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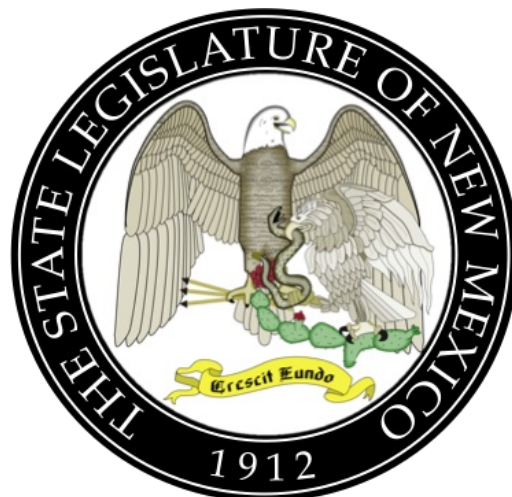
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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham was sworn in for her second term as the Governor of New Mexico on January 1, 2023. In her Inaugural Address, she ran down a list of the primary issues she plans to address in her second term, including early childhood education, affordable housing, and opioid addiction. Regarding housing, the Governor said, “with a new focus and funding to match, we will fight the scourge of homelessness that afflicts so many New Mexicans who are suffering...building serious momentum on affordable housing can be a hallmark of the next four years, and I look forward to working hand-in-hand with the legislature to achieve it.”

POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives -
45 Democrats, 25 Republicans

Senate -
27 Democrats, 15 Republicans



The 56th Legislature of the State of New Mexico began its 60-day session on Tuesday,

January 17, 2023. Both the House of Representatives and Senate came to order around noon for opening ceremonies. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued her fifth State of the State address, the first of her second term as governor, laying out her legislative priorities for the 2023 legislative session. Regarding housing and homelessness, the Governor said "I am requesting over \$100 million for housing programs, including mobile homelessness response teams that serve unhoused residents; eviction protection that keeps families in place; down payment assistance that helps people start a new chapter and begin to build equity; and investments in the Mortgage Finance Authority, which are matched exponentially by federal funding. **We need thousands more homes – so let's build them ."**



LEGISLATION THAT NMAR IS MONITORING

- HB 25** – Minimum Wage Increase & Indexing (Chandler, Roybal Caballero)
- HB 26** – Notice for Abandoned Properties List (Chandler)
- HB 28** – State Minimum Wage Cost of Living Increase (Garcia)
- HB 45** – Natural Heritage Conservation Act Amendments (McQueen)
- HB 115** – Psychometrically Sound Home Inspector Exam (Cates, Ferrary)
- HJR 4** – Environmental Rights Act, CA (Ferrary, Sedillo Lopez)
- SB 38** – General Revision of Taxes (Sharer)
- SB 46** – Wrongful Foreclosure Protection Act (Duhigg)
- SB 66** – GRT Distribution to Certain Entities (Woods)
- SB 77** – New Home Build Renewable Requirements (Soules)
- SB 97** – Easements for Broadband Internet Infrastructure
- SB 99** – Rent Control Prohibitions (Lopez, Roybal Caballero)
- SB 133** – Catalytic Converter Sales Records (Stewart, Jaramillo)
- SB 139** – Services for Homeless People (Rodriguez)
- SB 140** – NM Housing Trust Fund (Rodriguez)
- SB 141** – Santa Fe Homeless Shelter & Programming (Rodriguez)
- SB 162** – Behavioral Health Transitional Housing (Hamblen)



The 2023 Legislative Priorities are set by the NMAR Legislative Committee, chaired by Coleen Dearing, and guided by the Quality-of-Life Statements.

PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

- REALTORS® believe that **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS** are the fundamental tenant upon which our nation was founded and are guaranteed by both the New Mexico State Constitution and the United States Constitution. REALTORS® strongly support the right of each individual to **OWN, USE, & TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY**.

GROWING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - THE AMERICAN DREAM

- REALTORS® believe that **HOMEOWNERSHIP** is indeed **THE AMERICAN DREAM** and that it fosters responsibility and stability in communities, grows positive civic values, and increases individuals' financial security. REALTORS® support efforts to afford all residents of the State of New Mexico the opportunity to **LIVE** in **SAFE, AFFORDABLE, & SANITARY HOUSING**.

PRESERVING THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

- REALTORS® recognize the superb landscape and natural amenities in which New Mexicans are privileged to live and are firmly committed to protecting that **QUALITY OF LIFE**. REALTORS® urge continued action in the protection of the quality of our **AIR, WATER, & LAND**.

SUPPORTING A VITAL AND VIBRANT ECONOMY

- REALTORS® believe that vigorous and **FAIR COMPETITION** is essential to the maintenance of the free enterprise system, and the best way of encouraging **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**. REALTORS® support legislation that promotes a **HEALTHY BUSINESS CLIMATE** which encourages business to locate and thrive in the state.

SUPPORTING QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

- REALTORS® strongly believe that communities flourish when they offer a high **QUALITY OF LIFE** at a reasonable cost and when they are located in proximity to areas where people work, play, and shop. REALTORS® recognize the

imperative of long-term planning in accommodating future growth in
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, & INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

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UPCOMING:

NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE JANUARY 25-27

- **JANUARY 25, 2023**
 - Issues Advocacy Committee Meeting (1:30 PM)
 - RPAC-NM Casino Night (7:00 PM)
- **JANUARY 26, 2023**
 - Legislative Agenda & Priorities (8:30 AM)
 - REALTORS® at the Roundhouse (9:00 AM)
 - Legislative Committee Meeting (10:30 AM)
 - RPAC-NM Awards Luncheon (12:00 PM)
 - RPAC-NM Board of Trustees (1:30 PM)

**NOTE: LISTED HERE ARE ADVOCACY RELATED MEETINGS/EVENTS.
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Throughout the session, NMAR will release a new volume of the Legislative Bulletin every Monday. Members are encouraged to stay up to date with NMAR legislative priorities and respond to Calls for Action when they are sent out.

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