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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham Appoints New Commissioners to New Mexico State Fair Commission

Last week, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced her appointment of seven new members to the New Mexico State Fair Commission.

The appointees serve time-specific terms, and can be reappointed at the end of each legislative session.

The new commissioners are as follows:

Eric Serna – Mr. Serna is an attorney specializing in insurance and corporate law, who also served as the Chairman for the New Mexico Corporation Commission for 14 years. He also served as New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance for 5 years, as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Following this, Mr. Serna was a presidential appointee to the United States Department of Agriculture, whose jurisdiction reached the entire southwest United States.

Benny Roybal – Mr. Roybal is from Española, where he currently lives, ranches and farms. He served on the New Mexico State Fair Commission as a member and Vice Chairman from 2006 to 2011, and also served as Chairman of the Associated Contractors of New Mexico, the National Roadside Association and State Employee Credit Union where he also served as a board member.

Carol Cloer – Dr. Cloer has an extensive background in education, becoming a teacher soon after acquiring a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1969. Since then, Dr. Cloer has served in many political capacities including as a State Delegate to the National Presidential Conventions, County Democratic Vice Chairwoman, State Democratic Party Treasurer, New Mexico State Police Commissioner, and member of both the Youth Advisory Council and Economic Advisory Council. Dr. Cloer served on the New Mexico State Fair Commission as Chairwoman in 2003.

Thomas Spindle – Mr. Spindle is currently the manager of Bill King Ranch in Stanley, New Mexico, and has been for the past 25 years. He and his family have exhibited animals at the New Mexico State Fair continuously for 30 years. He has previously served as Chairman of the New Mexico Beef Council, President of the Santa Fe County Fair Board, and has held leadership roles on many other boards.

Trudy Healy – Mrs. Healy is the owner of the largest green chile farms in the country, and has a vast knowledge of the agricultural industry in New Mexico. She is a long-time supporter of 4-H and has even been nominated for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Aside from Agricultural endeavors, Mrs. Healy has

extensive political experience, including being a member and treasurer of the New Mexico Water Trust Board, appointee to the Eighth Judicial District Judge Selection Commission, and member of the Richardson Round Table's Executive Committee.

Danielle Lowry – Ms. Lowry is a third generation florist and fifth generation participant in her family business. Opting for the entrepreneurial route after high school, she delved into the family business - learning the business from the ground up and she has enjoyed being an integral part of its expansion. She was a dedicated member of 4-H through most of her youth and exhibited at the state fair starting at the age of four. Ms. Lowry has served on the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau's State Board and Young Farmers and Rancher's Committee.

Larry Chavez Sr. – Mr. Chavez is owner and CEO of Dreamstyle Remodeling, and has substantial entrepreneurial and business knowledge. He is a current mentor for the Stanford Graduate School of Business Latino Entrepreneurial Program, and is a current member of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Steering Committee. Mr. Chavez has served on the New Mexico Board of Educational Finance, the City of Albuquerque's Environmental Planning Commission, and Animal Humane New Mexico's Board.

In a special meeting held on Friday, August 30, Commissioner Serna was elected Chairman of the State Fair Commission, and Commissioner Roybal was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

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