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# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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## Commissioner Espinoza Thanks Supporters at Swearing-in Ceremony

**SANTA FE** – At the launch of her second term as the elected representative of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission’s District 3, located in north-central New Mexico, Commissioner Valerie Espinoza shared a few words to a packed house. The inaugural swearing-in ceremony was held Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016, at the Roundhouse.

“First of all, I need to thank my pal and best friend, the Honorable Alexandra Naranjo, who I’m so proud of,” Commissioner Espinoza stated. “We are both Española natives, and proud of it! Thanks to Honorable Judge Ray Ortiz, who swore me in the first time, and Justice Patricio Serna, who swore me in twice for County Clerk.”

“Thank each of you here today for all your faith, belief and support of me over the years,” she continued. “I knew and recognized the challenges at the PRC when I took office. I knew, too, that it was going to be the privilege of a lifetime to serve and represent each resident of this great state, and my mission hasn’t changed.”

“While some may not always agree with me, I am confident that I have done what was in the best interest of the public, and I have served honestly to the depth of my heart to do what’s right! Public service is a calling, and I committed that I’d keep an eye on New Mexico’s future through supporting alternative energy resources, that I would keep an eye on your pocket books and mainly that I would rebuild the public trust at the PRC and would lead by example,” Espinoza said. “I have done that, and you can expect more out of me. I will be consistent and continue the debate of public safety, accountability, transparency and will work with those who are struggling to have clean and safe drinking water.”

“The night before the ceremony, I was thinking of what I was going to say today. I asked my granddaughter how she would describe me,” Espinoza stated. “Here’s what she said, ‘You’re not afraid to speak your mind. You’re hard working. You get stuff done. You’re funny and have taste. You’re social and loyal. And you’re for the people!’”

“As I look around the room, I’m humbled beyond words at your presence,” said Espinoza. “Thank you, to the voters of my District for the 140,000 votes and for taking the time to get out and vote! Stick with me!”

“With that, I’ll close and once again thank everyone here with me today,” Espinoza concluded. “You’re more than friends and supporters, you’re family. And one last thank you, and that’s for the opportunities you have afforded me. Con mucho Carino y Amor. Gracias!”

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