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New Mexico MainStreet Announces Recipients of Dallan Sanders MainStreet Advocate Awards

TAOS - The New Mexico MainStreet Program announced today, two recipients of the Dallan Sanders Awards for MainStreet Advocacy; Senator Sue Wilson Beffort (R- Sandia Park) and Representative Roberto J. Gonzales(D-Taos). The Dallan Sanders MainStreet Advocate Awards are given by the MainStreet New Mexico Coalition of MainStreet Communities in recognition of state legislators who have made an outstanding contribution towards advancing New Mexico MainStreet policy and legislative initiatives.

"We appreciate the support of Senator Beffort and Representative Gonzales in the MainStreet program's ongoing efforts to aid in the historical preservation of our state treasures in traditional areas of commerce," said Secretary Barela. "In addition to the revitalization efforts, the MainStreet program has been a tremendous asset in helping to create jobs all over New Mexico."

"The New Mexico Coalition of MainStreet Communities is grateful for the support our legislative recipients have provided in the past and because of their work on our behalf our communities have been able to complete vital projects that support historical preservation and economic development across the state," said Mark Lake, president of the New Mexico Coalition of MainStreet Communities. "We are pleased to present these awards to two outstanding supporters of the MainStreet program in New Mexico."

Senator Beffort, a former small business owner, is currently serving her fifth, four-year term in the New Mexico State Legislature and is the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Beffort was instrumental in obtaining funding for the New Mexico MainStreet Program in the 2013 Legislative Session.

Representative Roberto J. Gonzales has served in the New Mexico Legislature since 1994. Representative Gonzales has been a strong supporter of the New Mexico MainStreet and Arts and Cultural Districts for years. In 2011, he carried the Arts and Cultural District Clean-Up Bill and in 2013 secured capital outlay funds for the Taos Arts and Cultural District.

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