

State of New Mexico  
*Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

December 17, 2009

Via E-mail

Heath Haussamen  
heath@haussamen.com

Re: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Haussamen:

This letter is in response to your Inspection of Public Records Request dated, December 2, 2009, in which you requested

“any information available (such as, but not limited to, a list) about which 59 exempt employees are having their positions eliminated, which departments they work in and what salaries they were being paid before their positions were eliminated.”

We have enclosed the documents responsive to your request. With the delivery of these documents, we consider this request closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcie Maestas".

Marcie Maestas  
Records Custodian

## Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 3:36 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** did u get my question on exempts?

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**To:** Nash, Kate  
[mailto:[knash@sfnewmexican.com](mailto:knash@sfnewmexican.com)]  
**Sent:** Tue, 01 Dec 2009 16:01:00  
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**Subject:** RE: did u get my question on exempts?

> Yup. Working on it  
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> Deputy Chief of Staff  
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**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** So what's the deal?

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**From:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 9:19 AM  
**To:** Nash, Kate  
**Subject:** RE: So what's the deal?

Sorry, I've been home sick and I was out of it last night. So I had not had a chance to talk to the Governor about this.  
We will likely put out a statement on this issue today.

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**From:** Massey, Barry [bmassey@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 9:58 AM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Layoffs

Gilbert,  
I noted Nash's story in the New Mexican this morning. Has the administration notified workers of layoffs? If so, how many and when are they effective? I, of course, would take any statement you want to issue on the matter. Thanks.

Barry

Barry Massey  
Santa Fe Correspondent  
The Associated Press  
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**From:** Dan Boyd [dBoyd@abqjournal.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 11:32 AM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Exempts question

Wanted to get some clarification on the situation regarding the trimming of the ranks of state exempt employees. We've heard some of the exempt employees who will have their positions terminated were to be told of the decision on Tuesday. Is that correct? In addition, how many exempt employees are being let go and how many vacant exempt positions are being scrapped?

There's also a report today that Bruce Kohl is one of those being terminated. Could you provide a list of other exempt employees being released? Let me know if this is an issue I should talk to Katherine Miller about or if the governor's office will be handling it. Thanks in advance,  
Dan

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**From:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 12:22 PM  
**To:** Gillespie, Nicole, DFA  
**Subject:** RE: Exempt terminations

Yes. He e-mailed me too. I'm sending out the release now. But it won't have a list of people.

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**From:** Gillespie, Nicole, DFA  
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**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Exempt terminations

Dan Boid requested a comment from Katherine on the exempt terminations. Specifically he wanted to get a list of positions – if available – and an estimate on the projected savings.

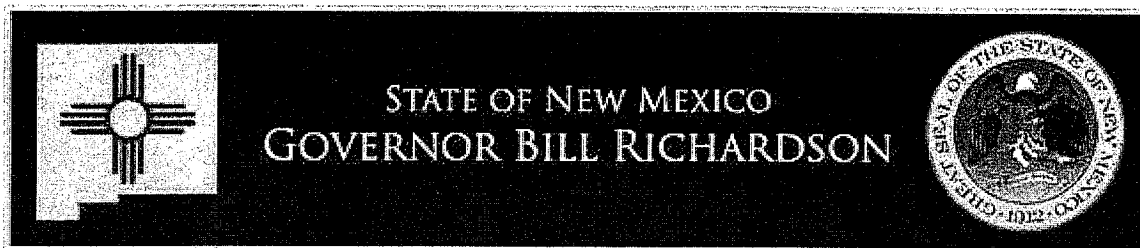
Gilbert – should I just tell him to call you?

**Nicole Gillespie**  
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**Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV**

**From:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** Several State Exempt Positions to be Eliminated



For immediate release  
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Contact: Gilbert Gallegos  
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**From:** Kate Nash [knash@sfnewmexican.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2009 12:26 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** exempts

i've got an email from the director of the securities division saying he was terminated.

can i get an update on how many other exempts have been terminated and what the plan is for terminating the rest? by when? how many? and how many are vacant?

thanks

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2009 12:43 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Re: Today's article

Gilbert,

I don't think Kohl is involved in the ongoing investigations at SIC and ERB, and I don't think we inferred that he is. The guy is, however, in charge of the division that investigates financial fraud. Earlier this week, he testified before an interim legislative committee about the state needing more resources to proactively tackle some of the investment cases. His dismissal is, I think, noteworthy in that regard. Some legislators appear to agree. Plus, without knowing who the other 58 exempt employees are, he gave a face to those being let go.

I figured since you didn't want to disclose the list of exempts or the criteria used to identify them, that there wouldn't be much of a response to what Kohl had to say. I did ask you specifically about Kohl earlier yesterday and if he was one of the employees affected. If the governor's office does have some comments today on his claims, I'd be happy to receive them.

We've used the 170 figure in the past and I believe Cole got it from DFA. I'll double check on that one. Thanks, Dan

Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV wrote:

Dan,

I was thoroughly confused by the headline and tone of today's article. It suggests, or you allow Kohl to suggest, that he somehow has something to do with the investigations going on at SIC and ERB. You mention generally "investment scandals." But to my knowledge, this guy, who I've never heard of, has nothing to do with that. His division deals with securities fraud. I can already envision an editorial that builds on these false assumptions.

In addition, while you asked me process questions about what went into the decision to determine which exempt positions were eliminated, you never gave me the opportunity to respond to this guy's ridiculous claims.

Finally, I don't know where you're getting that figure of 170 exempt employees in 2003. I know Cole had it in a column last year. To the best of my knowledge, Gov. Johnson left office with about 350 exempt employees.

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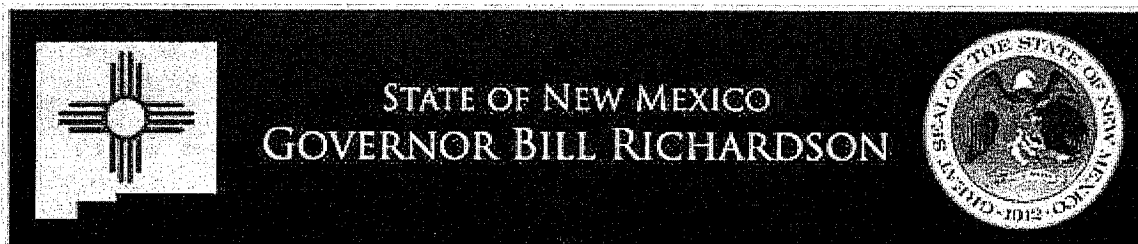
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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 1:17 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** RE: Several State Exempt Positions to be Eliminated

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Btw, I read the story you have on the web site. I believe the only person making more than \$300,000 was Gary Bland, who resigned. There shouldn't be anyone else even close to that.

And when you refer to them as "political appointees," I know what you mean, but it sounds like we're all a bunch of political hacks. And I'm sure that's how your readers will view it. Many PIO's and lawyers, in particular, were hardly political before being hired as exempt employees. I have never asked a PIO candidate his political affiliation before recommending that the Governor hire him or her.

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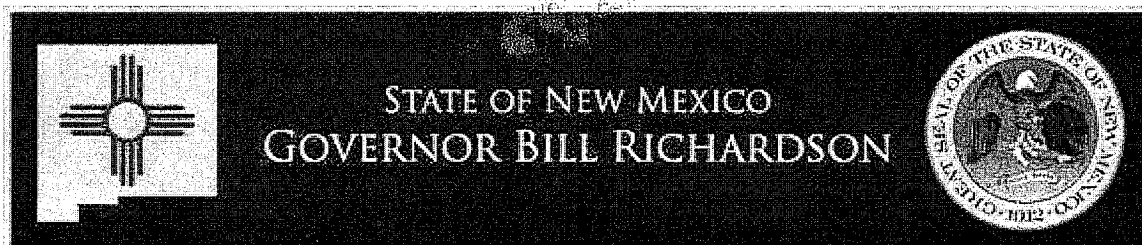
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**Cc:** Casados, Teresa O., GOV; Maestas, Marcia A., GOV  
**Subject:** FW: Several State Exempt Positions to be Eliminated

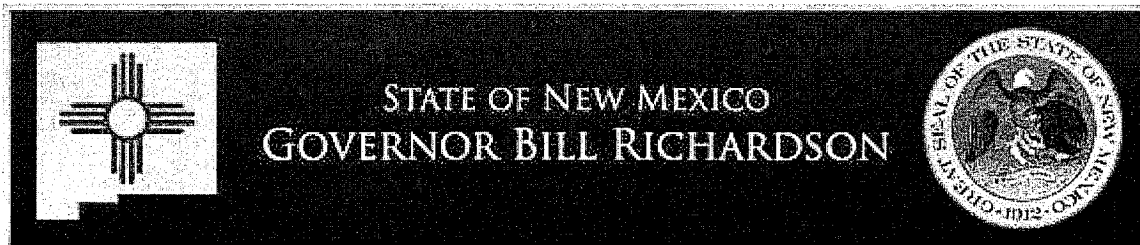
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Thanks for the clarification. It's my understanding that the 59 exempt employees who are being let go make up a portion of the 106 vacancies that were achieved. So that means 47 of the vacancies already existed?  
Just want to make sure my math is correct.

You're right about the fact only one person makes more than \$300,000 (or did before he resigned). I'll update the web posting to reflect that. As for the political appointees phrase, it's certainly not intended to be derogatory. I just think the average reader doesn't know what "exempt employee" means.

Last question: can you shed any more light on how the positions that were cut were identified? (i.e. what criteria was given to cabinet secretaries).

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**To:** Boyd, Dan  
**Subject:** RE: Exempts

You are correct on the vacancies.

Looking at the Journal's coverage of Mayor Berry's appointments, they are simply referred to as appointees or "at will" appointments. I never see the term "political appointment." Even if it's not meant as derogatory, I think that's how it comes across. You're call.

I'm not going to discuss the process that Cabinet Secretaries went through to identify employees.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 2:15 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Re: Exempts

Thanks for the clarification. It's my understanding that the 59 exempt employees who are being let go make up a portion of the 106 vacancies that were achieved. So that means 47 of the vacancies already existed?  
Just want to make sure my math is correct.

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Last question: can you shed any more light on how the positions that were cut were identified? (i.e. what criteria was given to cabinet secretaries).

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Barry

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**To:** Massey, Barrey  
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You are correct.

No, I can't give you a breakdown. I know about 20 agencies were affected after a thorough analysis by Cabinet Secretaries.

The Governor will continue to look for savings. I can't say at this time whether that will mean any more job eliminations.

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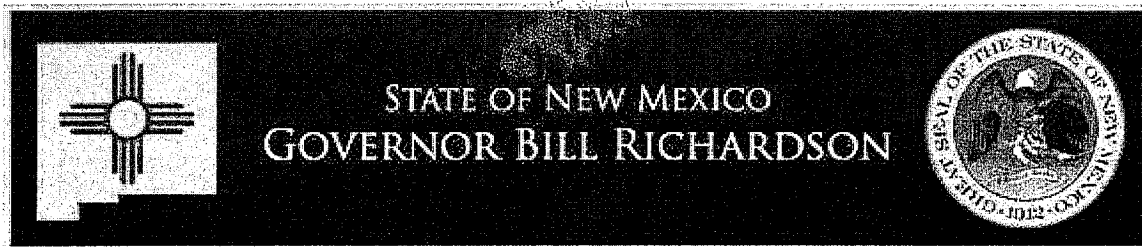
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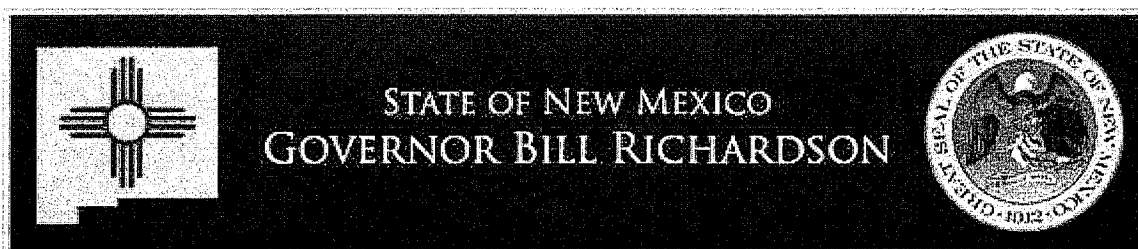
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Can I answer her. Basically, everyone is evaluated separately and amounts are based on their earnings.

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**Sent:** Wed Dec 02 15:13:04 2009  
**Subject:** exempt employees

Hi Carrie

will the exempt employees who were let go be able to get unemployment? what is the maximum amount (timewise and percent of salary wise) they would be able to collect?  
thanks

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**To:** Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV  
**Subject:** Re: Exempts

One additional exempt question for you:

Does the \$8.3 million figure reflect just the saving generated by cutting the 59 exempt employees? Or is that the total of the 106 vacant exempt positions? On the same note, does the \$8.3 million figure include benefits? Thanks again.

Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV wrote:

You are correct on the vacancies.

Looking at the Journal's coverage of Mayor Berry's appointments, they are simply referred to as appointees or "at will" appointments. I never see the term "political appointment." Even if it's not meant as derogatory, I think that's how it comes across. You're call.

I'm not going to discuss the process that Cabinet Secretaries went through to identify employees.

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Thanks for the clarification. It's my understanding that the 59 exempt employees who are being let go make up a portion of the 106 vacancies that were achieved. So that means 47 of the vacancies already existed? Just want to make sure my math is correct.

You're right about the fact only one person makes more than \$300,000 (or did before he resigned). I'll update the web posting to reflect that. As

for the political appointees phrase, it's certainly not intended to be derogatory. I just think the average reader doesn't know what "exempt employee" means.

Last question: can you shed any more light on how the positions that were cut were identified? (i.e. what criteria was given to cabinet secretaries).

Gallegos, Gilbert, GOV wrote:

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We will not identify employees who are affected.

Btw, I read the story you have on the web site. I believe the only person making more than \$300,000 was Gary Bland, who resigned. There

shouldn't be anyone else even close to that.

And when you refer to them as "political appointees," I know what you mean, but it sounds like we're all a bunch of political hacks. And I'm sure that's how your readers will view it. Many PIO's and lawyers, in particular, were hardly political before being hired as exempt employees. I have never asked a PIO candidate his political

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The press release answered a lot of the previous questions I had sent

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you can disregard those. The follow-up questions I have to the press release include 1) How were the 59 exempts that will be let go identified? 2) Does the governor anticipate severing ties (I believe

he

said he'd eliminate 84 exempt positions) with more exempts? 3) Is

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a list available of the positions affected or a breakdown by agency?  
Thanks in advance.

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The 106 includes the 59 let go this week and the 47 vacancies, which were filled by people who have since left.

When the Legislature debated this issue, they accounted for 60 or so vacancies and, at first, suggested a total of 80 positions to be eliminated (60 plus 20); ultimately the legislation said 102 positions (60 plus 42).

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Sent: Wed, 02 Dec 2009 16:55:16  
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> The 106 includes the 59 let go this week and the 47 vacancies, which  
> were filled by people who have since left.  
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> When the Legislature debated this issue, they accounted for 60 or so  
> vacancies and, at first, suggested a total of 80 positions to be  
> eliminated (60 plus 20); ultimately the legislation said 102 positions  
> (60 plus 42).

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> wait, how many vacancies were there then? i thought you are only  
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December 7, 2009

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Sincerely,

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Marcie Maestas  
Records Custodian