

Susana Martinez
Governor

Demesia Padilla, CPA
Cabinet Secretary

Divisions

Office of the Secretary
(505) 827-0341

Administrative Services
(505) 827-0369

Audit and Compliance
(505) 827-0900

Motor Vehicle
(505) 827-2296

Property Tax
(505) 827-0870

Revenue Processing
(505) 827-0800

Tax Fraud Investigations
(505) 841-6544

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 25, 2015

Contact: S.U. Mahesh
(505) 490-0976

***New Mexico State Senate Confirms Demesia Padilla
For A Second Term As Cabinet Secretary For State
Taxation & Revenue Department***

SANTA FE – The New Mexico State Senate today approved the re-nomination of Demesia Padilla to serve as the Cabinet Secretary for the Taxation and Revenue Department. Padilla, a South Valley resident, was reappointed to the position by Governor Susana Martinez.

“I am honored and humbled by the continued confidence placed in me by Governor Martinez and the New Mexico State Senate,” said Secretary Padilla. “My objective has always been to enforce our tax laws fairly and equitably for all taxpayer, and make our Motor Vehicle Division more efficient and customer friendly.

“I also want to personally thank all our employees for their hard work and dedication, and their willingness to change and improve our operations to better serve the taxpayers of New Mexico,” added Secretary Padilla.

Padilla was first appointed to the post in January 2011 and confirmed by the Senate. Padilla was sponsored by Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria before the Senate Rules Committee that voted in favor of her nomination and sent it to the Senate.

Since she has taken office, Padilla has worked on streamlining audit and protest functions, and improving e-filing for taxpayers in New Mexico. Padilla also oversees Motor Vehicle Division functions and under her watch, New Mexico has made huge strides in cutting red tape, reducing customer wait times and improving operational efficiencies. Under her leadership, Motor Vehicle Division also implemented online services to renew driver’s licenses and make citation payments, along with undertaking an important and necessary task of modernizing MVD systems.

Padilla was born and raised in Albuquerque and a graduate of the University Of New Mexico Anderson School Of Management. She’s a Certified Public Accountant in New Mexico and Nevada. She started her accounting career more

Susana Martinez
Governor

Demesia Padilla, CPA
Cabinet Secretary

Divisions

Office of the Secretary
(505) 827-0341

Administrative Services
(505) 827-0369

Audit and Compliance
(505) 827-0900

Motor Vehicle
(505) 827-2296

Property Tax
(505) 827-0870

Revenue Processing
(505) 827-0800

Tax Fraud Investigations
(505) 841-6544

than 25 years ago with the national firm of Deloitte & Touché in Las Vegas, Nevada, specializing in tax planning for small businesses and individuals.

Padilla was an Internal Revenue Service Agent in Albuquerque before starting her accounting firm, specializing in tax compliance, succession planning and estate planning. She also was appointed to serve in the Certified Public Accountant position on the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, and she was well respected and admired for her integrity, accounting skills and ability to work with everyone.

Padilla is an active member in her community and church, and serves on numerous boards and committees. She serves as vice chair of the Multi-State Tax Commission (MTC) and is chair-elect of MTC. She is also the Southwest Representative for the Federal Tax Administration. Recently, she received the Outstanding Member in Government Award from the New Mexico Certified Public Accountant Society.