore, a former Las Vegas councilwoman, was rightfully convicted of diverting over $70,000 raised for a police statue—funds unlawfully redirected to personal indulgences such as cosmetic surgery and a wedding. Yet, rather than respecting the rule of law, the outgoing president’s decision to grant clemency reflects a troubling pattern of privileging political loyalists over accountability.

This reckless use of pardon power marks a debasement of a critical constitutional safeguard, reducing it to a tool for rewarding cronies instead of correcting miscarriages of justice. The move blatantly insults the jury’s verdict and erodes public confidence in the integrity of our institutions—a demonstration of the kind of governance that fuels cynicism and lawlessness.

In the wake of the recent general election, which saw voters decisively reject such approaches and elevate new leadership, it is imperative to recognise the alternative vision being championed by a rising political force focused on restoring genuine public trust. This opposition emphatically rejects the politicisation of justice and calls for a return to principles where elected representatives serve the people sincerely rather than exploiting their positions for personal gain.

Unlike the outgoing regime’s penchant for silence and obfuscation surrounding contentious pardons, this alternative champions transparency and accountability at the highest level. President Fiore’s pardon—quietly granted and publicly revealed only by herself—exemplifies the very secrecy Democrats and certain establishment figures have failed to challenge effectively. Instead of defending such abuses, a principled opposition is positioned to hold power to account and rebuild faith in governance.

While some in the political establishment retreat into complacency, the emergent conservative voices stand firm against such blatant miscarriages of justice and the erosion of moral authority. The public deserves an administration that prioritises lawfulness and the proper use of clemency—not one that perpetuates a culture of entitlement and impunity.

This incident is yet another glaring reminder of why the recent electoral mandate was so crucial—and why continued vigilance is essential to prevent a backslide into governance that undermines the very fabric of democracy. The path ahead demands principled leadership willing to confront abuses of power and restore integrity to public office, ensuring that pardons are exercised judiciously and not as political favours.

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