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PRC's Espinoza Attends International Conference of Government Officials

SANTA FE — Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza (District 3) represented New Mexico at the 43rd Annual Conference and Trade Show of the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT) this July in Bonita Springs, Fla.

The yearly event provides multiple educational seminars for public officials from around the United States in areas like managing online voter registration and identity theft protection, among others. Attendees receive continuing education certificates for class time completed.

Espinoza paid for the trip out of her own pocket to have “one last hurrah” with her former fellow IACREOT election clerks from across the nation. She was Santa Fe County Clerk from 2004 to 2012.

Founded in 1971, IACREOT is a 1,500-member organization that provides a forum for the free exchange of information resulting in improved standards for serving the public. Espinoza recently was Vice-President of the organization and would have been President this year had she not entered state office.

IACREOT's trade show offers displays of the latest technology available to government executives and features products from vendors around the world.

During her time as Santa Fe County Clerk, Espinoza 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.

In addition to IACREOT, Espinoza has also been a member of a number of other state and national associations.

“It's an incredible experience to partake in an organization aimed at conducting free and fair elections and to serve alongside some of the brightest and most devoted elected officials in the US,” Espinoza said.

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