



State of New Mexico

Susana Martinez
Governor

March 14, 2015

Torrance County Commission
Chairman Leroy Candelaria
P.O. Box 48
Estancia, NM 87016

Dear Chairman Candelaria,

Due to the resignation of Senator Phil Griego, a vacancy now exists in the Senate for District 39, a district that includes portions of your county. There are only seven days remaining in the 2015 legislative session. It is imperative that the citizens of District 39 maintain representation through the rest of the legislative session.

I am requesting that the County Commission invoke its emergency meeting provisions for the purpose of submitting a nomination to fill the vacancy. If an appointment is not made before the Senate reconvenes on Monday morning, all residents of Senate District 39 will be unrepresented and your voters will be disenfranchised. This is a serious issue affecting core constitutional rights of New Mexico residents.

Please send the County's nomination to my office by 5:00 PM tomorrow, Sunday, March 15, 2015. It is my intention to make an appointment by Monday, March 16, 2015. Please direct any questions to Nick Piatek, Director of Boards & Commissions, at Nicholas.Piatek@state.nm.us or at 505-476-2235.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martinez".

Susana Martinez
Governor

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