



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints John Peña to Fill Vacant House Seat**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson announced the appointment of John Peña to fill the vacant House District 5 seat in the New Mexico Legislature. Peña, an accountant and former mayor of Gallup, replaces Irvin Harrison who retired.

“John Peña is very familiar with the diverse communities that make up this district,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I am confident that he will aggressively represent the people of McKinley and San Juan counties.”

Peña will serve the remainder of Harrison’s term, which ends in 2008.

Peña, a graduate of Gallup High School and the University of New Mexico, previously served as finance director and City Manager for the City of Gallup, in addition to being elected Mayor. He also volunteers for several civic organizations. He serves as Trustee for the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services; Director of the Ceremonial Association, founding member of Big Brothers-Big Sisters and a member of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

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