



NM State Treasurer James B. Lewis Re-Election Campaign News Release

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JAMES B. LEWIS ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

ALBUQUERQUE– October 17, 2009 – New Mexico State Treasurer James B. Lewis announced he will seek a second term in front of a group of hundreds at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center today.

“As New Mexico State Treasurer, I am reminded what President John F. Kennedy said “Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You, Ask What You Can Do For Your Country “. I don’t believe that there is any greater honor that can be bestowed on you, than to be elected to public office - - to serve the citizen of your City, County, State or Country,” Lewis said. “Therefore, I believe it is my duty and responsibility to seek re-election to the office of State Treasurer during these turbulent times in this State, Country and the World. I must continue the journey of restoring Honesty and Integrity in the office of the Treasury.”

While he has accomplished much in this term, he outlined some of the initiatives he will address in his next term including:

- Implementation/Reconciliation of the States New Accounting System (SHARE)
- Continue Open and Transparent Government and being available to the public
- Review, Evaluate and Enhance Investments -- Safety, Liquidity and Yield
- Review, Evaluate and Enhance the Investment Policy
- Enhance Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
- Enhance the New Cash Management Process.
- Enhance Relations with all government entities

A native New Mexican, Lewis, served as State Treasurer when he was appointed to that office in 1985 by Gov. Toney Anaya. He was subsequently elected to a four-year term from 1987-1990, and was elected to his current term in 2006. Recently, Lewis was unanimously elected by his peers to serve as president of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) for a one year term beginning January 1, 2010.

He has served with federal, state, county and city agencies in both elected and appointed positions throughout his career in government and finance. Prior to being State Treasurer, Lewis was the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Albuquerque. Previous positions include the City of Albuquerque Chief of Operations, Chief Clerk/Chief Executive Officer of the NM State Corporation Commission, Director/Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, Director of the Oil, Gas and Mineral Division of the New Mexico Commission of Public Lands, Chief of Staff to Governor Bruce King and Bernalillo County Treasurer. A U.S. Army veteran, Lewis holds undergraduate degrees in education and business administration and a Master’s degree in public administration.