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Sparks to Leave Richardson Administration

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SANTA FE- After seven years of working in the New Mexico State Capitol for the New Mexico House of Representatives, the New Mexico Senate and the Richardson Administration, Billy Sparks, Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications for New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has decided to pursue other opportunities effective February 1, 2006.

“It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Communications Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications for one of the most dynamic governors in America. I want to thank Governor Richardson for the opportunity to serve the people of New Mexico and to work with him to move New Mexico forward,” Sparks said.

“My time will never be forgotten and I want to commend everyone who undertakes the difficult task of public service. Everyone on this team is remarkably talented and dedicated and I will miss their companionship. It is a decision that I have thought about for sometime and the right one for me at this moment,” Sparks said.

“I want to thank Billy for his hard work, his enthusiasm and constant optimism. The experience, work ethic and focus he brought to the job will be sorely missed. I am sure he will continue to contribute his many skills to the people of New Mexico in whatever he decides to do. Billy was the first person I appointed to my administration after my campaign and he has fulfilled his duties with dedication and professionalism. He has been a creative voice in my administration. He is a friend and that will not change,” Governor Richardson said.