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Santiago Chavez to lead Audit and Compliance Division

SANTA FE — Santiago Chavez, a longtime New Mexico public servant, has been named to lead the Taxation and Revenue Department's Audit and Compliance Division.

Chavez has served as director of the Department's Property Tax Division for the past three years and has had a long career as a public servant in New Mexico.

Aysha Mora, who previously led Audit and Compliance, is now the Department's deputy secretary.

The Audit and Compliance Division ensures compliance with tax programs under the Tax Administration Act by initiating audits, resolving tax issues, performing collection activities and providing customer service. Most ACD employees are based in Albuquerque, but the Division also has employees in its Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell and Farmington.

ACD provides customer service through its tax call center (**1-866-285-2996**) and in-person by appointment at district offices. ACD audits and educates taxpayers in over 35 different tax programs, reviews and approves various credit and refund requests and administers the managed audit program.

Chavez has previously served as chief of staff/deputy chief administrative officer to the mayor of Albuquerque, director of Finance and Administrative Services for the New Mexico Association of Counties, municipal treasurer/finance director at the Town of Bernalillo, and as staff to the New Mexico Finance Authority. He also has several years of corporate accounting experience and is an Army veteran who served honorably in the 82nd Airborne.

He has master's and bachelor's degrees in business administration and a master's in accounting, all three from the University of New Mexico.

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The Taxation and Revenue Department serves the State of New Mexico by providing fair and efficient tax and motor vehicle services. It administers more than 35 tax programs and distributes revenue to the State and to local and tribal governments throughout New Mexico.

The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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