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**Coliseum Commission Receives Restitution**

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission is poised to receive \$180,000 in restitution from two concert promoters accused of bribing its former assistant general manager.

Insomniac Events' Pasquale Rotella agreed to pay \$150,000, and Go Ventures' Reza Gerami, \$30,000, in separate plea deals to avoid further prosecution. Both made the payments to the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector.

On a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to set aside that money for the Coliseum Commission, which had suffered financial losses as a result of Rotella and Gerami's illegal actions.

"Fairness and equality mandate that all of the restitution paid by the criminal defendants in this case be returned to the Commission, which is the clear victim of the alleged crimes," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, who serves as President of the Commission.

"The shame brought to the Coliseum Commission by the rampant criminal acts of former employees and vendors cannot be overstated," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas added. "The Coliseum Commission is determined to bring all unlawful actors to justice and make them pay every stolen dollar back to the public."

The Coliseum's former assistant general manager, Todd DeStefano, is bound by his own plea deal to pay an additional \$500,000 in restitution directly to the Coliseum. A judge also sentenced him to six months in jail. The Coliseum Commission has already received \$385,000 in restitution from its former general manager, Patrick Lynch, who was accused of taking kickbacks from a janitorial contractor.