Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

November 12, 2026

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives of the Legislative Finance Interim Committee;
Wayne Propst, Cabinet Secretary, and Department of Finance and Administration Analysts;
Charles Sallee, Director, and Legislative Finance Committee Analysts:

Greetings:

On behalf of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA), I respectfully request your full support for our Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) General Fund budget proposal totaling $7,270,500. This investment is critical to sustaining New Mexico's justice system, protecting victims, and ensuring that District Attorney offices can meet increasing demands for security, technology, and effective statewide operations.

General Fund Overview

Our FY28 request includes $3,590,500 for personnel, $1,946,400 for contractual services, and $1,733,600 for other essential costs. These resources support AODA's work with all 14 District Attorney offices statewide and help maintain secure, consistent services and partnerships.

Category 200 — Personal Services ($3,590,500)

Personnel funding is the foundation of our ability to deliver justice. The FY28 request is based on the FY28 District Attorney salary schedule and includes a proposed 33% increase for attorneys. The request also includes expansion positions for a Chief Security Officer ($133,909), IT Network Specialist ($147,041), IT Administrator ($103,763.38), IT Assistant II ($86,527.59), Senior Trial Attorney ($200,094), and Victim Witness Administrators ($147,041). These positions are essential to protecting sensitive information, supporting prosecutors and victims, and maintaining continuity of services.

Category 300 — Contractual Services ($1,946,400)

This category addresses statewide technology, case management, and security needs. Key items identified in the FY28 request are the E-Pros Case Management System ($998,000), cybersecurity assessment ($90,000), vulnerability assessment ($28,000), Managed Trust VPN ($60,000), CrowdStrike support ($90,000), e-learning system ($24,000), and New Mexico sexual assault programs ($90,000). These investments support secure data management, coordinated prosecution services, and reliable technology across jurisdictions.

Category 400 — Other Costs ($1,733,600)

Other costs include statewide Microsoft Office 365 licenses ($429,000), statewide voice services ($197,000), and training needs ($160,000). These tools and professional development resources promote secure communications, collaboration, and consistent operations across the 14 District Attorney offices.

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Special Appropriations and FY28 Language

We also request special appropriations for case management system licensing fees ($998,000), professional contractual positions ($272,152), and statewide Microsoft Office 365 licenses ($429,000). The contractual positions would support an IT Network Specialist, Project Manager, and Chief Security Officer if expansion requests are not approved; the proposed nonrecurring funding would provide one year of coverage. We further request FY28 non-reversion language to preserve eligible unexpended Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative funds and funds received from Native American tribes, pueblos, and political subdivisions, with the associated reporting requirements set out in the FY28 budget materials.

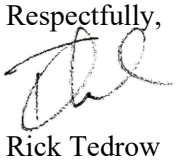
FY27 Supplemental Request

Separately, AODA requests an FY27 supplemental appropriation of $47,700 to cover unanticipated annual leave payouts arising from one retirement and two resignations. These costs were not included in the original operating budget. Supplemental funding would allow us to meet these obligations without delaying replacement hiring and disrupting support for District Attorney agencies statewide.

Your approval of these requests represents a commitment to public safety, victim protection, secure information systems, and the effective administration of justice. Adequate funding will equip New Mexico's prosecutors and support staff with the personnel, training, and technology necessary to serve our communities.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys. We look forward to working with you to strengthen justice and security for all New Mexicans.

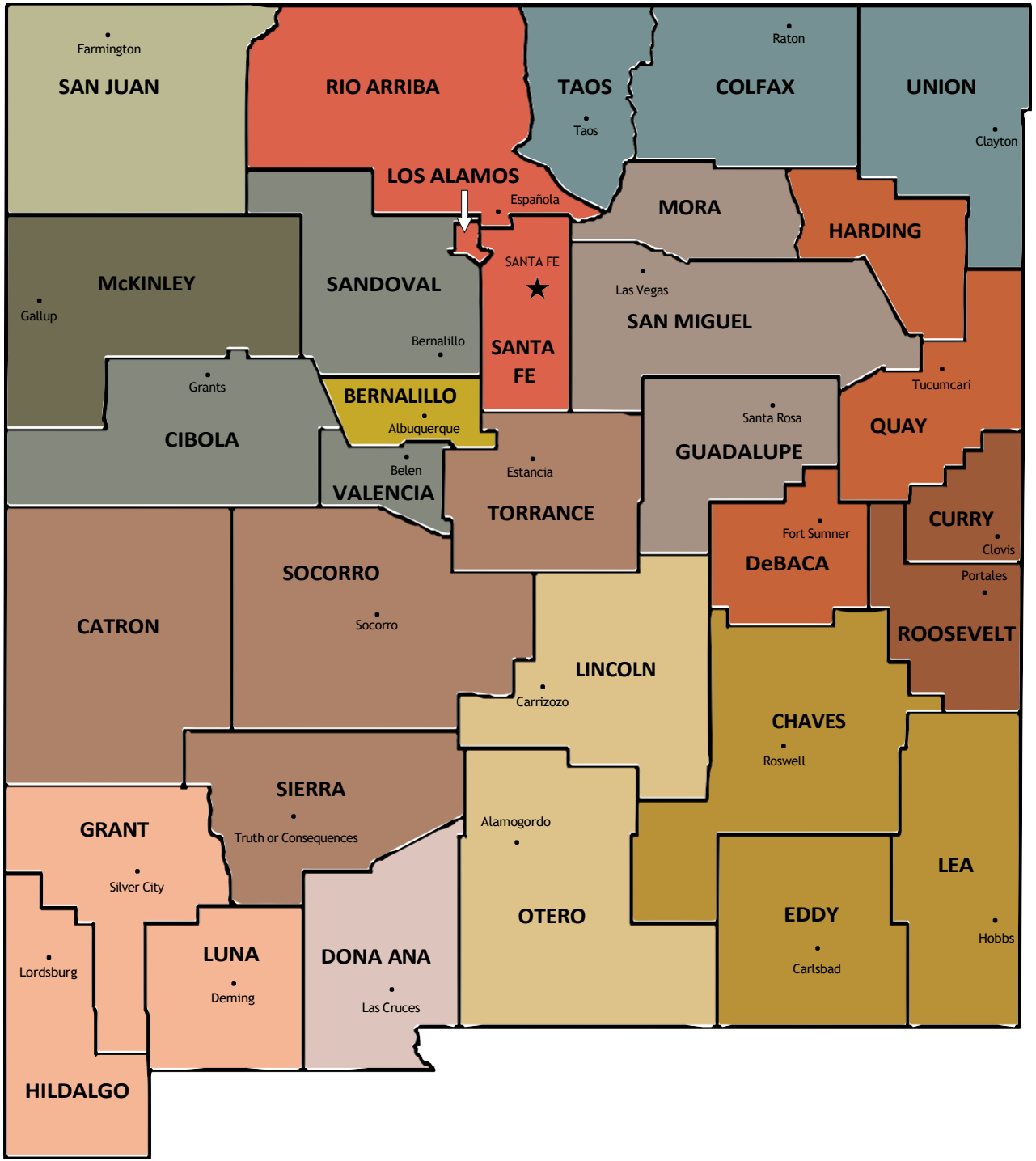
Respectfully,



Rick Tedrow
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Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DISTRICT MAP

- 1st Judicial District – Mary Carmack-Altwies
- 2nd Judicial District – Sam Bregman
- 3rd Judicial District – Fernando Macias
- 4th Judicial District – Thomas Clayton
- 5th Judicial District – Dianna Luce
- 6th Judicial District – Norman Wheeler
- 7th Judicial District – Clint H. Wellborn
- 8th Judicial District – Marcus J. Montoya
- 9th Judicial District – Quentin Ray
- 10th Judicial District – Heidi Adams
- 11th Div. 1 Judicial District – Jack Fortner
- 11th Div. 2 Judicial District – John Bernitz
- 12th Judicial District – Ryan Suggs
- 13th Judicial District – Barbara Romo



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