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#### LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

## LCBCC Meeting Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Submit this summary form & all attachments to the Finance Director clow@leacounty.net & cc the Executive Coordinator sstout@leacounty.net by: Monday, January 24, 2022

County Manager Approval mgallagher@leacounty.net required for all time sensitive issues that do not meet the above deadline.

DATE SUBMITTED mm-dd-yyyy:	SUBMITTED BY Name, Title, Dept:		
SUBJECT: New Mexico Counties 2022 Legislative Priorities	Rebecca Long, Commissioner, District 2         ATTACHMENT(S):         Resolution         ACTION REQUESTED:         Action Item		
NO. OF ORIGINALS FOR SIGNATURE: 1 Resolution			
BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER: N/A	FISCAL BUDGET YEAR: N/A		

STRATEGIC PLAN Implementation of 5 Year Strategic Plan:

Section 2.1: Collaboration & partnership with local communities, agencies and government entities is essential for success.

Section 2.8: Continuous interaction with the State of New Mexico and statewide organizations is required to protect the County's interests.

#### SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors of the New Mexico Counties approved the following three legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2022 regular legislative session and has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties adopt a resolution supporting NMC's legislative priorities:

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Easel Laptop		Projector/Etc.: See Additional Summary Attached
SUBMITTER'S RECOMMENDATION Approve Resolution in Support of the NMC	Submitter's Signature Department Director, Etc.	
FINANCE REVIEW Fiscal Impact/Cost:		Reviewed by Finance Director
LEGAL REVIEW: (Note: Travel does not	it need legal review)	Reviewed by County Attorney
COUNTY MANAGER REVIEW:		Approved by County Manager to be Placed on Agenda
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Approved: Resolution No22-FEB-029R Continued To:		Ordinance No

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lea Board of County Commissioners does hereby support NMC's legislative priorities as set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2022 regular session.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

### LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dean Jackson (District 1), Chair Voted: Yes No Abstain

Rebecca Long (District 2), Member Voted: Yes No Abstain Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Vice Chair Voted: Yes No Abstain

Jonathan Sena (District 4), Member Voted: Yes No Abstain

Pat Sims (District 5), Member Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes Lea County Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By:

Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk

John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

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