

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE NEW MEXICO JUSTICE 40 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Whereas President Biden, in a historic bill signing made a commitment, setting as a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal Investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underprivileged, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

Whereas that commitment is contained in Executive Order 14008, signed on January 27, 2021. The categories of investment include, climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of clean water and wastewater infrastructure.

Whereas President Biden's One trillion-dollar Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation which was signed into law November 15, 2021, is directed to invest \$55 billion to expand access to clean drinking water for households, businesses, schools, and centers across the country. The investment is to cover rural towns to struggling cities, address water infrastructure and eliminate lead service pipes, including in Tribal Nations and disadvantaged communities that need it most,

Whereas the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill will deliver \$65 billion to help ensure that every American has access to high-speed internet through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure and deployment.

Whereas the legislation includes \$39 billion of new investment to modernize transit, in addition to continuing the existing transit programs for the next five years as part of the surface transportation reauthorization. In total the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal provides \$89.9 billion in guaranteed funding for public transit over the next five years.

Whereas \$65 billion deal will be invested in clean energy which will include building thousands of miles of new resilient transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable and clean energy while lowering cost. The bill includes funding for new programs to support the development and demonstration, and deployment of cutting-edge clean energy technologies to accelerate our nation's transition to a zero-emission economy.

Whereas the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill will provide an investment of over \$50 billion to protect against droughts, heat, floods, and wildfires, in addition to a major investment in weatherization

Whereas the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill will deliver \$21 billion, the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells, these projects will remediate environmental harm and address legacy pollution that harms the public health of communities and advance long overdue environmental justice. This investment will benefit communities of color, especially since 29% of Hispanic Communities, and 26 % of Black Americans live within 3 miles of Superfund sites.

Whereas through the President's American Rescue Plan and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law federal agencies are making historic levels of investment to advance environmental justice to address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities and bring critical resources to communities that have been overburdened by legacy pollution and environmental hazards.

Whereas the State of New Mexico is seeking funding to preserve and protect its lands, watersheds, clean drinking water, wildlife, food security, provide affordable housing, quality education, and workforce development.

Whereas since climate change has impacted the health and quality of life for residents of New Mexico, an executive order is being put in place to address the climate, social, economic, and environmental conditions of our state with input from our stakeholders in cooperation with state government to work together to secure funding for our initiatives.

Whereas this executive order supports the stated objectives of the New Mexico Executive Order 202221-052 that I signed on August 26, 2021.

Whereas this executive order establishes a Justice 40 Oversight Committee to interact with federal agencies about Justice 40 covered programs and coordinate with local and state agencies to assure maximum benefits to our residents.

Now Therefore I Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, Order and Direct as follows:

The Establishment of a Justice 40 Oversight Committee to be Co-Chaired by Richard Moore, Co-Chair of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and **Co-Chaired by my designee.**

The Oversight Committee will consist of Department heads of each state agency or their designee identified by its Federal Agency counterpart under Justice 40 covered programs including, but not limited to, the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Health and Human Services, Forestry, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Transportation, and Education.

Five (5) community stakeholders will be appointed to the Oversight Committee as identified by Richard Moore and in consultation with the Governor or her designee.

The first meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place no later than five days after the signing of this Executive Order and thereafter the Oversight Committee will meet weekly until its work is done.

The first meeting led by the co-chairs will determine procedures for submitting and evaluating projects to be proposed for funding. After this process, the Committee will submit the completed list of projects to the Governor's office for review and submission to the appropriate federal agency.

Each state agency will be responsible for tracking projects that are being submitted to the federal agency that corresponds with their agency and report progress at weekly meetings.

This Executive order establishes a deadline of October 15th by which the Oversight Committee will provide for the Governor a complete package to be submitted to the various federal agencies for funding under covered programs identified under Justice 40 or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, or any other federal funding sources that are available or may become available during this process.