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SALAZAR NAMES ABC DIVISON DIRECTOR

SANTA FE – New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Superintendent Marguerite Salazar has named Andrew Vallejos as the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Andrew is a lifelong resident of New Mexico who was raised in Los Alamos and attended the University of New Mexico and the University of New Mexico Law School.

“As an attorney with more than 20 years of experience, Andrew Vallejos brings a wealth of experience to the ABC Division,” Superintendent Salazar said. “I am confident in his ability to protect our citizens and visitors to the state as well as his facility for promoting business development.”

Vallejos has previously held several positions in New Mexico state government, including with the New Mexico Attorney General’s Office, Human Services Department and Expo New Mexico. He has also been a staff member with House and Senate Judiciary Committees and for the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Most recently, Vallejos worked with Bernalillo County and the city of Albuquerque to create a funding process for behavioral health programs with the newly implemented behavioral health tax.

Vallejos will be responsible for regulating the Liquor Control Act and working with all shareholders to insure that the delivery of spirituous beverages is safe for all citizens of New Mexico.

“I am excited to build on the success of my predecessors in balancing the need for regulation, while being receptive to removing unneeded barriers to economic development, especially in mid-sized towns and rural areas of New Mexico,” said Vallejos. “If you are an applicant or a licensee, please know that the ABC Division is here to help. We are committed to assisting you from the beginning and finding solutions together.”

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