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Donna Maestas-De Vries New Deputy Director of MFA

Former Taxation and Revenue Director to Oversee
More Than 20 Affordable Housing Programs



ALBUQUERQUE: The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority announced today that Donna Maestas-De Vries has been hired as the organization's new Deputy Director of Programs. She will oversee all aspects of MFA's housing development, asset management and community development departments, which together administer more than 20 affordable housing programs. She replaces Isidoro Hernandez, who was recently named as MFA's executive director.

"Donna has a wealth of experience and program knowledge that make her a natural fit for MFA," Hernandez said. "We are extremely pleased to have her here, and we have no doubt that she will be a valuable addition to our team."

For the past year, Maestas-De Vries has been a director and tribal liaison for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Prior to that, she worked at the state's Department of

Finance and Administration as acting director, deputy director and equal employment opportunity officer. She also served for three years as the senior public lending officer for the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Before coming to New Mexico, Maestas-De Vries worked for more than a decade in commercial real estate in California. She was also the project manager for a large multifamily development project in San Diego.

Maestas-De Vries earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego with a major in psychology and minors in physics and mathematics. She has held a Graduate Realtor Institute designation and received a mortgage loan originator endorsement. She is currently certified as a master loan processor through the National Association of Mortgage Professionals.

MFA is a quasi-governmental entity created in 1975 to provide financing for housing and other related services for low- and moderate-income New Mexicans. The organization served more than 19,500 New Mexico households in 2019 through 30 affordable housing-related programs that include rental assistance, affordable housing construction, down payment assistance, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades. MFA manages \$4 billion in assets and more than \$527 million in annual production. MFA is self-supporting and receives no operational money from the State of New Mexico.

For more information about MFA, go to *housingnm.org*.

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