



# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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**DATE:** March 5, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Javier M. Gonzales  
**RE:** Appointments

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I would like to make the following appointment:

**Arts Commission**

Bernadette Ortiz Peña – to fill unexpired term ending 10/2015 (Resume attached)

**Bernadette Ortiz Peña** was born and raised in Santa Fe. She is a graduate of The College of Santa Fe (now SFUAD) with graduate work in dance at UNM and UC-Irvine. Ms. Peña is a long term Santa Fe Public School certified educator, holding licensures in Fine Arts, Language Arts, Physical Education, Gifted, and TESOL. Bernadette has been a performing arts educator in Santa Fe since 1998. She is most proud of directing her students in two award winning NMAA One Act Conferences, and producing a variety of choreography for dance and musical theater students over the last seventeen years at Capital High School.

Ms. Peña has performed Flamenco, has been an active participant of One Billion Rising, NMFILM, and is a member of IATSE. Some of Bernadette's acting work includes; Eve Enslers' ***The Good Body***, Shabana Cohelos' ***Greenland***, Dale Dunns' ***Parakeet Love***, Cardidad Svichs' ***In The Time of Butterflies***, and Irma Majorgas' ***Cascarones***. She is currently cast as "La Muerte" in Rudolfo Anayas' ***Bless Me Ultima*** in which she is also the choreographer.

She is proud of her beautiful city, where she has raised two successful children who founded a local business called *Food Tour New Mexico*.