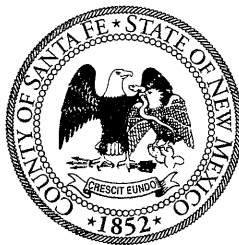


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March 15, 2015

BY FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of the State of New Mexico
State Capitol, Room 400
Santa Fe NM 87501
Facsimile: 505.476.2226

Re: Senate District 39 Vacancy

Dear Governor Martinez:

I write in response to your letter to me of March 14, 2015, in which you asked the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County to submit a name to you for possible appointment to the vacant State Senate District 39 seat by 5:00 p.m. today. In response to your letter and out of respect for your office, the Board convened an emergency meeting at 12:00 p.m. today. At that meeting, the Board unanimously voted to:

1. Solicit applications from persons interested in being appointed to the vacant senate seat through 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015; and
2. Hold a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015, to consider the applications for possible recommendation to you pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 2-8D-4(B)(2)(a).

The Board chose to exercise its statutory right and responsibility to make a recommendation to you in this way for the following reasons. First, the Board wanted to ensure that it had a deep applicant pool from which to make a recommendation. This is especially important when you consider that the person appointed will represent Senate District 39 through December 31, 2016. NMSA 1978, § 2-8D-4(C). Second, the Board wanted to ensure an opportunity for robust public input and participation in this important process, which will impact Senate District 39 beyond the last six days of the current session. In addition, the process adopted by the Board avoids unresolved questions as to whether this situation constitutes an emergency under the Open Meetings Act.

The Board will update you again after its meeting on Friday. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me should you want to discuss this situation.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Anaya, Chair
Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

cc (by email):

Santa Fe County Commissioners
Katherine Miller, Santa Fe County Manager
Nick Piatek, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor