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### **Governor Bill Richardson names new State Fair Commissioners**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Isleta Pueblo Governor Alvino Lucero and Nerissa Whittington, of Albuquerque, as new members of the New Mexico State Fair Commission.

Governor Lucero, will fill a vacant position on the commission that requires experience in livestock. Governor Lucero will serve on the Commission through December 2007. He replaces Carol Cloer, who resigned.

“I promised to make sure the State Fair reflects the diversity and history of New Mexico, and I am confident that Governor Alvino Lucero will be champion issues that are important to both Native Americans and the livestock industry,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Governor Lucero has been a strong voice for Isleta Pueblo and for Native Americans throughout New Mexico and the United States. He will bring his vast experience to the State Fair Commission.”

Nerissa Whittington, an Albuquerque entrepreneur with experience in commercial real estate, property management and disaster recovery, is filling an at-large position on the commission. Whittington replaces Rena Salazar, whose term expired. She will serve through January 2009.

“I’m counting on Nerissa Whittington to increase participation among young New Mexicans in their State Fair,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Ms. Whittington impressed me as a future leader who truly understands the importance of the State Fair as a cultural and economic institution.”

Governor Richardson also reappointed Frank Tabet, of Belen, to another 5-year term.