

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 18-DEC-251R**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING A NAME TO THE GOVERNOR FOR
APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY IN SENATE DISTRICT 41**

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, Senator Carroll Leavell, District 41, announced his retirement from the State of New Mexico Senate; *and*

WHEREAS, Senate District 41 encompasses portions of Lea County and Eddy County; *and*

WHEREAS, under State law, when a vacancy occurs in a Senate District that is situated in more than one county, each Board of County Commissioners for such counties shall submit one name to the governor to be considered for appointment to fill the vacancy; *and*

WHEREAS, State law does not specify the process for a Board of County Commissioners to arrive at the name which it will to submit to the Governor; *and*

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Lea County to have an open process to ensure that all who are qualified and who wish to serve may be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County, that the following process be used in arriving at a name to submit to the Governor for appointment to fill the vacancy in Senate District 41:

1. All interested persons must submit a Letter of Interest to the Lea County Human Resources Department, 100 N. Main, 4th Floor, Lovington, New Mexico 88260, no later than 5:00 p.m. (MST), Wednesday, December 12, 2018; *and*

2. The Letter of Interest must be addressed to the Board of County Commissioners for Lea County, convey the person's qualifications, provide proof of registration to vote in Senate District 41, and state the person's party affiliation; *and*

3. Each person must appear before the Board of County Commissioners for Lea County at 2:30 p.m. (MST), Thursday, December 13, 2018, and be prepared to answer questions posed by the Commissioners, including but not limited to why the person believes he/she is the best person to fill the vacant position. Only the person seeking the position will be allowed to speak.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 10th day of December, 2018, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lea County

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LCBCC Meeting

Via Telephone

Ron R. Black, Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long, Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Richard Don Jones

Richard Don Jones, Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

BY: Kelli Williams
Kelli Williams, Deputy Clerk

John W. Caldwell
John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

