

**Legislative Finance Committee
Budget Hearing Presentation
Monday, November 16, 2020**

Mr. Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Rick Hendricks. I am the State Records Administrator of the State Records Center and Archives. I appreciate the opportunity to present our fiscal year 2022 budget appropriation request, and for your continued support of our agency. Before I begin, I would like to make some introductions: Georgette Chávez is Deputy State Records Administrator and Ruben Rivera is our chief financial officer. These individuals are part of our highly qualified team, which recently completed its fourth consecutive audit with no findings, earning them well-deserved plaudits from the state auditor for their financial stewardship and ethical tone at the top, and I am proud of their work on behalf of the people of New Mexico and grateful for their attendance and support today.

Mr. Chair and members of the committee:

I know that you are all fully aware of the importance of record keeping and providing access to the records of state government. I also know that you appreciate the important records, which constitute the historical patrimony of this ancient land and of which we are privileged to safeguard and make available to the public.

Mr. Chair and members of the committee:

Our total FY22 appropriation request is for \$2,756,300 which is a \$138,800 cut from the FY21 operating budget. This includes \$2,415,100 in general fund and \$308,700 in our revolving fund.

We were instructed by LFC, DFA State Budget Division, and the House Appropriations Committee to cover these expenses out of the agency's revolving fund, which has reduced the fund balance considerably.

We have been able to sustain our revenue in our revolving fund due to the large number of emergency rule filings created by COVID-19. We anticipate the number of emergency filings to decrease as the need lessens. The potential reduction in revenue will impact our ability to cover fixed costs, not only in FY22, but in years

to come. It is for reason, we are respectfully requesting that our general fund appropriation reflect sufficient funds to operate the agency.

Mr. Chair and members of the committee:

That concludes our presentation. My staff I and are happy to answer any questions at this time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.