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GOVERNOR FRANK LUJAN SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Albuquerque

GOOD MORNING, AND HOW'S EVERYBODY. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS MORNING TO DELIVER THE STATE OF OUR PUEBLO. THIS MORNING I WILL TELL YOU WHERE THE PUEBLO HAS BEEN, WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE WILL BE GOING. I WILL TELL YOU WHAT I'VE SEEN NOT ONLY IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS OF MY GOVERNORSHIP BUT ALSO THE LAST FOUR YEARS AS A LT. GOVERNOR. BUT BEFORE I GET THERE I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED ME DURING LAST YEAR'S ELECTIONS. TO THOSE WHO DID NOT, I AND BOTH OF MY LT.S AND BOTH OF THE SHERIFFS WANT TO WIN YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CANDIDATES WHO RAN A GOOD HARD RACE AND I WANT TO WIN YOUR CONFIDENCE AS WELL.

TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU. THUS FAR, WE BELIEVE WE'VE ESTABLISHED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE PUEBLO. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU MR. PRESIDENT; MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU THE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, PROTECTING OUR LANDS, WATER, AIR, NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE EVER IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL AND CULTURAL WAY OF OUR LIVES, OUR SOVEREIGNTY.

WE ALL KNOW IT'S NOT EASY, WE GET MORE CRITICIZED FOR OUR ACTIONS BUT AT TIMES WE WILL GET A THANK YOU EVERY NOW AND THEN. I WANT TO GIVE A QUOTE WHICH I FOUND READING THROUGH MATERIAL NOT TO LONG AGO AND IT'S FROM THE GREAT NATION OF THE IROQUOIS, THEIR CHIEF TALKING TO THEIR COUNCIL. I QUOTE "IN ALL THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, IN YOUR EFFORTS AT LAW MAKING, IN ALL YOUR OFFICIAL ACTS, SELF INTEREST SHALL BE CAST INTO OBLIVION. CAST NOT OVER YOUR SHOULDER BEHIND YOU THE WARNINGS OF THE NEPHEWS AND NIECES SHOULD THEY CHIDE YOU FOR ANY ERROR OR WRONG YOU MAY DO, BUT RETURN TO THE WAY OF THE GREAT LAW WHICH IS JUST AND RIGHT. LOOK AND LISTEN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE AND HAVE ALWAYS IN VIEW NOT ONLY THE PRESENT BUT ALSO THE COMING GENERATIONS, EVEN THOSE WHOSE FACES ARE YET BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND - THE UNBORN OF THE FUTURE OF OUR PUEBLO". END QUOTE.

TOGETHER WORKING AS A COMMUNITY, WITH PRIDE, UNSELFISHNESS, RECOGNIZING WHO WE ARE AS ISLETA PEOPLE, WITH RESPECT TO EACH OTHER, TOGETHER WE CAN BE THE PUEBLO THAT ALL CAN BE ENVIOUS OF. I WANT TO THANK MY LT. GOVERNORS, PAUL TORRES AND ANTONIO CHEWIWI FOR AGREEING TO SERVE WITH ME AND TO SERVE OUR PUEBLO. TO YOUR FAMILIES, NOT KNOWING HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY IS NEEDED NOT ONLY IN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT BUT IN OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS OF LIFE. THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART TO YOUR FAMILIES. BUT MOST OF ALL, TO MY FAMILY, MY MOTHER AND SHE IS HERE WITH US THIS MORNING, MY DAUGHTERS GABRIELLA, JENNIFER, COURTNEY, AND MY SON, PHILLIP. TO MY SISTERS, MY BROTHER, MY AUNTS AND UNCLES, AND ALL MY RELATIVES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH

FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. I COULD NOT BE WHERE I AM WITH OUT YOU.

AS I CAN SEE BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE, YOU ARE VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT HOW YOUR TRIBAL LEADERSHIP IS DOING AND WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN THE COMING DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS. WE HAVE A VERY COMPLEX AND UNIQUE WAY OF LIFE HERE AT OUR PUEBLO. MANAGING TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ALONGSIDE OUR TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE BRINGS MANY CHALLENGES. WE HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED THIS VERY DELICATE BALANCE IN THE PAST. THERE WILL BE OTHER SITUATIONS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH. BUT WITH COMMUNICATION WITH OUR TRADITIONAL LEADERS, I BELIEVE WE CAN STILL GOVERN IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION AND YET NOT TRAMPLE OUR WAY OF LIFE AS PUEBLO PEOPLE.

SO, LET ME BEGIN. AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR ADMINISTRATION MY LT.S AND I SAT DOWN AND DISCUSSED GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON. WHAT CAME OUT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE ISSUES PERTAINING TO AMENDING OUR CONSTITUTION, WATER, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH.

TODAY, CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME OF YOU MAY BELIEVE I WANT TO TELL YOU OUR PUEBLO OF ISLETA IS IN VERY GOOD SHAPE. THANKS TO THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS AND THE COUNCILS FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND THEIR DECISION MAKING GOT THE PUEBLO WHERE IT IS TODAY. WITH PERSEVERANCE, HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE OUR PUEBLO FINANCIALLY SOUND, CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL WHO SERVED IN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NOW AND IN THE PAST. BUT THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING, THE BEGINNING OF GREATER THINGS YET TO COME.

ONE OF THE FIRST MANDATES GIVEN TO US IS TO MAKE SURE EVERY DECISION WE MAKE IS TO THE WELFARE AND WELL BEING OF OUR PUEBLO, FOR OUR LANDS, OUR WATER, OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR HEALTH, AND TO MAKE SURE OUR FINANCES ARE IN STABLE CONDITION NOT MISUSED BUT SPENT WISELY. WE NEED TO ASSURE OURSELVES AS TRIBAL LEADERS TO THINK BEYOND SO THAT FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME, THOSE GENERATIONS WILL BE SECURE IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR WAY OF LIFE, TO LEAD THEM ON THE RIGHT PATH, THE PATH THAT WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE THEM WITH WHAT WE HAVE TODAY AND MORE.

TODAY, THE PUEBLO'S PORTFOLIO IS SOUND. IN THE PAST TRIBAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THE PUEBLO HAS OR HOW MUCH THE PUEBLO IS WORTH FOR FEAR THE OUTSIDE WORLD WILL KNOW OUR FINANCIAL STATUS AND USE IT AGAINST US. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT SINCE WE ALREADY PAY THE STATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUE SHARING BASED ON OUR NET REVENUES ON OUR CASINO OPERATIONS. FROM JANUARY 2007 TO MARCH 31, 2011, WE'VE GIVEN THE STATE \$39.1 MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE SHARES.

THE PUEBLO HAS A TOTAL NET WORTH OF \$488.7 MILLION. CASH & INVESTMENTS TOTALING \$368.6 MILLION CONSISTING OF:

OPERATING CASH ACCOUNTS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS TOTALING \$118.4 MILLION WHICH ARE INVESTED IN MONEY MARKETS AND SHORT TERM BOND MUTUAL FUNDS AND WHICH GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$3 TO \$ 5 MILLION A YEAR FOR POI OPERATING CASH, PERMANENT & RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS.

LONG TERM INVESTMENTS - \$212.6 MILLION IN STOCKS AND BONDS. THE LONG TERM INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WERE ESTABLISHED STARTING IN 2003 AND WE HAVE INJECTED \$121.6 MILLION DURING THIS PERIOD. WE REALIZED A TOTAL RETURN ON THESE INVESTMENTS OF \$77.2 MILLION OR 63.4%. WE ARE PROJECTING TO COLLECT APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION IN TAXES FOR 2011.

TAX COLLECTIONS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5.4 SINCE 2009 - WE ANTICIPATE TO COLLECT \$6 MILLION THIS YEAR IN VARIOUS TAXES - GAS \$1.1M, GROSS RECEIPTS FROM C STORES \$110K, LODGERS TAX \$290K, GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE HRHC \$850K, AND CIGARETTE TAXES \$3.8 MILLION.

BUILDINGS, PLANT, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT HAVE A COMBINED VALUE OF \$235.4 MILLION.

LIABILITIES TOTAL \$129.9 MILLION.

POI OWES \$33.6 MILLION FOR THE HOTEL CONSTRUCTION AND THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMPLEX LOANS. ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF \$1.65 MILLION THROUGH 2035 WITH EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE THRU THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (NMFA) AT 3.5% PER YEAR. CURRENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$1.88 MILLION.

IBC CURRENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$1 MILLION.

HRCH OWES \$95.3 MILLION CONSISTING OF:

HOTEL \$53.7 MILLION, POI CASINO LOAN \$28.83 MILLION, SLOT MACHINE LEASE \$2.7 MILLION, CURRENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$10.0 MILLION.

GIVEN THE REVENUES AND LIABILITIES, THE PUEBLO'S TOTAL NET WORTH IS \$488.7 MILLION, CONSISTING OF POI AT \$375.6 M, IBC AT \$21.4 MILLION, AND HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO AT \$91.6 MILLION.

IT TOOK MANY YEARS TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE AT. AS I SAID EARLIER, THANKS TO THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS AND COUNCILS FOR THEIR FORESIGHT.

I GIVE CREDIT ALSO TO MR. ANDREW TELLER, FOR UNDERSTANDING THE MONEY MARKETS, WHEN TO MOVE MONEY, KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING THE ECONOMICS OF TODAY.

THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PUEBLO THIS YEAR IS \$40.2 MILLION WHICH REPRESENTS ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$18.6 MILLION IS PUEBLO DOLLARS, WHILE THE DIFFERENCE OF \$21.5 COMES FROM OTHER SOURCES LIKE THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, AND GRANTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. HOWEVER, THAT MONEY IS ALWAYS NOT ENOUGH. THE SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM AND THE ISLETA HEALTH CLINIC ARE THE ONLY PROGRAMS FUNDED 100% BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE SOCIAL SERVICES OPERATES ON A BUDGET OF \$327,983 THIS YEAR WHILE THE CLINIC HAS A BUDGET OF \$7.5M. THE ISLETA POLICE DEPT., DEPT. OF EDUCATION ARE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY BIA AND IHS. THE POI SUPPLEMENTS THE REST OF THEIR OPERATING BUDGETS. FOR EXAMPLE, PUBLIC SAFETY WHICH IS THE POLICE DEPT., RECEIVES \$1.2M FROM THE FEDS WHILE \$1.5M IS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE POI. THE DEPT. OF ED RECEIVES \$277,000 FROM THE FEDS AND WE CHIP IN \$2.7M. THE OTHER PROGRAM THAT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL OPERATING BUDGET IS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. THEY RECEIVE \$475,000 FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES WHILE THE POI CHIPS IN \$1.9M. SO YOU BEGAN TO SEE THE PICTURE.

SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION RE-ORGANIZED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE WENT FROM MANAGING OVER 50 PROGRAMS TO 6 MAJOR DEPARTMENTS. OF COURSE, EACH DEPARTMENT IS BROKEN DOWN TO MAYBE SIX AS SOME PEOPLE CALL THEM BRANCHES. THAT LEAVES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL DEPT. HEADS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS WHILE LEAVING OUR ADMINISTRATION TO CONCENTRATE ON ISSUES THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE PENDING. EACH PROGRAM DIRECTOR IS CHARGED WITH APPLYING FOR GRANTS WHERE EVER THEY EXIST. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ELDERS PROGRAM, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT, THE HEADSTART PROGRAM, PUBLIC WORKS, NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSING, AND TRIBAL COURTS HAVE RECEIVED SOME SORT OF MONETARY AID IN THE FORM OF GRANTS. HATS OFF TO ALL THE DIRECTORS WHO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN APPLYING FOR AND FOR BEING AWARDED GRANT MONEY. I NEED TO RECOGNIZE MS. CHERYL DIXON, WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO FIND AND IN SECURING GRANT MONEY. WITH HER WORK, THE PUEBLO WAS ABLE TO RECEIVE GRANT MONEY FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECTS. PROJECTS SUCH AS THE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT IN AND AROUND THE PUEBLO IS ONE, THE NEW EDUCATION/LIBRARY COMPLEX IS ANOTHER. WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO DESIGN OF THE NEW CARE FACILITY FOR OUR ELDERS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE MS. DIXON TO SEEK MONEY TO HELP WITH TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND SO, THANK YOU CHERYL. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE MS. MARY ABEITA, DIRECTOR OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA). MARY IS A ONE PERSON OPERATION WHO IS CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING EXCELLENT PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT ELIGIBLE YOUTH AND ADULTS PUTTING THEM TO WORK IN VARIOUS POI DEPARTMENTS. RECENTLY, THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA RECEIVED THE 2011 OUTSTANDING WEST GRANTEE AWARD AS ONE OF THE TOP TWO GRANTEES IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AWARDED BY THE DEPT. OF LABOR, THE INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS. THANK YOU MARY AND CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.

THIS YEAR THE COUNCIL SET AN OPERATING BUDGET OF \$17.9 MIL DOWN FROM LAST YEAR'S \$21. WE CONDUCTED SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH ALL THE PROGRAM DIRECTORS TO REDUCE EACH OF THEIR OPERATING BUDGET BY 3% WHEN WE BEGAN. IN DOING SO, I MADE TWO PROMISES; 1, THAT I WOULD NOT REDUCE THE BUDGET BY TAKING PAY CUTS FROM THE EMPLOYEES AND 2, THAT WE WOULD NOT CUT ON SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, WE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AN OPERATING BUDGET OF \$18.6 MILLION FOR APPROVAL. THAT WAS THE BEST WE COULD DO CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT WE WERE BEGINNING TO TALK ABOUT REDUCING SERVICES OR PUTTING EMPLOYEES ON FURLOUGH. AFTER MANY DELIBERATIONS BY COUNCIL, WE GOT OUR BUDGET APPROVED. THANK YOU TRIBAL COUNCIL.

SINCE THE DOWN TURN OF THE ECONOMY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD OUR OWN. THE HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO CONTINUES TO BE IN THE TOP THREE OF ALL TRIBAL CASINOS HERE IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL, 2011, GAMING REVENUES WERE AT \$34 MIL., NON GAMING REVENUES LIKE THE HOTEL, FOOD AND BEVERAGE, RETAIL, GOLF, FUN CONNECTION, ENTERTAINMENT AND SO FORTH WERE AT \$8.2 MIL. FOR A NET GROSS REVENUE OF \$42.2 MIL. TAKE OUT PROMOTIONAL ALLOWANCE OF \$765 THOUSAND NET REVENUE CAME IN AT \$41.5M. OF COURSE FROM THIS AMOUNT OTHER CHARGES APPLY SUCH AS LABOR, ADVERTISING, ENTERTAINMENT, INSURANCE, LICENSES AND FEES, COST OF SALES. THAT NUMBER IS \$26.9 M. I KNOW THIS IS KIND OF HARD TO FOLLOW BUT LET ME TELL YOU AFTER ALL THAT IS SAID AND DONE, THE NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE, 2011, IS \$6.9 M.

OUR OFFICE, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, AND HARD ROCK MANAGEMENT SIT DOWN ONCE A MONTH TO DISCUSS THE

FINANCES, THE OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, PLANNING FOR FUTURE GROWTH, WHAT WENT BAD, WHY AND WHAT ARE THE FIXES. OF COURSE THE HARD ROCK DOES NOT COME WITHOUT PROBLEMS. LIKE ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WE'VE EXPERIENCED LABOR PROBLEMS, AND WE CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT OTHER PROBLEMS, SOME TRUE SOME NOT. WE TAKE EACH ONE VERY SERIOUSLY.

UNLIKE OTHER CASINOS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR REVENUES. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE WILL BE RECEIVING FROM THE CASINO IS \$14.5 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

WE RECENTLY CELEBRATED OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO ALBUQUERQUE ON JUNE 11, 2011. THE TRANSITION HAS INCLUDED MANY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS, I.E. NEW CARPETING, NEW PAINT, NEW SLOT MACHINES, AND THE ADDITION OF LUCHA'S RESTAURANT, NEW SIGNAGE, CENTER BAR AND EXPANSION OF THE HARD ROCK STORE. IT IS NOTEWORTHY TO MENTION THAT THE HARD ROCK STORE HAD SALES OF \$1.3 MILLION DOLLARS SINCE IT BEGAN SELLING HARD ROCK MERCHANDISE, WHICH IS ALMOST AN \$800,000 INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR. WE WOULD HAVE DONE THE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS WITH OUR WITHOUT THE HARD ROCK CONVERSION TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPERTY REMAINS ATTRACTIVE WHICH BECOMES INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION IN THIS COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS I HEARD CIRCULATING AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

- WHEN WE MADE THE DECISION TO RE-BRAND AS HARD ROCK, I KNOW SOME OF YOU IN THE COMMUNITY WERE UPSET ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE TRIBAL DECOR.
 - IT WAS PART OF THE HARD ROCK BRANDING AGREEMENT.
 - TRIBAL HISTORY HAS NOT BEEN LOST. THE ARTWORK, PICTURES, POTTERY WILL BE PLACED IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND OTHER APPROPRIATE VENUES.
- I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT THE HARD ROCK AGREEMENT IS ONLY A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT NOT A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.
 - THE CASINO IS STILL OWNED, OPERATED AND MANAGED ENTIRELY BY THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA.
- ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN WAS THE USE OF ALBUQUERQUE VS. ISLETA ON THE LOGO.
 - THE REASON FOR THE USE OF ALBUQUERQUE WAS FOR BRANDING AND ADVERTISING PURPOSES ONLY. NATION-WIDE PEOPLE WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE LOCATED.

THIS YEAR I COMMITTED TO CLOSING THE CASINO OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR TRADITION AND MAY DO SO AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO ALBUQUERQUE BRAND NAME DOES DIFFERENTIATE US. THE ECONOMY REMAINS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE ABILITY TO DRIVE REVENUES IN THE COMPETITIVE ALBUQUERQUE MARKET, PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH VALLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. VISITS ARE UP; HOWEVER PEOPLE ARE MORE CONSCIOUS ABOUT SPENDING MONEY AND ARE ULTIMATELY SPENDING LESS.

HARD ROCK CASINO BRAND HAS AFFORDED US NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS, SUCH AS GATHERING OF NATIONS AND WITHIN THE FILM INDUSTRY. WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE MOVIE SCENES FILMED ON PROPERTY.

THE CASINO IS WORKING HARD TO INCREASE REVENUES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THIS DOWN ECONOMY. THE COUNCIL AND I MEET REGULARLY WITH CASINO MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE OPEN COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY.

SO YOU MAY BE ASKING YOURSELF, WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE? THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE TO MAKE SURE OUR CHILDREN, THE VERY YOUNG, THE UNBORN, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE LEADERS HAVE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL STABILITY THEY NEED TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD. IN THIS ENDEAVOR THEY WILL NEED MORE THAN MONEY. EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SECURING THE FUTURE NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN BUT HOPEFULLY THEY WILL COME BACK AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUEBLO. WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE. THIS YEAR STUDENTS FROM ALL HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATED 80 + STUDENTS, ANOTHER 40 GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERYONE AS WELL AS THE PARENTS.

THE DEPT. OF ED MANAGES FOUR PROGRAMS, THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM WITH A BUDGET OF \$385,000, JOHNSON O'MALLEY AT \$38,499, ADULT EDUCATION IS AT \$8,472 AND THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS \$2 MILLION DOLLARS PLUS. IN ADDITION, \$104,000 IS RECEIVED FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. VARIOUS FORMS OF SUCCESSES WERE ACHIEVED, FROM EARNING GED'S, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS,, ASSOCIATE DEGREES, BACHELORS, MASTERS DEGREES TO ONE GRADUATING WITH A J.D. IN LAW AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

THIS YEAR THE POI GRADUATED 56 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM LOS LUNAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SANTA FE INDIAN, AND ALSO FROM THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. TO THE 5 GED GRADUATES WHO WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE THEIR CERTIFICATES IN ORDER TO PURSUE JOBS AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

25 ACHIEVED A COLLEGE DEGREE IN A WIDE RANGE OF CAREER FIELDS. OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS VITAL IN HELPING THOSE STUDENTS ACHIEVE A DEGREE TO EITHER FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION OR TO PURSUE PROFESSIONAL CAREERS. I CHALLENGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE DEGREES, VOCATIONS, AND CAREERS WHICH WILL LEAD YOU BACK TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AND TO MAKE A DECENT LIVING ON DECENT WAGES.

THE FUTURE PLANS FOR STUDENTS INCLUDES CREATING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO GET ON-THE-JOB TRAINING MENTORING WITH POI PROGRAMS AND ENTERPRISES; ONE THAT I WILL PUSH FOR IS TO CREATE A "ISLETA YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL", EXPAND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND CLASSES TO INCLUDE DISTANCE LEARNING AT THE NEW EDUCATION COMPLEX; CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TUTORIAL SERVICES AND EACH YEAR HONORING A LONG-TIME EDUCATOR FROM THE PUEBLO. LAST YEAR'S HONORING WENT TO MR. MICHAEL JOJOLA, FORMER LT. GOVERNOR AND A LONG-TIME TEACHER AT THE ISLETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WE WILL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE OUR KIDS TO CONTINUE ON WITH THEIR EDUCATION BUT WE NEED TO FIND WAYS OF KEEPING THEM HERE AT HOME.

BEGINNING WITH HEAD START, THE POI'S PRIORITY IS TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE READY TO ASSUME THEIR ROLE IN SCHOOL. WE WANT SELF-SUFFICIENT FAMILIES WHO ARE ACTIVE AND ENGAGED IN THEIR CHILD'S SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL EXPERIENCES. WE WANT CHILDREN TO BE PREPARED TO LOVE EVERYTHING THAT SCHOOL IS ABOUT.

THE LAST 2 YEARS HAVE SEEN GREAT CHANGES AT OUR HEAD START PROGRAM. THE FEDERAL MANDATES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION ARE MORE STRINGENT EACH YEAR. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT TEACHERS WITH MORE EDUCATION HAVE STUDENTS WHO MAKE GREATER LEARNING GAINS. THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND OUR OFFICE HAS SUPPORTED THIS MANDATE. WE NEED THE BEST TEACHERS BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN DESERVE NO LESS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS HOW INTEGRAL OUR CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND TRADITIONS, OUR COMMUNITY IS TO ENSURE A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN. WE CONTINUE TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DIALOGUE WITH THE OFFICE OF HEAD START IN WASHINGTON, TO SHARE THESE PRIORITIES SO THAT THE HEAD START EXPERIENCE IS MEANINGFUL AND RELEVANT TO OUR CHILDREN. THIS IS THE HEAD START GOING INTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BEYOND.

SPEAKING OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL CHANGES. WE'VE SEEN ADMINISTRATORS IN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SOUTH COME AND GO. WE'VE SEEN IN OUR OWN SCHOOL, PRINCIPALS COME AND GO AS WELL. WE HAVE NOT SEEN STABILITY IN THE PAST AND I BELIEVE THIS HAS AN OVERALL EFFECT ON MAKING THE GRADE. THE SCHOOL FOUND ITSELF IN RE-STRUCTURING BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DID NOT MAKE AYP, WHICH MEANS ANNUAL YEARLY PROGRESS. THIS IS A MEASURE OF HOW OUR STUDENTS ARE DOING. THIS OCCURRED FOR FOUR YEARS IN A ROW WHICH PUT THEM IN RE-STRUCTURING. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT THE SCHOOL HAD TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS, LIKE CHANGE CURRICULUM, BRING IN NEW TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, OR HAVE THE POI AN OPTION OF TAKING OVER THE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL. I HAVE SERIOUSLY LOOKED INTO US, THE POI, TAKING OVER. I'VE EXPRESSED THIS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE ADMINISTRATION OF BIE, AND TO THE COUNCIL. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS ONE OF MY PRIORITIES. WE WILL STUDY THE PROS AND CONS OF THE POI BEING IN CONTROL. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH THE BEST EDUCATION WE CAN PROVIDE WHETHER IT'S US, BIE, CHARTER SCHOOL OR A COMBINATION. WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN, AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT IS SECOND TO NONE. WE CAN DO IT OR MAKE CHANGES TO OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BUT IT WILL NOT WORK IF WE CONTINUE TO HAVE ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS. FOR THIS YEAR, THERE IS A NEW PRINCIPAL BY THE NAME OF MS. JO ANN MEYERS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ALSO NEW IS MR. CASEY SOVO, LINE OFFICER FOR BIE SOUTH. I WISH BOTH OF THEM WELL.

IF WE DID NOT HAVE ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS, THE TRUANCY DEPT WOULD NOT BE IN EXISTENCE. I TELL MARGARET ABEITA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ISLETA TRUANCY DEPARTMENT, THAT THIS IS ONE DEPT I WISH WE COULD DO WITHOUT, HOWEVER. WE NEED IT. THE TRUANCY DEPT. WAS PREVIOUSLY WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ISLETA TRIBAL COURT FROM 2007-2010. TRUANCY WAS MADE A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER, 2010. WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ISLETA TRIBAL COURT, TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION AND TRIBAL COUNCIL THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO EVOLVE FROM A PROGRAM WHO ONLY OFFERED SOME ISLETA STUDENTS PERFECT ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES, TO A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES STUDENT INTERVENTIONS AND ADDRESSES OUR STUDENT NEEDS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

IN ORDER TO FIT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS, CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PROGRAM TO HELP IMPROVE AND ENFORCE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF OUR YOUTH. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TRUANCY OFFICE PREVENTION PROGRAM (TOPP) WHICH BEGAN IN 2007 IS STILL IN PLACE AND IS SUCCESSFULLY REDUCING THE TRUANCY RATE. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BUILT A FOUNDATION WITHIN THE TRIBAL COURT JUDICIAL SYSTEM WHICH HAS EMPOWERED THEM TO HELP REDUCE THE TRUANCY RATE, ALSO GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER JUDICIAL SYSTEMS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS TO ADDRESS TRUANCY AS WELL.

UNFORTUNATELY, CHILDREN WHO HAVE TRUANCY ISSUES HAVE OTHER ISSUES GOING ON WITHIN THEIR HOMES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SINGLE-PARENT

HOMES OR TEEN PREGNANCY. THE TRUANCY DEPARTMENT HAS A PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA TO ADDRESS ANY OF THESE ISSUES BY REFERRING THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE PROVIDER. BUILDING A COMMUNICATION NETWORK WITH OTHER ISLETA PUEBLO SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCH AS: SOCIAL SERVICES AND ISLETA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES HAS ALLOWED THEM TO ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS ANY NEEDS THAT A CHILD MAY HAVE. BECAUSE OF OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE, IT MAY SEEM LIKE TRUANCY IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ISSUES NOT CONCERNING TRUANCY. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TRY TO ASSIST AND OFFER PROGRAMS THAT WILL BEST SERVE THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY. OFFERING SUPPORT SERVICES OPENS THE DOORS FOR STUDENTS WHO NEED ADDITIONAL HELP IN ALLOWING OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED. AGAIN, IT IS TRUANCY'S PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT ANY INCIDENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE PROVIDER, OFFER SUPPORT SERVICES, AND EDUCATION AND ENFORCE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA.

THE FOLLOWING WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH TRUANCY STATISTICS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR. THESE STATISTICS WERE TAKEN FROM THOSE 582 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND LOS LUNAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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159	83	45

THESE NUMBERS SHOW A DECREASE IN THE TRUANCY RATE FOR THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA AS LESS CONTACT IS NEEDED TO BE MADE WITH THOSE PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXCESSIVE ABSENCES. ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME IS SPENT CONCENTRATING ON STUDENTS WHO ARE BORDERLINE TRUANT TO CONTACT PARENTS AND AT THIS TIME INTERVENTION SERVICES ARE OFFERED. INTERVENTION SERVICES INCLUDE MAKING A HOME VISIT OR PLACING A PHONE CALL. INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO THE PARENTS IN REGARDS TO THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

THE TRUANCY RATE HAS DECREASED HOWEVER; THERE ARE STILL SOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO DO NOT TAKE TRUANCY SERIOUSLY. AS A RESULT, TWENTY-SIX (26) CASES ARE ACTIVELY OPEN IN THE TRIBAL COURT. THESE CASES WERE FILED DUE TO THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS. THIS NUMBER ALSO INCLUDES PARENTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRUANCY DEPARTMENT AND HAVE ASKED THEM TO FILE A COMPLAINT IN TRIBAL COURT ON THEIR BEHALF BECAUSE THEIR CHILD IS UNCOOPERATIVE.

RESISTANCE IS OFTEN MET WITH PARENTS WHO MAY FIND IT OFFENSIVE WHEN TRUANCY INTERVENES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE EDUCATION OF OUR STUDENTS IS VITAL. EACH STUDENT'S SUCCESS TRICKLES DOWN TO THE COMMUNITY AS THESE STUDENTS ARE OUR FUTURE LEADERS. TRUANCY IS A CHOICE. TRUANCY IS NOT THERE TO HURT THE COMMUNITY BUT TO DO THEIR JOB AND ENSURE EACH STUDENT ATTEND SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS. ULTIMATELY, THE GOAL IS TO KEEP STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OUT OF THE COURT SYSTEM. SOME STUDENTS ONLY NEED A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HAVE BECOME SUCCESSFUL DURING THEIR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. HOPE IS NEVER LOST FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO FALL BEHIND OR MAY HAVE SOME BEHAVIORAL ISSUES. THE GOAL IS TO EMPOWER PARENTS TO MEET THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL NEED, TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION. LET'S ALL TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN HOW OUR STUDENTS BECOME.

WE ALSO BEGAN DISCUSS PUTTING TOGETHER A TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. THIS COUNCIL WOULD BE MADE UP OF VARIOUS AGES, WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK WITH ONE ANOTHER ABOUT PROBLEMS THEY FACE, IDEAS ON HOW TO ADDRESS THEM, OR ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, PLAN FOR ALL TYPES OF ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED, TO LEARN, OR PERHAPS JUST TO TALK WITH ONE ANOTHER. WHO ELSE KNOWS BETTER THAN THEM? I SEE THIS YOUTH COUNCIL FUNCTIONING JUST LIKE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, BRINGING A SENSE OF GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH US TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THE YOUTH FACE TODAY. DURING THE YOUTH SUMMIT A MONTH OR TWO AGO, I ASKED KIDS IN ATTENDANCE HOW MANY WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HAVE A YOUTH COUNCIL AND HOW MANY WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL. JUST ABOUT EVERY KID RAISED THEIR HAND. I THINK THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO KEEP KIDS INVOLVED AND LEARN ABOUT BEING A LEADER.

BECAUSE OUR VISION IS TO LEAD YOU BACK TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY, IN DOING SO, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL CREATED THE ISLETA BUSINESS CORPORATION, OR THE IBC. WITH THE SUCCESS OF THIS CORPORATION, I ENVISION JOB CREATION, A STEADY REVENUE STREAM, A STRONG ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR OUR PUEBLO. ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF A TRIBAL BUSINESS THE TRIBAL COUNCIL INCLUDED THE ISLETA TRAVEL CENTER, THE ONE-STOP, AND THE COMANCHE RANCH. THESE BUSINESSES WERE INCORPORATED UNDER THE IBC. THE FARMING ENTERPRISE WAS ALSO A PART OF THE IBC, HOWEVER. THE TRIBAL COUNCIL DECIDED TO HAVE IT REVERT BACK TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

THIS PROCESS SEPARATES TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS FROM TRIBAL BUSINESS WHILE STILL MAINTAINING SHAREHOLDER OVERSIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH TRIBAL LEADERSHIP. SUBSEQUENTLY TRIBAL LEADERSHIP APPOINTED THE IBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO THEN RECENTLY HIRED THE CEO. THE IBC HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO EVALUATE VARIOUS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BOTH ON AND OFF TRIBAL LANDS. MOVING FORWARD, THE IBC WILL EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION, DIVERSIFICATION, AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY. THE MESSAGE IS "WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS". UNDER THE LEADERSHIP THE OF THE CEO, MR. MARVIS ARAGON, MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS BOARD, WITH MR. HAROLD CULBERTSON, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS MS. FAYLA KOVACS, MR. MIKE PAQUIN, MR. NATHAN LUCERO, WHO ARE TRIBAL MEMBERS, AND LASTLY MR. JIM FITTINGS. THIS BOARD IS CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING ON AND OFF-RESERVATION BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, RELATIONSHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS, TO GENERATE A REVENUE STREAM WE'VE NEVER HAD BEFORE. THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE REVENUE OTHER THAN GAMING. ALTHOUGH GAMING HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED TO FURTHER EXPAND AND LOOK FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. I AM VERY OPTIMISTIC OUR PUEBLO STANDS TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE ENDURING CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES. WHETHER IT IS TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR THE PUBLIC AT-LARGE, WE ARE ALL AFFECTED IN SOME WAY BY THIS ECONOMY. AS OF THIS WRITING, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS STILL DEBATING THE DEBT CEILING CRISIS. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT EFFECTS IT WILL HAVE ON THE PUEBLO IF AT ALL, BUT I DO KNOW IT WILL AFFECT US AS INDIVIDUALS. HIGHER INTEREST RATES, MEDICARE AND MEDICAID MAY NOT BE PAID; SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS MAY NOT BE ISSUED AND SO ON. WHAT IT ALL MEANS IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OWES MORE MONEY IN PAYMENTS THEN THEY TAKE IN. MONDAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO AGREE, SO STAY TUNED.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, ALL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OWN SOME TYPE OF BUSINESS TO GENERATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SOME OF THESE CRITICAL SERVICES INCLUDE HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION TO NAME A FEW. FURTHERMORE, TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS ARE ESPECIALLY CHALLENGED BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE A STRONG TAX BASE LIKE OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DO. IN SHORT, OUR TRIBALLY OWNED BUSINESSES ARE CRITICAL TO SUSTAINING OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO SUSTAIN OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE.

WE HOWEVER NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY. IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, WE AS ISLETA PEOPLE NEED OUR LANGUAGE, KNOW OUR HISTORY, AND TEACH IT TO OUR CHILDREN. OUR TRADITIONAL LEADERS, OUR TATA'S AND NANA'S ALWAYS REMIND US AND SOMETIMES WILL SCOLD US WHEN WE DON'T SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE. THEY CONTINUE TO REMIND US THE KEY TO KEEPING OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS OF LIVE, OUR CULTURAL VALUES IS OUR LANGUAGE. LANGUAGE IS THE KEY TO OUR SURVIVAL. WITHOUT IT, WE DIE. SO WHAT DO WE DO TO MAKE SURE OUR LANGUAGE IS ALIVE FOR ANOTHER 100 YRS AND MORE? SPEAK THE LANGUAGE AT HOME? YES. DO OUR YOUNG PARENTS KNOW HOW TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE? MAYBE SOME DO BUT PROBABLY NOT ALL. MY OWN FAMILY CANNOT SPEAK IT. AND IT'S MY FAULT AND I'M NOT ALONE. OUR LANGUAGE PROGRAM HEADED BY MR. PAUL LUJAN, INSTRUCTORS LARRY LUCERO, CAROL LUCERO, BARBARA TRUJILLO, AND LENA ABEITA ARE ALL STATE CERTIFIED TEACHERS. BRIAN JOJOLA IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS CERTIFICATION. I THANK THEM FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE LANGUAGE ALIVE.

THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM HAS NOW IN PLACE PROGRAM POLICIES AND TEACHER CERTIFICATIONS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, LANGUAGE LESSONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING TAUGHT AT THE OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, CLASSES ARE FROM 6:00PM-8:00PM AND ON SATURDAYS: 9:00AM-11:00AM. THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED TO TEACH OUR ISLETA YOUTH BASIC CONVERSATIONAL TIWA LANGUAGE. STUDENTS LEARN GREETINGS, FAREWELLS, NUMBERS, COLORS, OBJECTS, FAMILY, ANIMALS, AND DIRECTIONS.

LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

1. TIWA 101: BEGINNING TIWA (AVERAGE 15 STUDENTS)
STUDENTS GET ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR NATIVE TIWA LANGUAGE WHILE EMPHASIZING THE EVERYDAY LANGUAGE USAGE BY ALL AGES IN HOPES THAT THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN, UNDERSTAND, AND FEEL COMFORTABLE TO SPEAK THE TIWA LANGUAGE EVERY DAY.

2. TIWA 201: INTERMEDIATE TIWA
STUDENTS GET ACQUAINTED WITH MORE ADVANCED TIWA LANGUAGE WHILE EMPHASIZING FULL IMMERSION IN HOPES THAT THE STUDENTS WILL FEEL COMFORTABLE TO SPEAK THE TIWA LANGUAGE EVERY DAY.

3. TIWA 301: ADVANCED TIWA (AVERAGE 4-6 STUDENTS)
ALSO BEING OFFERED BY THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AT OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ALL TRIBAL YOUTH MONDAY THRU THURSDAYS: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10-15 STUDENTS ATTENDING ON A DAILY BASIS AFTER SCHOOL. IN ADDITION TO CLASSES HERE ON THE PUEBLO, CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACADEMY (NACA)
HEAD START AND EARLY HEADSTART SCHOOL
ISLETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOS LUNAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

LANGUAGE CLASSES AT THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACADEMY (NACA) FOR ISLETA STUDENTS. THIS COURSE IS OFFERED AS AN ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR MID-SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH 15 TO 18 STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED. FOR THIS CLASS, LANGUAGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COUNT TOWARDS GRADUATION.

- **ISLETA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START:**

COORDINATED EFFORTS WITH THE ISLETA HEAD START HAVE DEVELOPED INTO AN IMMERSION PROGRAM SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START. EVENING CLASSES ARE OFFERED TO HEAD START PARENTS TO LEARN THE ISLETA LANGUAGE WITH THEIR CHILD.

- **ISLETA ELEMENTARY**

NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ALLOW THE ISLETA LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL PROGRAM TO BE A PART OF THE CURRICULUM IN THE SCHOOL'S BILINGUAL PROGRAM. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND AWAITING SIGNATURE FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

- **SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

APS: THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS FOR TIWA LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR APS SCHOOLS. MOU IS BEING DISCUSSED AND WILL BE DRAFTED FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION WITH ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

- **LOS LUNAS:** AN IDEA IS BEING DISCUSSED TO APPROACH THE LOS LUNAS SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP: THE PUEBLO IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING ITS 4TH YEAR OF SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP FOR ISLETA YOUTH. AGES HAVE RANGED FROM 5 YEAR OLDS TO 18 YEAR OLDS. AT START OF THE PROGRAM 4 YEARS AGO ATTENDANCE WAS 6 STUDENTS, CURRENTLY OUR ATTENDANCE IS 62 STUDENTS. MIRACULOUS INCREASE FROM JUST 3 YEARS AGO.

MANY THANKS TO STAFF FOR MAKING GREAT STRIDES WITH THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM. THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. BUT I ASK, IS IT ENOUGH? WITH A SHOW OF HANDS, HOW MANY OF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE? WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD WE CANNOT WRITE OR RECORD THE LANGUAGE. BUT WE ALL KNOW IT HAS HAPPENED AND CONTINUES TODAY. I ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND SOME OF OUR TRADITIONAL LEADERS VISITED THE SW MUSEUM IN PASADENA CA., WHERE WE FOUND RECORDINGS, PICTURES, EVEN A DICTIONARY. SOME OF US HAVE READ A BOOK CALLED ISLETA TIMES, RIGHT? WE WRITE TRANSLATIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS, FOR EXAMPLE AT THE ISLETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. MY POINT IS WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FIND NEW WAYS OF TEACHING OUR LANGUAGE. CAN WE OR SHOULD WE THINK ABOUT TEACHING USING CURRENT TECHNOLOGY? THE USE OF RECORDERS OR VIDEOS? THESE ARE QUESTIONS I OFTEN HEAR BEING ASKED A LOT ESPECIALLY KNOWING THAT MOST KIDS INCLUDING ADULTS KNOW HOW TO USE COMPUTERS AND ARE JUST TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY. SO WHAT IF THEY COULD LOG ONTO THE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WEBSITES, THEY COULD BE LEARNING AT HOME. IT WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO LEARN. AND I'M TALKING ABOUT EVERY DAY LANGUAGE WE USE AROUND THE DINNER TABLE CASUAL TALK. I KNOW IT'S A DIFFICULT QUESTION TO ASK. THE ANSWER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SIMPLE "NO" BUT I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK AGAIN.

I WANT TO MOVE ON TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. I RECENTLY RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATIONS AND THE COST FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. I WAS SHOCKED AT THE NUMBERS. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "OH MY GOD". IN EACH OF THOSE YEARS, WE HAVE AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY \$35,000/MO. OR \$420,000/YR. FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS IT COST THE PUEBLO \$2,520,000. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? AND THIS

ALL STEMS FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THEFTS, AND ON AND ON. HOW MUCH OF THIS MONEY IS RECOVERED? ONLY A SMALL FRACTION. WHAT DOES THIS TELL US? ARE WE THAT OUT OF CONTROL? RECENTLY, THE TRIBAL COURTS STARTED ISSUING ANKLE BRACELETS IN LIEU OF INCARCERATION. THIS CHANGE BROUGHT DOWN THE COST TO ABOUT \$13,000/MO. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LAST INVOICE RECEIVED FROM THE VALENCIA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

WE ALSO SAW VIOLENT CRIMES WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. BACK IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, THERE WAS A SHOOTING AT THE SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION. LUCKILY, THIS INCIDENT DID NOT CLAIM A LIFE, HOWEVER, THERE WERE INNOCENT CHILDREN IN THE HOUSE WHO ESCAPED A POSSIBLE CARNAGE.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TO DETER THESE ACTS? JUST RECENTLY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PUEBLO'S PROGRAM DIRECTORS INCLUDING SOCIAL SERVICES, TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, TRIBAL COURTS, TRUANCY, AND OF COURSE US, THE ADMINISTRATION, GOT TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY OUR CURRENT CAPABILITIES AND NEEDS TO DEVELOP STANDARDIZED POLICIES FOR ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. WE, AS YOUR LEADERS ARE SHOULDERED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND MAKING SURE CHILDREN ARE RAISED BY HEALTHY ADULTS. TO DO THIS, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER SO THAT WE HAVE EFFECTIVE TRIBAL RESPONSE SYSTEMS WHEN INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED. AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS, THE PUEBLO SUBMITTED A GRANT TO THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE FOR \$2 MILLION DOLLARS. WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD IF AND WHEN WE MIGHT BE AWARDED. IN THE FRONT LINES OF ALL THESE CASES ARE SOCIAL SERVICES AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS. I HAVE POINTED OUT MANY TIMES THAT THEIR JOBS ARE TOUGHER THAN MINE AND THAT IS THE TRUTH.

LET'S BETTER TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES, OUR LIVES, CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND TAKE CARE OF OUR PUEBLO. SEEMS TO ME JUST BY VIRTUE OF OUR LOCATION SURROUNDED BY METRO ALBUQUERQUE TO THE NORTH AND LOS LUNAS TO THE SOUTH, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE CRISS-CROSSING OUR RESERVATION. NOT TO SAY THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE, BUT IN MY OPINION A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. YOU ALL HAVE SEEN THE GRAFFITI ALL OVER OUR REZ, DRUGS HAVE BEEN FOUND, AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BUSTED. THIS IS GOING TO BE A CONTINUOUS WAR ON DRUGS. OUR COUNTRY IS AT WAR WITH DRUG LORDS.

TO HELP FURTHER THIS ENDEAVOUR, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A LAW AND ORDER CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO REVIEW OUR PRESENT CODES AND MAKE REVISIONS TO OR CREATE NEW LAWS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEACE, THE GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE AND PROSECUTE VIOLATORS. COUNCIL MEMBERS, MARK DIXON, DIANE PIEGLER, ALONG WITH THE PD, THE TRIBAL AND APPELLATE COURTS MAKE UP THE COMMITTEE. THE TRIBAL COUNCIL HAVING THE FINAL APPROVAL ON ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE. WITH THIS, THE TRIBAL COURTS NOW HAVE TEETH TO PROSECUTE ALL THOSE WHO ARE CAUGHT, TO BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

LAW ENFORCEMENT- THE ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS 24 OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF POLICE. TWO NEW DRUG OFFICERS ARE ON STAFF AND HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITH THE GRAFFITI THAT HAS BEEN SEEN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. TWO JUVENILE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED WHO WERE CHARGED AND CONVICTED WITH COMMITTING GRAFFITI.

FROM JANUARY 2011 TO PRESENT, THERE HAVE BEEN 2,923 CALLS RECEIVED, THE HIGHEST NUMBER EVER REPORTED. AND OF THESE CALLS, OFFICERS RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS; CRASH PROPERTY DAMAGE-104, DWI/ RECKLESS DRIVER-224, ASSAULT & BATTERY-12, DOMESTIC DISPUTE-59, DRUG/DRUG RELATED-47.

THESE ARE SOME DISTURBING NUMBERS AND REMEMBER WE ARE ONLY HALF WAY THROUGH THIS YEAR. AS A RESULT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE PROGRESS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION WILL BE RECEIVING \$405 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR 911 EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT UPGRADE. FUNDING IS THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE STATE; PROCESSING OF CITIZEN'S COMPLAINTS; TRAINING OF USE OF FORCE; AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE NOW IN PLACE.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS BEEN THE ADOPTION OF THE SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION ACT OR SORNA.

THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION ACT (SORNA) WAS PASSED IN JULY 2006, WITH A 3 YEAR IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. A ONE YEAR EXTENSION WAS ADDED BRINGING THE DEADLINE TO JULY 27, 2011. NO MORE EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED. JURISDICTIONS THAT FAIL TO SUBSTANTIALLY IMPLEMENT SORNA BY THIS DATE ARE SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY 10% REDUCTION IN FUNDING UNDER BRYNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT-FUNDING). FOR TRIBES THAT WERE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY IMPLEMENTED WITH SORNA, THEY WILL BE MONITORED BY STATE AND/OR LOCAL COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA CURRENTLY HAS 14 TOTAL SEX OFFENDERS IDENTIFIED IN THE SYSTEM. FIVE (5) ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE AREA AND ARE REGISTERED WITH THE ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THERE ARE SIX (6) SEX OFFENDERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED. THE REMAINING THREE (3) SEX OFFENDERS ARE LIVING OFF THE RESERVATION AND ARE REGISTERED IN OTHER COUNTIES.

1. A WEB-SITE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING OF ALL SEX OFFENDERS IS AVAILABLE AT ([HTTP://ISLETA.DSOPW.GOV/](http://isleta.dsopw.gov/))

REMEMBER THE NEED FOR SORNA IS TO PROTECT THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR MEMBERS. I AM PROUD AND HONORED TO ANNOUNCE WE, THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA, RECEIVED NOTIFICATION ON JULY 25TH, 2011, FROM THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF SEX OFFENDER SENTENCING, MONITORING, APPREHENDING, REGISTERING, AND TRACKING (SMART) THAT THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA HAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPLEMENTED THE PROVISIONS OF SORNA, TITLE 1 OF THE ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT OF 2006. AGAIN THANK YOU COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WORKED HARD AND DILIGENTLY ON THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT. I WOULD SAY WE ARE THE FIRST PUEBLO IN NEW MEXICO AND PROBABLY IN INDIAN COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE THIS TASK.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEX OFFENDERS ARE DETECTIVE DARREN MALLON, PROBATION OFFICER ELALIA LUCERO AND CAPTAIN KEVIN MARIANO.

LASTLY, THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION WILL BE RECEIVING \$405,626.00 THRU A GRANT FROM THE STATE TO PURCHASE 911-EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE AN UPGRADE TO THE CURRENT 911-EQUIPMENT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WE NOW HAVE A FUNCTIONING TRIBAL COURT SYSTEM. AS SOMEONE ONCE SAID "A STRONG INDIAN NATION MUST HAVE A STRONG COURT SYSTEM. BEING ABLE TO ADMINISTER JUSTICE AND HANDLE JUDICIAL MATTERS, EVEN THE MORE COMPLEX ONES, IS A HALLMARK OF GOOD GOVERNMENT FOR ANY NATION". ACCORDINGLY, EARLIER THIS YEAR I APPOINTED AN INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE STATESMAN TO SERVE AS CHIEF JUDGE, MR. ERNEST JARAMILLO. AND REALIZING THE GROWING COMPLEXITY AND NUMBER OF CASES THAT TRIBAL COURT IS FACED WITH, I APPOINTED TWO ASSOCIATE JUDGES. BOTH OF THESE MEN ARE LAW TRAINED, PASSED THE NEW MEXICO BAR EXAM, WERE SERVING AS TRIBAL JUDGES FOR OTHER INDIAN NATIONS WHEN I APPOINTED THEM, AND BOTH ARE ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS. I AM HONORED TO HAVE ASSOCIATE JUDGES ROBERT MEDINA FROM THE PUEBLO OF ZIA AND AARON CHONESKA, FROM THE MESCALERO APACHE NATION. EACH OF THESE JUDGES HEARS A FULL DOCKET OF CASES, AND I'M PROUD TO STATE THAT OUR TRIBAL COURT IS FUNCTIONING THE WAY IT SHOULD.

HEALTH INFORMATION

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH, NATIVE AMERICAN DEATHS FROM DIABETES AND ALCOHOL-RELATED CAUSES OCCUR AT SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RATES AS COMPARED TO OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS IN NEW MEXICO. THE PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN THE PUEBLO IS APPROXIMATELY 12%.

THE CLINIC HAS INSTITUTED PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND IS FOCUSED ON EXERCISE AND DIET. SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES AND OTHER RISK-REDUCTION ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND EX-SMOKERS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AS HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FITNESS AND WEIGHT LOSS ACTIVITIES AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE.

THE CONTRACT HEALTH PROGRAM IS FUNDING SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS, COLONOSCOPIES AND BONE DENSITY TESTS TO HELP DETECT DISEASES EARLY AND BEGIN TREATMENT EARLY. EARLY INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT WILL LEAD TO HEALTHIER LIVES.

I'M VERY HAPPY TO KNOW THAT 90% OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS. THIS RATE IS HIGHER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. IN ANOTHER NOTE RELATED TO CHILDREN, THE SERVICES OF A PEDIATRIC DENTIST ARE NOW AVAILABLE BEGINNING JULY 11, 2011. THE DENTIST WILL BE AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK.

OTHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO SHORTEN THE "WAIT TIME" FOR THAT SERVICE.

A RETINAL CAMERA WAS ADDED TO THE OPTOMETRY CLINIC TO IMPROVE DIAGNOSIS OF EYE DISEASE.

PHARMACY STAFF HAS BEEN INCREASED TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE. THE PHARMACY DISPENSES APPROXIMATELY 65,000 PRESCRIPTIONS PER YEAR. THE PHARMACY HAS ADDED ZOSTAVAX (SHINGLES VACCINE) TO ITS FORMULARY. IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS AS SOON THE SHIPMENT IS RECEIVED. UPON RECEIVING YOUR PRESCRIPTION, PLEASE ASSURE YOURSELVES THAT THE PRESCRIPTION RECEIVED IS YOURS BEFORE LEAVING THE CLINIC.

DEMAND FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUES TO GROW; THEREFORE AN APPLICATION PROCESS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ASSURE THAT ISLETA MEMBERS, DESCENDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE ON OR NEAR THE RESERVATION RECEIVE PRIORITY ACCESS.

LASTLY, JUST A REMINDER THAT THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR, CO-SPONSORED BY HEALTH CENTER AND HEADSTART, IS ON-GOING RIGHT NOW AND WILL CONTINUE TILL 1:00 PM AT THE RECREATION CENTER. SO PLEASE, TAKE THE TIME RIGHT AFTER THIS MEETING TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT.

WHEN I RAN FOR OFFICE LAST YEAR, I CHOSE CERTAIN MATTERS TO FOCUS ON THAT I FELT WERE IMPORTANT TO THE PUEBLO. THE FIRST MATTER IS THE PROTECTION OF OUR WATER RESOURCES. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WATER IS A PRECIOUS GIFT AND A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO OUR PEOPLE, AND WE NEED WATER TO SUSTAIN OUR CULTURE AND OUR SOCIETY.

THE PUEBLO ACTIVELY AND FULLY PARTICIPATES IN THE SIX MIDDLE RIO GRANDE PUEBLOS WATER COALITION. THE COALITION IS COMPOSED OF THE GOVERNORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIX PUEBLOS AND PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES LIKE BOR, BIA AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AS WELL AS STATE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER AND THE MRGCD.

IN ADDITION TO SERVING AN ACTIVE ROLE ON THE COALITION, THE PUEBLO RECENTLY FORMED THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA WATER TASK FORCE. THE WATER TASK FORCE IS COMPRISED OF THE GOVERNOR, TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL, WATER RESOURCE STAFF, OUR TRIBAL ATTORNEY, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH WATER RESOURCE EXPERTISE. I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED, AND ARE NORMAN JOJOLA, RAMON AMONTOYA, AND BLAINE SANCHEZ. ADVISORS ARE LARRY ABEITA, KEVIN LENTE, BERNARD LUJAN, AND THE MAYOR DORMOS AND REPS FROM THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE. THE PRIMARY ROLE OF THIS WATER COMMISSION IS TO FORMULATE STRATEGY TO ADVISE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND US ON KEY WATER MATTERS AFFECTING THE PUEBLO, SUCH AS THE ISLETA DIVERSION DAM, THE POTENTIAL ADJUDICATION OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE, PROTESTING WATER TRANSFERS FROM JUNIOR USERS DOWNSTREAM FROM US TO LOCATIONS UPSTREAM SUCH AS THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND RIO RANCHO, AND WATER QUALITY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR WATER SUCH AS THE SOUTH VALLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. VERY FEW INDIAN TRIBES IN THE SOUTHWEST HAVE CREATED THIS TYPE OF WATER TASK FORCE, AND THOSE THAT HAVE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO ASSERT AND PROTECT THEIR WATER RIGHTS.

ANOTHER MATTER I CHOSE TO FOCUS ON DURING MY ADMINISTRATION IS OUR TRIBAL CONSTITUTION. FIRST ADOPTED IN 1947 AND AMENDED IN 1970 AND 1990, OUR CONSTITUTION IS IN DIRE NEED OF AMENDING AND MODERNIZING. WHEN OUR PEOPLE VOTED TO ADOPT THE CONSTITUTION BACK IN 1947, THEY SET A COURSE FOR US THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND LIVE BY TODAY. NOT A WEEK GOES BY IN COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT WE DO NOT REFER TO IT AND TRY TO LIVE BY IT. I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY PROVISIONS IN OUR CONSTITUTION THAT DO NOT APPLY IN TODAY'S WORLD OR THAT HINDER OUR ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD AS A NATION. WITH THAT, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTED 8 MEMBERS TO THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT TASK FORCE. THESE MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS WITH NO COMPENSATION AND THEY ARE:

RICHARD L. JARAMILLO SR.
TATA LARRY LUCERO
ISADORE ABEITA
JENNIFER JOJOLA
JOE ANZARA JR.
DANIEL WASETA
VALENTINO JARAMILLO
GABRIEL LUJAN

THESE MEMBERS WERE CHOSEN OUT OF 17 WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST. CONGRATULATIONS AND I HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU BE GIVEN THE WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, THE PATIENCE, AND WITH GREAT HOPE THE PUEBLO CAN HAVE A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY TO VOTE ON SOONER THAN LATER. GOOD LUCK MEMBERS.

STATE / PUEBLO RELATIONS

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAS A NEW GOVERNOR, SUSANA MARTINEZ. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ROBERT BENAVIDES LAST YEAR, THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA WAS THE FIRST PUEBLO TO WELCOME SUSANA MARTINEZ, THE CANDIDATE, TO DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES THAT AFFECT INDIAN TRIBES. THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA WILL CONTINUE TO FOSTER THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HER ADMINISTRATION. AND ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR MARTINEZ AND HER ADMINISTRATION HAVE VERY DIFFERENT VIEWS ON POLICY, THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HER ADMINISTRATION, AS WE DID WITH THE ADMINISTRATION BEFORE HER. WE ACCOMPLISH THIS BY CONTINUING TO ASSERT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA, BY PARTNERING WITH THE STATE WHEN WE SHOULD, AND BY PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES AND VALUES FROM ENCROACHMENT FROM THE OUTSIDE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW, GIVEN THE HARSH ECONOMIC REALITIES THAT CURRENTLY FACE THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. THE PUEBLO WILL FIGHT FOR AND PROTECT THE CIGARETTE AND GAS TAX EXEMPTION THAT CURRENTLY BENEFITS THE PUEBLO.

WE HAVE ALREADY MET WITH SECRETARY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ARTHUR ALLISON AND SECRETARY OF HEALTH CHRISTINE TORRES. ALTHOUGH OUR MEETINGS WERE BRIEF, BOTH SECRETARIES ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HERE AT THE PUEBLO. SECRETARY TORRES TOURED BOTH THE CLINIC AND THE HEALTH CENTER HERE AT THE HOTEL. SECRETARY TORRES INFORMED US OF HER CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE PUEBLO AND CONTINUE TO BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE.

WE ARE NOW AT A POINT IN THIS ADDRESS THAT MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN PROBABLY BEEN WAITING FOR, ORDINANCES THAT HAVE BEEN ENACTED. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW BY THE NOW, THERE IS A RESIDENCY ORDINANCE THAT LEGALLY WENT INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 20, OF THIS YEAR. THE TRIBAL COUNCIL ENACTED THE RESIDENCY ORDINANCE ON DECEMBER 20, 2010. AS REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TIME FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL WAS 120 DAYS WHICH REQUIRED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS TO THE PUEBLO BY APRIL 19, 2011. AND AS A RESULT OF NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE, THE ORDINANCE ESSENTIALLY WENT INTO EFFECT ON THE ABOVE DATE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE WITHHELD ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME ISSUES THAT AROSE FROM THE WORDING OF THE ORDINANCE. AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO REQUEST PUBLIC OPINION FROM YOU. OUR OFFICE RECEIVED SEVEN RESPONSES, VERY LOW IN CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE. WE ALL KNOW THIS RESIDENCY ORDINANCE IS NOT NEW. THE FIRST RESIDENCY ORDINANCE WAS FORMALIZED BACK IN AUGUST 20, 1962. AS STATED, THIS ORDINANCE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF PROTECTING THE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE PUEBLO AND JUST AS IMPORTANT, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON WHO LIVES WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS SIGNED AND FORWARDED TO THE BIA A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. AS BEFORE, THE BIA HAS 120 DAYS TO REPLY BACK TO US. AT THAT TIME, OUR OFFICE WILL BE READY TO ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

WE'VE RECEIVED ABOUT 10 APPLICATIONS ALREADY AND MANY ARE ASKING ABOUT HOW TO REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO RESIDE. AN APPLICATION IS BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE ONCE THE BIA APPROVES THE ORDINANCE. IT SIMPLY REQUIRES THE NAMES OF THE APPLICANTS, WHO THE TRIBAL MEMBER IS AND WHO IS NOT.

NOW THERE ARE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING WITHIN THE PUEBLO PROPER. NON-INDIANS ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED FROM RESIDING WITHIN THE PUEBLO PROPER. THERE IS A MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE THE BOUNDARIES LIE. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL NOT BECOME A DIVISIVE ISSUE. THIS IS NEITHER TO PURPOSELY HURT PEOPLE NOR TO DISRESPECT ANYBODY. MY LIEUTENANTS AND I WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS, INSURE THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE, AND WILL RENDER A DECISION. IN THE END, I REALLY THINK WE WILL ALL LIVE MORE COMFORTABLY, LIVE IN HARMONY, AND ONCE AND FOR ALL, SETTLE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO IS LIVING HERE ON OUR TRIBAL LANDS.

I WILL ASK THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON THIS ISSUE. THE TRIBAL COUNCIL IS HERE AND READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE IN RELATION TO THIS ORDINANCE, OR ON ANY OTHER ISSUE YOU MAY HAVE. HOWEVER BEFORE I DO, I HAVE A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MAKE.

THE ELDERS PROGRAM SENT A FEW OF OUR ELDERS TO COMPETE IN THE SENIOR OLYMPICS IN HOUSTON AND I UNDERSTAND THERE WERE A FEW WHO CAME BACK WITH TROPHIES AND RIBBONS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO COMPETED AND PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. LORENZO JOJOLA WHO I UNDERSTAND WON A GOLD MEDAL COMPETING IN HORSE SHOES. LASTLY, THANK YOU TO THE ELDERS PROGRAM FOR COORDINATING THE PUEBLO CLEAN UP PRIOR TO OUR GOVERNOR'S FEAST LAST MONTH. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE A HELPING HAND.

THE DITCH ASSOCIATIONS ASKED ME TO CONVEY SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS. THEY ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH COLLECTION OF DUES. THEY HAVE NO MONEY TO PURCHASE TOOLS, CHEMICALS TO CONTROL WEEDS, AND FUEL FOR THEIR VEHICLES. SO PLEASE, PAY YOUR DUES SO THEY CAN BETTER SERVE YOU.

AS YOU ALL KNOW BY NOW, ST. AUGUSTINE BLESSING AND RE-DEDICATION IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13TH. WE ARE EXPECTING HUNDREDS IF NOT A THOUSAND OR MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN IN ON THIS CELEBRATION. THANKS TO THE CHURCH AND CULTURAL COMMITTEES FOR STAYING INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH. TO ALL THE VOLUTEERS WHO ARE DOING ALL THE COOKING FOR THE CELEBRATION. THANK YOU SHIRLEY ZUNI, MY STAFF, AND THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING OF THIS GREAT EVENT. THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS.

WE WILL HAVE DEDICATIONS OF THE TRIBAL AND EDUCATION COMPLEXES. A DATE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET. I WOULD GUESS ON OR ABOUT THE END OF AUGUST OR MID-SEPTEMBER. WE WILL BEGIN THE MOVE-IN SOON.

IN CONCLUDING, I WANT THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO BE HERE. I KNOW YOUR SATURDAYS ARE IMPORTANT. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT EACH ONE OF US TAKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHO WE ARE, THINK ABOUT THE PRECIOUS GIFTS OUR ANCESTORS LEFT US, OUR BELIEFS IN OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS, OUR CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS SO WE AS A COMMUNITY MAY MOVE FORWARD IN A POSITIVE LIGHT.

AS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF OUR ANCESTORS, WE AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE SURVIVORS. WE HAVE LEARNED TO OVERCOME TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES TO CONTINUE OUR EXISTENCE - WE HAVE NOT LOST THE ACTIVITIES, PRACTICES AND RITUALS WHICH WE HAVE LIVED BY SINCE OUR BEGINNING. SO LET'S CONTINUE TO GATHER IN EVENTS LIKE TODAY, TO SHARE OUR IDEAS, BE OPTIMISTIC OF OUR FUTURE, AND MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

ON BEHALF OF MY LIEUTENANTS, MY SHERIFFS AND I, OUR FAMILIES WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, THAT THE CANES THAT ARE IN OUR POSSESSION DO NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE POWER, BUT RATHER, THE AUTHORITY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERN, TO SERVE YOU THE PEOPLE AND TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. REMEMBER IT IS YOU WHO HAVE THE POWER.

MR. PRESIDENT, I TURN OVER THE MEETING TO YOU.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA TRIBAL COUNCIL SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL 1, 2011 TO JUNE 2, 2011

The SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT is a summary of activities and actions taken by the 2011-2012 Tribal Council. This report serves as a means of communicating those actions and activities to the membership of Isleta Pueblo.

Tribal Council Meetings-Attendance and Minutes

The following information represents the number of Council meetings held, attendance at each meeting and Minute approval for each meeting. The total number of Council Meetings held for the 2nd quarter is (22) meetings.

Meeting Date	Attendance by Council Members	Attendance by Governor	Attendance by Lt. Torres	Attendance by Lt. Chewiwi	Approval of Minutes
April 7	All Present**	Present	Absent	Present	Yes
April 11	All Present	Absent	Present	Present	Yes
April 12	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 13	Cynthia Jaramillo absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 14	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 15	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 21	Leonard Abeita absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 26	Robert Benavides absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
April 28	Robert Benavides absent	Present	Present	Absent	Yes
May 2	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
May 3	Diane Peigler absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Yes
May 5	All Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Yes
May 11	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
May 12	All Present	Present	Present	Present	Yes
May 16	Robert Benavides absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
May 17	Robert Benavides, Regina Zuni absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Yes
May 19	Robert Benavides absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
May 24	Mark Dixon absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Yes
May 26	All Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Yes
May 31	Robert Benavides absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
June 1	Diane Peigler, Robert Benavides, Moses Lujan absent	Present	Present	Present	Yes
June 2	Diane Peigler, Moses Lujan absent	Present	Absent	Present	Yes

**Note: Regina Zuni on suspension; returned May 2, 2011.

Absence of Governor and Lieutenant Governors due to attendance at No Child Left Behind Summit, Economic Summit, in office attending to community business, unless otherwise noted for travel.

Isleta Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tribal Council approved the Isleta Tribal-Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that addresses emergency type situations from fire, flood, wind, rain, chemical spills and a host of many other situations. It is imperative that Isleta has plans in place to address these types of emergencies and to continually manage and update it. By identifying hazardous situations that can occur naturally or man-made, our community is better prepared with the intent of minimizing loss or damage. Safety of lives is the primary concern, and secondly, the protection of homes, businesses and other property.

Fire Hazard

Due to the high fire dangers in the surrounding areas, it is the decision of Governor Lujan with the support of Tribal Council to close the Manzano Mountains to the public in an effort to protect our natural resources. In addition, the Bosque along the river has experienced several fires this Spring. Due to the danger and destruction from fire, a Fire Resolution presented by the Isleta Natural Resources Department was presented to Tribal Council and approved. The Fire Ordinance outlines the restrictions and allowances for burning, including penalties for violating the Ordinance. Copies of the Fire Ordinance may be requested from the Natural Resources Office. Closures will remain in effect until further notice.

Cigarette Tax

Vendors selling tobacco products in Isleta Pueblo are required to collect \$.075 per pack from the consumer as a tax imposed by the State of New Mexico during the 2010 Legislative session, effective July 1, 2010. The law requires tribal governments to have a cigarette tax in place. A tribe choosing not to participate in the tax will result in the following:

- Cigarette distributors who are licensed in the State of NM can only sell to tribal vendors with a Tax Stamp so the cost of \$1.61 per pack is passed on to the tribal vendor in the cost of the product since the distributor already paid the tax.
- Tribal vendors will pay the same price for cigarettes as off-reservation vendors and will lose the price difference between off-reservation and on-reservation sales, resulting in the loss of the competitive advantage on-reservation vendors have.

The tax of \$.075 per pack of cigarettes collected by tribal vendors is paid to Isleta Tribal Government and is earmarked for the construction of a new elderly care facility.

Tribal Court Associate Judge Appointment

Mr. Aaron Cheneska was confirmed as an Associate Judge for Isleta Tribal Courts. Mr. Cheneska comes from the Mescalero Apache Tribe where he served as Chief Judge. Mr. Cheneska filled the vacancy left by Mr. Richard Olguin who chose to resign after a serving as Associate Judge for a brief period.

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Monthly meetings are held with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Management, Tribal Council and Governor. Ron Olson, CEO of Hard Rock provides updates regarding the profitability of the business. Economic conditions have impacted the profitability of the hotel and casino, resulting in higher cost of goods sold and lower than projected revenues. Tribal Council determined it is in the tribe's best interest that a committee be formed to work with the hotel and casino in reviewing Hard Rock Hotel & Casino departmental budgets for cost savings. The committee members are: Vice-President Joseph Lucero, Council Secretary Barbara Sanchez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jaramillo, Tribal Treasurer Andrew Teller, Ron Olson, and Pam Gallegos, CFO. Meetings will be conducted on a monthly basis aside from the regularly scheduled Casino meetings.

Tribal Council has considered the possibility of constructing a new Palace West in the area near the 1-40 freeway at the west end of the reservation. The consensus of the Council was that Palace West should not be moved at this time, but a decision must be made in the near future whether to renovate Palace West or build a new one. The cost of renovating Palace West will be incurred by the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino budget.

Isleta Y-Interchange

The Tribal Council visited the Y at Highway 314/Coors Road. The intersection has been a safety concern for many years. The Isleta Department of Planning has been given the responsibility of working on plans to update the intersection.

Railroad Quiet Zone

Tribal Director of Planning, Simon Shima has worked with the Burlington Santa Fe Railroad in establishing a Quiet Zone for Isleta Pueblo. The plan includes updating the railroad signals and redesign. The cost will be approximately 1.7 million dollars, and will be paid for by the State of New Mexico. Funding will be awarded for Fiscal Year 2012, and will be made available October, 2011.

Isleta Business Corporation

The 2009-2010 Tribal Council authorized the establishment of the Isleta Business Corporation to include the enterprises previously under Isleta Tribal Government to transition to the Corporation. Those enterprises are Isleta One Stop, Isleta Travel Center, Farming Enterprise and Comanche Ranch. The Isleta Business Corporation, (IBC) consists of five board members: Harold Cullbertson, Chairman; James Fitting, Member. Tribal Members on the Board are: Michael Paquin, Member; Rafaela Kovacs, Member; Nathan Lucero, Member. The Board recently hired Mr. Marvis Aragon as the Chief Executive Officer. Their first Quarterly Report to Tribal Council was scheduled for April but was not held until May 31, 2011. The IBC Quarterly Report informed the Council that work thus far has consisted of transitioning the enterprises to the IBC and evaluating those businesses, locating office space, office set-up, hiring staff and researching new economic ventures to invest in. The IBC reported that they received two designs from the community in response to the proposal request for designing an IBC logo. Rather than selecting a new logo, the Board chose to utilize the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Seal and include the wording 'Isleta Business Corporation' below the Seal. Tribal Council voted in approval of utilizing the Tribal Seal.

A new enterprise that is near to becoming a reality is the development of the Insurance Agency of Isleta Pueblo. This venture will offer businesses insurance coverage for property and casualty with plans to grow and offer other types of coverage to individuals. This project has been a high priority with the goal of opening for business very soon. Updates will be forthcoming. This business will be under the IBC authority.

As members of a Board, the IBC Board Members are required to sign the Code of Ethics established by the 2009-2010 Tribal Council.

Isleta Diversion Dam

Isleta has been involved in ongoing negotiations with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and BIA regarding the diversion dam located on Isleta land. The issue involved is due to the fact that the MRGCD has been in violation of trespass due to not having an Agreement with Isleta Pueblo for use of the diversion dam on Isleta land since its expiration in 1993. Tribal Council approved Deborah Lewis, Office of Special Trustee, Southwest Region to conduct a request for proposal (RFP) appraisal of the dam and the land it is on. Isleta Tribal Council intends to seek compensation from MRGCD for using the dam without an agreement with the Tribe from 1993 to present.

Tribal Services Complex

Tribal Council members were given a tour of the new Tribal Services Complex located off of highway 47 near the Casino. The complex will house the following programs:

Isleta Police Department, Tribal Courts, Appellate Courts, Fire Department, Treasury Department, Tribal Council, Procurement, The Isleta Business Corporation, Managed Information Systems, and Tribal Attorney's Office. The anticipated move-in date is tentatively set for late August/early September. The facility is state-of-the-art and is designed with an underground parking lot. The facility has been planned since 2004 with the initial award of capital funding from the State of New Mexico Legislature.

Manzano Expressway Resolution

Tribal Council unanimously passed a Tribal Resolution expressing the Tribe's position to not allow Valencia County to construct the Manzano Expressway through Isleta tribal land. Tribal Council maintains the position of a resounding NO to any thoroughfare through the reservation from outside entities.

Meadow Lakes Encroachment

The east boundary of Isleta Reservation borders with Meadow Lake and as a result, has been encroached upon by residents of Meadow Lake. Trash dumping, cattle rustling, meth labs, even squatting on tribal land was identified along approximately six miles of borderland. BIA and the Bureau of Land Management were called upon to conduct a site inspection. Valencia County Commissioners were informed by letter of the problem and agreed to clean up the area and to remove any violators from Isleta land. New fencing material was requested from BIA since the tribe has already incurred expenses for fencing of approximately ten miles of borderland. This issue will continue to be monitored.

Sexual Offenders Registration Notification Act (SORNA)

The Law & Order Committee of Isleta has worked diligently on creating a Sexual Offenders Registry within the Pueblo of Isleta. The need to provide awareness to the public about those convicted of sexual offenses is an important aspect of community safety. Currently, there are 14 members of the community who are registered sexual offenders, with 5 residing within Isleta. Public zones identified as areas where sexual offenders are not permitted to loiter are: Isleta Head Start, Isleta Elementary School, Pickle Heights Park, West Recreation Center and Isleta Recreation Center, all baseball fields, Chical Park, Village Park, and the Fun Connection. Tribal Council approved the SORNA Ordinance and supports the efforts made by the Law & Order Committee in promoting public awareness and public safety in our community. As part of this public awareness campaign, the Pueblo of Isleta has a Sexual Offender Registry website and can be accessed at: <http://isleta.nsopw.gov/>.

Isleta Residence Ordinance

The 2009-2010 Tribal Council enacted The Isleta Residence Ordinance Resolution Number 2010-137. The Residence Ordinance has been in existence from 1962 and updated several times with the most recent Resolutions adopted in 2006 regarding Historic Paths and Restricted Sites. The Historic Paths and Restricted Sites Ordinances identify areas within the Pueblo that have cultural significance. It is important to our culture that these sites be respected and protected. Therefore, new homes cannot be placed near or within those sites. It is imperative that new home applicants follow the application process established by the Housing Authority to prevent inadvertently placing a home on the protected sites.

On June 3, 2011, the Residence Ordinance was mailed out to tribal members to allow them to familiarize themselves with the Ordinance and to also allow the opportunity to comment on the Ordinance prior to enforcement. Deadline for all comments were to be received by June 17, 2011. Comments will be reviewed by Tribal Council and Tribal Administration and taken into consideration.

Isleta Cemetery

Tribal members including Tribal Council have expressed the need for maintaining the cemetery. The needs include expanding the cemetery site and cleanup. Lt. Torres has met with landowners who own property adjacent to the cemetery in an effort to negotiate the purchase of the land on behalf of the Tribe. In addition, the archway at the entrance of the cemetery was repaired and cleanup is ongoing.

A suggestion to begin identifying plats and names of those buried in those plats was proposed. That effort will require much time and research, but will result in a much needed organized and managed system of record keeping.

Community Clean-up

Governor Lujan requested the participation of Tribal Employees, Tribal Council and community members in a community wide clean-up. Many participated in collecting trash and debris and cutting weeds, including graffiti removal. Participants were provided with lunch after the work was done. The effort was a huge success which added to the beauty of our community and was enjoyed by all who attended the Governor's Feast.

Minutes Access and Distribution Policy; Tribal Council Minutes Protocol

The Tribal Council approved a policy regarding the access and distribution of Official Tribal Council Minutes. The purpose of the policy is to provide the community with access to information and decisions made by Tribal Council. Requests must be made by completing a form at the Tribal Council Office. The Secretary of the Council will be responsible for handling all requests.

Constitutional Amendment Task Force

The Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Constitution revision has been an ongoing task since 2010. Several Tribal Council Meetings were held to address each section in the Constitution. Recommendations were made for updates and the public was invited by letter to submit letters of interest in participating as a member of the Task Force. The deadline for submittal was May 27, 2011. A total of eighteen tribal members submitted letters and Tribal Council voted on selecting eight for the committee. Those selected are:

Isador Abeita
Joe Anzara, Jr.
Richard Jaramillo, Sr.
Valentino Jaramillo
Jennifer Jojola
Larry Lucero
Gabriel Lujan
Daniel Waseta

The Task Force Committee will work with Tribal Attorney, Pablo Padilla, Jr. in making recommendations for updating the Tribal Constitution. It is anticipated that the Constitution revisions/updates will be prepared and voted on through an authorized Secretarial Election conducted by BIA in December, 2011.

Travel and Training

• Annual NIGA Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona April 3-7, 2011. Council members who did **not** attend are:

Leonard Abeita
Cynthia Jaramillo
Fred Lujan, President
Diane Peigler

• Tribal Economic Summit held at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Albuquerque May 25-26, 2011.

Council Members who attended:
Fernando Abeita
Josephine Padilla
Fred Lujan, President

- NCAI Mid-Year Conference Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 13-17, 2011. Attended by Fred Lujan, President.

- Records & Retention Management Training, Las Vegas, Nevada May, 23-25, 2011 Attended by Dolores Lujan, Records Manager and Rochelle Mariano, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant.

Sand & Gravel Policy

Tribal Council approved and passed a Tribal Resolution addressing the purchase of sand, gravel, and clay products from the Tribe. Previously, Tribal Members had been limited to a maximum of ten yards purchased per year. The new resolution allows an unlimited amount of product to purchase provided that the Tribal Member agrees not to resell the product to anyone and will only be used for the Tribal Member's personal use within the reservation.

St. Augustine Church

Councilman Moses Lujan participates in meetings regarding restoration of the church. Updates from contractor, Neil Carter have reported that the initial completion date set for June, 2011 was set back due to weather and the unanticipated collapse of the north wall. The date is now set for the end of July, and a dedication to bless the church is scheduled for August 13, 2011.

This project was initiated in 2004 with a small grant from the State of New Mexico Historic Preservation Office. Committee members at that time were: Cynthia Jaramillo; Father Hillaire; Alan Cherino; Gene Jojola; Ernest Jaramillo and Ted Jojola. To date, Alan Cherino, Father Hillaire and Gene Jojola have seen the project to near completion.

The grant funds were used to perform a structural assessment of the church to determine its stability and identify any structural damage. A year later, a second grant was written to the National Historic Preservation, where a larger grant was received to begin some of the work. Work was initiated with Cornerstones of Santa Fe, until the project grew into an immense reconstruction project. With the support of Governor Benavides and Tribal Council, funds were allocated from the Federal Mis-Management Award to contract with a architectural firm that was highly experienced in historic preservation. Many of us have witnessed the amazing transformation from a near dilapidated building into a solid, proud structure. The support of the entire community in this significant preservation effort is greatly appreciated. St. Augustine Church endured the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 and today is an iconic representation of history for Isleta, the State of New Mexico and the United States.

In the year 2013, we will mark the 400th year anniversary of the church's establishment in our community.

The rededication event is anticipated to bring a large number of guests from across New Mexico, and a fiesta is planned for that day. Archbishop Sheehan will be present to rededicate the church and New Mexico State Governor Susana Martinez is also scheduled to be present for the event. The entire community of Isleta Pueblo is encouraged to attend.

The second Tribal Council Quarterly Report was written by Councilwoman Cynthia L. Jaramillo.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA RESIDENCE ORDINANCE

“The following ordinance was approved by Tribal Council last year and amended by Tribal Council in July of this year. Tribal Council amended and approved the ordinance as presented here after mailing the ordinance to the public and after receiving public input about its provisions. The ordinance is currently under review by BIA for approval. Once BIA approves the ordinance, Administration will begin implementing its provisions. A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 22nd, 2011, to discuss the ordinance.”

ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted under authority of and pursuant to Article V, Section 2(e), of the Pueblo of Isleta Constitution, which states:

Subject only to the limitations imposed by the laws of the United States and the restrictions established by this constitution, the powers of the council shall include the following...to enact ordinances, subject to the approval by the Secretary of the Interior, to protect the peace, safety, property, health, and general welfare of the members of the Pueblo of Isleta; and to provide for the removal or exclusion from the lands of the pueblo of any non-member whose presence may be found by the council to be injurious to the peace, safety or welfare of the members of the pueblo.

Pueblo of Isleta Constitution at Article V, Section 2(e).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE, TRIBAL COUNCIL FINDINGS, AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the peace, safety, property, health, and general welfare of the members of the Pueblo of Isleta (hereinafter “Pueblo”).

Section 2. The Tribal Council of the Pueblo hereby finds:

WHEREAS, the Pueblo has and continues to govern the residence of members and non-members who reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands, under its inherent authority of self-government and pursuant to customs and traditions;

WHEREAS, at various times residence requirements of the Pueblo were formalized in writing, including but not limited to the Ordinance of August 20, 1962 (setting forth permission by Governor and Tribal Council for non-members to reside); the Law and Order Code of November 22, 1965 (general law and order provisions); the Ordinance of July 14, 1975 (setting forth process to exclude and remove non-members from Pueblo of Isleta lands); Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-113 (July 13, 2006) (designating restricted sites) (rescinded and replaced with Tribal Council Resolution No. 2011-041, July 13, 2011); and Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-114 (July 13, 2006) (designating historic sites and paths) (rescinded and replaced with Tribal Council Resolution No. 2011-042, July 13, 2011).

WHEREAS, governing the residence of members and non-members is an important aspect of protecting the customs and traditions of the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Pueblo of Isleta finds it is in the best interest of the Pueblo of Isleta to enact an ordinance that will clarify and reaffirm these residence requirements.

Section 3. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) **“Member”** shall mean an enrolled tribal member of the Pueblo of Isleta.

(b) **“Member dependent”** shall mean an enrolled tribal member of the Pueblo of Isleta that is under the age of eighteen (18) years, over the age of sixty (60), or is mentally incompetent or physically challenged to the extent of requiring daily care.

(c) **“Descendant”** shall mean an individual with less than one-half (½) degree, but at least one-quarter (¼) degree, of Isleta Indian blood, who is not enrolled in any other federally recognized Indian tribe, and who is listed on the Descendant’s Roll maintained by the Pueblo of Isleta.

(d) **“Non-member”** shall mean an individual who is not a “Member” or a “Descendant”.

(e) **“Non-Indian”** shall mean an individual who is not a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

(f) **“Pueblo”** shall mean the Pueblo of Isleta.

(g) **“Days”** shall refer to calendar days.

(h) **“Pueblo of Isleta lands”** shall mean land that is (a) held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Pueblo of Isleta, (b) owned in fee by the Pueblo of Isleta, or (c) any other lands which the Pueblo of Isleta’s civil regulatory jurisdiction or authority to exclude a non-member is recognized by federal law.

ARTICLE III: PERMISSION AND CONSENT FOR NON-MEMBERS TO RESIDE

Section 1. No one shall rent, lease or lend buildings, houses or land to non-members of the Pueblo for temporary or permanent use as residence within Pueblo of Isleta lands.

Section 2. Permission to Reside. All members of the Pueblo that plan to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands with a non-member must first request written permission from the Governor before taking up residence within Pueblo of Isleta lands. The request shall include the address of the proposed residence and other information requested by the Governor. Governor shall utilize a uniform application. The non-member shall submit to a basic criminal background check in a form established by the Governor’s Office and the cost of which shall be borne by the non-member or member. The Governor shall give permission to reside in writing within thirty (30) days of the request submittal. In the event a conflict of interest exists between the Governor and the requesting member or non-member, Governor’s Lieutenant shall decide on the request. In no event shall the non-member take up residence within Pueblo of Isleta lands unless and until permission is granted. The Governor may consult with the War Chief, the War Captains, and others in his discretion when granting permission.

A. If written permission is granted by the Governor, the member and non-member must sign an agreement that they shall respect and abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo, including the provisions in Article V of this Ordinance, and shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Pueblo of Isleta for enforcement of this Ordinance. In the agreement, the member shall accept responsibility for the non-member to respect and abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo. Such agreement shall be renewed every five (5) years. The Governor shall develop and maintain a database identifying all non-members residing on Pueblo of Isleta lands where permission has been granted. Such database shall contain the signed agreements. Any failure of a Pueblo member or the non-member to respect and abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo shall be reported to the Governor, who shall record the failure in the database and exercise enforcement as described in Article VI.

B. If written permission is denied by the Governor, the Governor shall inform the member in writing stating the reason or reasons for the denial. Such denial shall be conveyed within thirty (30) days of the request submittal and shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 3. Consent to Reside. All members who currently reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands who are married to a non-member of the Pueblo or who otherwise live with a non-member of the Pueblo and all non-members who currently reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands at the date of enactment of this Ordinance shall, within ninety (90) days of enactment of this Ordinance, request written consent from the Governor to continue to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands. The non-member applying for consent to reside shall also submit to a basic criminal background check in a form to be established by the Governor’s Office. The Governor shall consider prior permission given by a previous Governor or Tribal Council when giving Governor’s consent. The Governor may

consult with the War Chief, the War Captains, and others in his discretion when granting consent.

A. If written consent is granted by the Governor, the member and non-member must sign an agreement that they shall respect and abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo, including the provisions in Article V of this Ordinance, and shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Pueblo of Isleta for enforcement of this Ordinance. Any failure of a member or the non-member to respect and abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo shall be reported to the Governor for enforcement as described in Article VI.

B. If written consent is denied by the Governor, the Governor shall inform the member in writing, via certified U.S. mail, stating the reason or reasons for the denial. Such denial shall be conveyed within thirty (30) days of the request submittal and shall not be unreasonably withheld.

C. Failure of a non-member to request written consent to reside within ninety (90) days of enactment of this Ordinance shall be subject the non-member to enforcement as described in Article VI of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Permission or consent given by Governor for a non-member to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands shall not be deemed to convey a property right, a possessory interest right, or Pueblo of Isleta tribal membership status to the non-member, and is subject to revocation by the Pueblo of Isleta. Any revocation of permission or consent by the Governor will afford the member and non-member due process, including notice and an opportunity to be heard, and shall be done according to the laws of the Pueblo of Isleta.

Section 5. In the event of the death of the member, the permission or consent of the Pueblo of Isleta shall be revoked after six (6) months after death. Any non-member who has a member dependent may request consent of the Pueblo to continue to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands. Such request shall be made according to the procedure in Section 3. The Pueblo of Isleta reserves the right to attach conditions on the consent if given, such as charges for services provided to the non-member or non-member dependent. Such services include water, wastewater, and trash collection and will be charged according to an established fee schedule. In no event shall a life-estate be granted to a non-member by Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. In no event shall the non-member who was given consent to continue to reside be allowed to have another non-member reside with him/her within Pueblo of Isleta lands.

Section 6. In the event of the voluntary separation of the member and non-member, the permission or consent of the Pueblo of Isleta shall be automatically revoked. Any non-member who has a member dependent may request consent of the Pueblo to continue to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands. Such request shall be made according to the procedure in Section 3. The Pueblo of Isleta reserves the right to attach conditions on the consent if given, such as charges for services provided to the non-member or non-member dependent. Such services include water, wastewater, and trash collection and will be charged according to an established fee schedule. In no event shall the non-member who was given consent to continue to reside be allowed to have another non-member reside with him/her within Pueblo of Isleta lands.

Section 7. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the member shall have the right to petition the Governor to revoke permission or consent according to Article VI, Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Residence Requirements for Descendants. Any Descendant over the age of eighteen (18) years that plans to reside or plans to continue to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands must first request written permission or consent from the Governor before taking up or continuing residence within Pueblo of Isleta lands. Permission or consent to reside pursuant to this section shall be granted in the same manner as described in Sections 2 and 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE IV. APPEAL OF GOVERNOR'S DECISION

Section 1. In the event written permission or consent is denied by Governor pursuant to Article III, the member shall be allowed to appeal the decision to Tribal Council by filing a notice of appeal to the Tribal Council President within five (5) days of receipt of the denial required in Article III, Section 3(b).

Section 2. Tribal Council shall hear the appeal within forty-five (45) days of receiving the notice of appeal and at a time and date acceptable to the affected member and Governor, who shall both be present at the appeal. Tribal Council reserves the right to extend the deadline for good cause for no longer than fifteen (15) days after the initial deadline. At the appeal the affected member shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to present witnesses, testimony, and other evidence on his or her behalf. The Governor shall also be given the same opportunity. Tribal Council shall render a written decision within thirty (30) days of the appeal, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event Tribal Council affirms the Governor's denial of consent, such decision shall include a timeframe for the non-member to vacate residing within Pueblo of Isleta lands on a case-by-case basis.

Section 3. The decision by Tribal Council shall be final and not appealable.

ARTICLE V: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED SITES

Section 1. Pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. 2011-041, non-Indians are not permitted to be on the Restricted Sites described therein. No non-Indian shall be permitted to reside within these Restricted Sites.

Section 2. Pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. 2011-042, non-Indians are not permitted to be within the Historic Sites and Paths described therein. No non-Indian shall be permitted to reside within these Historic Sites and Paths.

Section 3. Non-Indians shall not be permitted to reside in the Pueblo of Isleta Village Proper, defined as follows and as depicted in Exhibit A of this Ordinance:

Beginning at the northwest corner identified as the point where the BNSF railroad tracks meet State Road 147; thence along said road in a southeasterly direction to a point where the road meets the Isleta Indian Lateral; thence along said lateral in an easterly direction to a point where the lateral meets the Isleta Riverside Drain; thence along said drain in a southeasterly direction to a point where the drain meets State Road 147; thence along said road in a westerly direction to a point where the road meets Tribal Road 33; thence along said road in a westerly direction to a point where the road meets Tribal Road 40; thence along said road in a southerly direction to a point where the road meets the Isleta Drain; thence along the drain in a northwesterly direction to a point where the drain meets the BNSF railroad tracks; thence along the tracks in a northeasterly direction to the point and place of beginning.

ARTICLE VI: ENFORCEMENT

The Pueblo of Isleta shall enforce this Ordinance as follows:

Section 1. Revocation of Permission or Consent. In the event a non-member is alleged to have failed to respect or abide by the laws, rules, regulations, customs and traditions of the Pueblo, the Governor shall revoke the permission or consent of the non-member to reside within Pueblo of Isleta lands. Such revocation will not become final unless and until concurrence is given by Tribal Council at a duly called meeting with quorum present by majority vote. Any revocation of permission or consent by the Governor will afford the member and non-member due process, including notice and an opportunity to be heard, and shall be done according to the laws of the Pueblo of Isleta. Once revocation is final, the Governor

shall cause written order to be given to the non-member. Failure to abide by revocation of permission or consent by non-member shall subject the non-member to banishment proceedings according to Pueblo of Isleta law.

Section 2. Violations of Article V. In the event a non-member violates a provision in Article V, the non-member shall immediately cease residing therein and shall be subject to banishment proceedings according to Pueblo of Isleta law.

ARTICLE VII: OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. This Ordinance may be amended from time to time by Tribal Council at a duly called meeting with quorum present by majority vote.

Section 2. To the extent that this Ordinance is inconsistent with any prior law of the Pueblo, this Ordinance shall govern and apply, and such conflicting prior law is superseded and repealed.

Section 3. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining and unaffected provisions shall remain in force and effect.

