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In Case You Missed It

GOP Chair: Dems' Hypocrisy Won't Move Our State Forward

Albuquerque—Following an attack piece authored by Democratic Party Chairman Javier Gonzales and published in yesterday's *Albuquerque Journal*, Monty Newman, chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico, submitted this response:

Dems' Hypocrisy Won't Move Our State Forward

By Monty Newman, Chairman, Republican Party of New Mexico

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Read this online at: http://www.abqjournal.com/opinion/guest_columns/302138503927opinioguestcolumns12-30-10.htm

I read with disbelief yesterday's op-ed authored by Democrat Chairman Javier Gonzales.

While launching politically-driven attacks at Gov.-elect Susana Martinez, Gonzales seems to forget that it was the very leaders within his own party who are largely responsible for the erosion of public confidence in government and the state's current financial situation.

Further, it is with a great deal of hypocrisy that Gonzales attacks Martinez over hiring decisions when your paper recently revealed that Gonzales' own politically-connected brother was awarded a lucrative post within the Richardson administration, without competition, in the midst of a state hiring freeze, and in spite of the fact that his qualifications may be suspect.

To add insult to injury, thanks to some creative political shuffling, Gonzales' brother won't be subject to the same rules that would apply to individuals appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson who would normally be replaced with picks by the incoming governor.

It is unfortunate that during this holiday season Gonzales would rather sling mud than take the opportunity to reflect on the recent election outcome and move this state forward in a positive

direction.

Until that happens, Mr. Gonzales' rhetoric should be chalked up as sour grapes but not taken seriously.

Meanwhile, many of the rest of us will be ringing in the New Year, looking forward to bold change and fresh beginnings for New Mexico.

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