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## **Governor Bill Richardson appoints Harold Bailey To head Office of African-American Affairs**

*Santa Fe* - Governor Bill Richardson has named Harold Bailey, an Albuquerque educator and respected civil rights leader, to be the new Director of the Office of African-American Affairs. Bailey replaces the late Alice Hoppes, who was appointed to the position in January by Governor Bill Richardson.

“Harold Bailey brings an impeccable reputation and commitment to diversity with him to this important job,” Governor Bill Richardson said of Bailey, who was president of the Albuquerque branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 2000-02. “I am confident that Mr. Bailey will build on the strong foundation that Alice Hoppes created at the Office of African-American Affairs.”

Harold Bailey has been a special education teacher in Albuquerque Public Schools for the past 15 years. He is an education consultant and certified diversity trainer, and has served as a community liaison and homebound teacher at Hayes Middle School in Albuquerque. Before his career at APS, Bailey was a faculty member and director of Afro-American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Harold Bailey also has an extensive commitment to civil rights in New Mexico. Aside from his tenure as president of the NAACP in Albuquerque, he served as an advisory member to the United States Commission on Civil Rights from 1976-80; Chairman of the UNM Equal Employment Opportunity Committee; State Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission; State Chairman of the New Mexico Black Studies Consortium; Graduate

School Minority Recruiter and National Executive Board member of the National Council for Black Studies.

A graduate of Albuquerque High School, Bailey earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of New Mexico.