

1           **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

2   **January 20, 2022**

3   **NO. 22-8500-006**

4   **IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
5   **MEMORIALIZATION AND**  
6   **AFFIRMATION OF THE UNIFIED**  
7   **BUDGET PROCESS OF THE NEW**  
8   **MEXICO JUDICIARY**

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10   **ORDER**

11           WHEREAS, the New Mexico Unified Budget process includes the proposal  
12 and review of general fund requests, special funding requests, supplemental funding  
13 requests, capital outlay fund requests, and the review, consideration, and assessment  
14 of legislative proposals;

15           WHEREAS, this process is meant to provide thoughtful consideration and  
16 review, culminating in Supreme Court approval and publication of all such funding  
17 requests and legislative initiatives on behalf of the entire New Mexico Judiciary in  
18 the Unified Budget; and

19           WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has requested and recommended the  
20 memorialization and affirmation of this process, and the Court having considered  
21 the recommendation and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil,  
22 Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and  
23 Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;


1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Unified Budget, along with  
2 each component part, represents the single unified message of funding requests and  
3 legislative proposals for members of the Judiciary as they interact with the  
4 legislature and its staff, the executive and its staff, and the press; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all judges and employees of the Judiciary  
6 will support and work toward the successful passage of the Unified Budget, as  
7 consistent support for all aspects of the Unified Budget provides the best opportunity  
8 to successfully accomplish all aspects of the Judiciary's mission.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 20th day of January, 2022.

  
Jennifer L. Scott, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

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