



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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## **Commissioner Vacancy at New Mexico Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

*Raul Rodriguez steps down as Commissioner representing Deaf & Hard of Hearing of Southern New Mexico.*

**Albuquerque, New Mexico** – The Board of Commissioners of the Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing announced that Raul Rodriguez, Commissioner representing Southern New Mexico for the past 8 years, has decided to resign, effective November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

At the Commission Board Meeting, Mr. Rodriguez said that he was pleased to see the growth in the Commission over the last 8 years and the increased focus on rural communities, and the increased focus in serving the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind of Southern New Mexico.

"Mr. Rodriguez's commitment to Southern New Mexico was instrumental in the creation of the Commission's Las Cruces office. The Commission thanks him for all he has accomplished to create greater focus on rural communities and underserved populations. The Board wishes him the very best as he starts a new chapter in his life," said Mark Apodaca, Chairman of the Board.

Individuals interested in applying for the vacancy can apply at  
<http://www.governor.state.nm.us/ApplyForBoards.aspx>.

### **About NMCDHH**

The State of New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides effective leadership, education, advocacy and programs to reduce barriers to the social, economic, educational, cultural and intellectual well-being of Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Mexicans and their families, friends and colleagues. For more information, call 1.800.489.8536 or visit [www.cdhh.state.nm.us](http://www.cdhh.state.nm.us).

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