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Governor Bill Richardson appoints Las Cruces banker to Mortgage Finance Authority

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson announced his appointment of Justin Harper, the President and CEO of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, to serve on the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

“Increasing home ownership opportunities for New Mexicans is an important part of my agenda to move our state forward,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Justin Harper’s wealth of private-sector knowledge and experience will help the MFA achieve this objective. It’s imperative that we have a mortgage banker’s perspective on the Mortgage Finance Authority.”

Harper was educated at the Graduate School of Community Bank Management at the University of Texas. He also attended the New Mexico School of Banking at the University of New Mexico after earning his bachelor’s degree from Abilene Christian University.

Harper is active in Las Cruces. He is a member of the New Mexico Amigos, the Las Cruces Forum, president of ICBA of New Mexico; and the Board of Directors of Western States Director Education Foundation.

Harper will complete a term that lasts through the end of 2004.

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