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Valerie Espinoza Begins Tenure In PRC's District 3 Office

SANTA FE, N.M. – Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza was officially sworn into office Jan. 1, 2013 at a private ceremony in Española. Judge Raymond Z. Ortiz officiated.

Espinoza served as Santa Fe County Clerk from 2004 to 2012. During her time in office, she was instrumental in passing legislation for a paper-only ballot system in New Mexico, and worked diligently to update county voting records electronically to sync with the state's web-based voter registration system. She also successfully brought Santa Fe's polling locations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Before her time with the county, Espinoza spent five years working for the New Mexico Secretary of State. There, she authored improved operational procedures for future Secretaries of State and their employees.

Espinoza also worked at Los Alamos National Laboratories for 20 years in different administrative support roles to federal agencies like the United States Department of Energy.

According to Espinoza, her goals as an incoming commissioner mirror those she touted during her campaign for office. Reform, she said, will be at the center of her agenda.

"I plan to bring a fresh perspective on general operations and policy to the commission," Espinoza said. "The agency is in need of continued reform efforts and I have the experience necessary to help guide it in the right direction."

Some of Espinoza's recent public service activities have included:

- Second vice-president of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers
- Member: County Clerk's Affiliate of the New Mexico Association of Counties
- Member: National Association of Latino Elected Officials
- Member: Mexican-American Women's National Association del Norte
- Member: National Association of Counties
- Member: Capital City Business and Professional Women's Organization
- Member: Northern New Mexico College Foundation Board
- Volunteer lobbyist for causes closely related to New Mexico's disabled and underprivileged populations, children's issues, animal rights and water rights.

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