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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Rick Homans as Secretary of Taxation and Revenue

Tax & Rev Secretary Jan Goodwin named Executive Director of Educational Retirement Board

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today appointed Rick Homans as Secretary of the Taxation and Revenue Department. Homans replaces Jan Goodwin who was named on Wednesday as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board.

“I want to welcome Rick Homans back to state government, where I will count on his expertise at the Taxation & Revenue Department,” Governor Richardson said. “Jan Goodwin did a great job of making the Taxation and Revenue Department more efficient and responsive to taxpayers, and I look forward to continuing that progress under Rick Homan’s leadership.”

Homans served as Secretary of Economic Development from 2003 to 2007. During his tenure, New Mexico experienced historic economic growth. Secretary Homans was instrumental in bringing companies such as Tesla Motors, Tempur-Pedic and Southwest Cheese to New Mexico as well as thousands of new jobs. Governor Richardson named Homans Director of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority in 2007. Later that year, he stepped down to take a job in the private sector.

As Secretary of Taxation and Revenue, Homans will oversee the collection and distribution of most of the state’s taxes and motor vehicle fees as well as oversee the state’s Motor Vehicle Division.

The New Mexico Educational Retirement Board on Wednesday appointed Jan Goodwin as its Executive Director. Goodwin served as Governor Richardson’s Secretary of Taxation and Revenue since 2003.

“I want to thank Secretary Goodwin for her hard work and her successful efforts to streamline the Taxation and Revenue Department to the benefit of taxpayers,” Governor Richardson said. “Jan helped me design the dozens of tax cuts that resulted in more than \$1 billion in tax relief for New Mexicans. Jan also led the effort to collect hundreds of

millions of dollars in back taxes from people who are now helping to support funding for our schools and roads.”

Prior to her appointment as Taxation and Revenue Secretary, Goodwin served as Director of the State Board of Finance and Deputy Director of the State Investment Council.

As Executive Director of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board, Goodwin will oversee the \$8.5 billion retirement portfolio of more than 68,000 active members and more than 28,000 retirees. It is one of the highest-ranking public pension plans in the country in terms of return on investment.

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