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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Mexico County Chairpersons

FROM: Olivia Padilla-Jackson, Cabinet Secretary, DFA *Olivia Padilla-Jackson*

DATE: April 30, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 Classification of Counties

Attached is the revised classification of counties as of April 30, 2020. Per state statute 4-44-2, NMSA 1978, the Local Government Division is responsible to classify all counties within the state based upon population and net taxable property valuations. Reclassification becomes effective pursuant to this memorandum. Salary upgrades may not go into effect until July 1st, 2020 for newly elected officials.

County classification is important, as it may impact qualification for state or federal financial assistance and dictates the maximum salary levels of elected public officials. The 2020 Classification of Counties is only for the classification of salaries.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Gonzales Special Project Analyst at 505-827-4900 or via email at Jolene.Gonzales1@state.nm.us.

Attachment

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