

APPLICATION FOR STATE SENATE DISTRICT 39 VACANCY

JOSE J. VARELA LOPEZ

(Print or Type Name)

, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I wish to be nominated by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and appointed by the Governor to the position of State Senator for State Senate District 39.

2. I am a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of New Mexico, and a resident of New Mexico State Senate District 39. (Attach proof of U.S. Citizenship.)

3. The physical address of my residence, determined in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 1-1-7, is 86 VIA DE LOS ROMERO, SANTA FE,
NEW MEXICO 87507. (Attach proof of physical residency.)

4. I am 25 years of age or older. (Attach copy of driver's license or other proof of age.)

5. I am a qualified elector, meaning that I am a resident of the State and qualified to vote under the provisions of the constitution of New Mexico and the constitution of the United States.

6. Check and, if applicable, complete only one of the following alternative statements. Please note that notaries public and officers of the militia who receive no salary are **not** considered offices of trust or profit within the meaning of N.M. Const. art. IV, § 3.

☐ I do not hold any office of trust or profit with the state, county, or national governments.

OR

☒ I hold the following office(s) of trust or profit with the state, county, or national governments: ELECTED OFFICIAL - SANTA FE-POJOAQUE SWCD,
APPOINTED COMMISSIONER - NM SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I understand and agree that, if appointed by the Governor to the position of State Senator for Senate District 39, I must resign from each of these positions before qualifying for office.

7. The information and statements in my letter of interest and resume accompanying my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Jose J. Varela Lopez
Signature of Applicant

NOTARIZATION

State of _____
(County) of _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on March 18, 2015, by Jose J. Varela Lopez

My commission expires: 01/10/18

[Signature]
Signature of Notarial Officer

JOSÉ J. VARELA LÓPEZ

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87592
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March 15, 2015

Santa Fe County Commission
Santa Fe County
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as state senator for Senate District 39, which is currently vacant due to the resignation of State Senator Phil Griego.

My desire to serve is a continuation of the efforts I have put forward during the past decade to assist, educate and advocate for the citizens of this state, especially regarding their interactions with their government to address and resolve issues of public importance.

Senate District 39, with mainly rural precincts, has ever-present issues of both local and national concern. As the representative, it would be incumbent on me to advocate for the issues of collective local interest, while collaborating with others on the larger less focused issues. My approach would be to seek the most favorable result for those citizens directly affected by issues that are of major importance to the entire district. The attached resumé provides details on my experience and qualifications.

I am confident of my ability to serve all the citizens of the district in an ethical and responsible manner, and would appreciate the opportunity to perform in that capacity. I respectfully request that the Commission put forth my name to the governor as the Commission's nominee from Santa Fe County.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or clarifications.

Sincerely,

/s/

José J. Varela López
La Cieneguilla, NM
(R), Precinct 12, Santa Fe County

JOSÉ J. VARELA LÓPEZ

Home: Santa Fe, New Mexico 87592
Cellular:

EDUCATION and RECOGNITION

- University of New Mexico, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1983.
- Attended:
 - Law of the Rio Grande Conference, 2003
 - Rangeland Management School, 2005
 - Southwest Noxious Weed Short Course, 2006
 - Riparian Restoration Workshop, 2008
 - New Mexico Workshop for Dam Owners and Operators, 2008-2014
 - New Mexico Sustainable Agriculture Producer Workshop, 2009
- Awarded:
 - 2008 Pace Setter Award, from the New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture, for outstanding Soil & Water District Supervisor in the State of New Mexico.
 - Public Servant of the Year for 2012, Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District

SKILLS and STRENGTHS

- Bilingual: English/Spanish
- Project Management
- Focus and dedication to successful completion of all levels of tasks

EXPERIENCE

- Executive Director, New Mexico Forest Industry Association, April 2011- present
- General Contractor. GB-98, License # 56910, first licensed in New Mexico 1984
- Project manager, Casas Carlos Rey, 40+ lot Planned Unit Development, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1983-1985
- Manager, De Arcos Liquors and Lounge, retail business with 15 employees, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1985-1993
- Portfolio Property Manager, Valencia county, 1995-present
- Framing Supervisor, Construction Concepts, 26 unit tribal housing development, San Juan Pueblo, 1997-1998
- Commercial Property Manager, Rosewood Investments, Santa Fe county, 1999-present
- Framing Supervisor, Del Norte Contractors, commercial and institutional construction and remodeling, statewide in New Mexico, 2002-2006
- Former interim Santa Fe County Commissioner, September–December 2002
- Chairman, La Cienega / La Cieneguilla Development Review Committee, (Santa Fe County) 2001-2002; Acting Chairman, 2003 to 2005; Member, 2001 -2005
- Chairman, Santa Fe County Development Review Committee, Spring 2006-January

2008. Member, 2003-January 2008

- Member, La Cienega / La Cieneguilla Community Planning Review Committee, (Santa Fe County). 2006-present
- Past Board Member of the La Cienega Valley Association (LCVA); La Cieneguilla Representative, 4 terms, former Vice-President
- Member, LCVA Planning Committee, Development Advisory Committee, Water Committee and Parks & Trails Committee
- President, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, 2013-present
- President-Elect, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, 2011-2013
- Board Member, Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association
- Northeast Vice-President, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, 2007-2011
- Director, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, 2005-2007
- Commissioner, Region II, New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission, 2007- present. Vice-Chairman, 2009-2012. Chairman 2012-2014
- Santa Fe / Pojoaque Soil & Water Conservation District; Supervisor, 2005-present. Current Vice-Chairman. Former Chairman
- Member, Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance, formerly Upper Rio Grande Phreatophyte Control Steering Committee, 2006-present.
- Chairman, Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance, 2008-present
- Member, Central New Mexico Cooperative Weed Management Area, 2009-present
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- Member, Arts, Culture and Entertainment Task Force, Santa Fe County
- Member, Water Focus Group, Santa Fe County, 2009-2011
- Member, New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council, 2007-present
- Board Member, Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association, 2009-present
- Northwest Vice-President, New Mexico Federal Lands Council, 2010-2012.
- Served on Governor's PIT Rule Task Force, 2007
- Served on New Mexico Department of Agriculture "Strategic Plan 2009-2013", 2007
- Former participant, Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council
- Former participant, Santa Fe Watershed Restoration Action Strategy Workgroup
- Actively involved in family ranching activities, small-scale agriculture, and protection of water rights along the Santa Fe River in the traditional historic villages of La Cieneguilla, La Cienega and La Bajada. Family ranching property includes deeded land and a federal grazing allotment.
- Actively involved in Santa Fe-Pojoaque Soil & Water Conservation District phreatophyte removal projects along the Santa Fe River with the Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance, Santa Fe County, Bureau of Land Management, non-profit groups and private property owners. The purpose of the projects are to restore riparian areas and actively manage the watershed to increase water for irrigation, natural resource education and water conservation.