



Office of the Governor

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## **SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT**

*Lujan Grisham administration highlights: Progress to date, still yet to come*

### **POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- ❖ Economic development initiatives targeted at jobs and growth in both rural and urban areas
  - New Mexico's first minimum wage increase in a decade, a 60% raise over four years
  - Roughly doubled the Working Families Tax Credit, benefiting almost 250,000 New Mexicans
  - Investing in key growth areas like industrial hemp and value-added agriculture, expanded apprenticeship programs, small business lending and outdoor recreation
    - Department of Agriculture, since Jan. 1, has issued 346 hemp cultivation licenses across 31 counties, covering 5,700 acres and 6.3 million square feet of greenhouse production
  - More than doubled the film production tax credit, added incentives for rural areas
  - Doubled funding for loans to New Mexico small businesses
- ❖ Half a billion new recurring dollars invested in public education
  - Significant increases for targeted, evidence-based programs like extended learning time and K-5 Plus, which will reach an additional 90,000-plus New Mexican children this year; increased salaries for educators, raises for other school personnel; at-risk and multicultural programs
  - A brand new Cabinet-level Early Childhood Education and Care Department that will consolidate and improve birth-through-age-five nutrition, education and care services for families and kids
  - Removed student test scores from teacher evaluations; convened dozens of stakeholder meetings to develop new student assessments and teacher evaluations; removed four schools from the threat of closure
  - Lottery scholarships made available to tribal college students
- ❖ Transformational clean energy initiatives that include job training for coal workers and communities
- ❖ Balanced, bipartisan public safety and criminal justice reforms that will facilitate re-entry into the workforce and improved transparency in the application of solitary confinement; moved to take over a private prison facility in Clayton, N.M.
- ❖ More than \$900M in capital infrastructure projects and roadway improvements statewide
  - \$75.3M in 2019-2020 tribal capital spending (Martinez administration, 2011-2018: \$39.9M)

### **LEGAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

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- ❖ Settled the 32-year 'Jackson' litigation, which had cost the state upwards of \$50 million, ensuring humane treatment of developmentally disabled individuals
- ❖ On the cusp of a settlement agreement that will ensure New Mexico inmates are afforded constitutional protections as to humane treatment while incarcerated and relieve the state of considerable litigation costs relating to the Duran consent decree

- ❖ Reached favorable resolution in a pair of inherited tribal suits
- ❖ Will begin posting all state settlement agreements on the Sunshine Portal this fall
- ❖ Implemented a new era of transparency in the Governor's Office with regard to the Inspection of Public Records Act, fulfilling holdover incomplete requests from the prior administration and ensuring the law is applied consistently

## **CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND RESPONSIVENESS**

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- ❖ More than 112,000 phone calls received and responded to by the Governor's Office
  - 99.9% of letters and messages to the Governor's Office (18,255 of 18,272) responded to with an average response time of two days
  - 77% of Governor's Office constituent cases (668 of 866) completed with an average completion time of 5 days
- ❖ CYFD inherited a Statewide Central Intake call center with average wait-times of 1.5 hours, a maximum of 3-5 hours; the average wait-time has been reduced to a maximum of 2-4 minutes
  - Child Protective Services vacancy rate reduced from 24 percent to 11 percent
- ❖ Helped more than 1,300 New Mexican furloughed federal employees navigate the U.S. government shutdown by offering unemployment benefits as a no-interest loan

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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- ❖ Proactively assisted and supported border communities dealing with an influx of asylum-seeking migrant families and children; administered grants and logistical assistance such as transportation services; pushing for full federal reimbursement
- ❖ New and renewed long-term economic partnerships established to create good jobs, including state investments in both urban and rural counties. Highlights:
  - NBC Universal: State LEDA package secured a 10-year deal with production giant that will deliver \$500M in direct production spend, \$1.1B in direct economic impact
  - Virgin Galactic: Transporting its entire commercial spaceflight operations and more than 100 employees to New Mexico in anticipation of first launch later this year
  - Intel: Added 300 new jobs to its Rio Rancho plant, citing the state's "business climate"
- ❖ Initiated government-wide energy usage and climate consciousness transformation; joined New Mexico to the U.S. Climate Alliance alongside a bipartisan group of two dozen governors; launched effort to improve energy efficiency in all state buildings
- ❖ Delivered Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for health care providers and hospitals, bolstering those who deliver care to the most vulnerable New Mexicans and helping to rebuild and protect New Mexico's delivery network, particularly in rural areas and for providers of behavioral health and other key services

## **AREAS OF ONGOING EMPHASIS**

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- ❖ Rebuilding an accessible and high-quality behavioral health system
- ❖ Measures to enhance public safety and prioritize violent crime
- ❖ Vacancy rates at key state agencies and divisions
- ❖ A recreational cannabis legalization framework that incorporates public safety concerns
- ❖ Measures aimed at reducing childhood hunger and poverty