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NM House Republicans echo optimism for new state budget director

Santa Fe- Today, members of the Legislative Finance Committee selected the replacement for outgoing Director, David Abbey, who held the position for the last 26 years. After reviewing 13 applicants, members of the committee unanimously selected current Acting Director Charles Sallee, a member of the Legislative Finance Committee staff with 18 years of financial/budgeting experience.

“Charles is undoubtedly the right choice,” said Ranking Member Gail Armstrong (R-Magdalena) “I am confident he will approach this job as he always has while working with the LFC, in a nonpartisan, fiscally sound way that protects the taxpayers of this state.”

“I am very optimistic about the future of the LFC with Charles leading the staff,” said Jack Chatfield (R-Mosquero). “Charles has been a faithful servant to the people of New Mexico during his 18 years with the committee. His budget experience will benefit the legislature and the people of this state for years to come.”

“The committee has selected the right person to continue the steady leadership of the LFC,” said Brian Baca (R- Los Lunas) “Selecting the Director of the LFC is a very large undertaking that the members of this committee did not take lightly. Charles’ fiscal experience will be critical as members of the LFC navigate the challenges of balancing our state’s \$10 billion budget.”

(photo attachment is L-R Senator Pat Woods, Rep. Gail Armstrong, Rep. Jack Chatfield, and Rep. Brian Baca)

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