

1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

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5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
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2 **March 30, 2022**

3 **NO. 22-8500-DS**

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5 **IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION**  
6 **OF THE HONORABLE FRED T. VAN SOELEN**  
7 **TO PRESIDE OVER A SPECIFIED CASE**  
8 **IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

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10 **ORDER**

11 WHEREAS, it appearing to the Chief Justice that all judges in the Fifth  
12 Judicial District Court have recused or are otherwise unavailable to preside over  
13 the case of *Republican Party of New Mexico, ET. AL., v. Maggie Tolouse Oliver,*  
14 *ET. AL.,* D-506-CV-2022-041; and

15 WHEREAS, in light of the requirements of public business, the Chief  
16 Justice having determined that it would be in the best interests of judicial  
17 economy and the expeditious disposition of the foregoing case to designate the  
18 Honorable Fred T. Van Soelen to preside over said case;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority of  
20 the Chief Justice under Article VI, Sections 3 and 15, of the Constitution of the  
21 State of New Mexico, Hon. Fred T. Van Soelen is designated to preside over  
22 *Republican Party of New Mexico, ET. AL., v. Maggie Tolouse Oliver, ET. AL.,*  
23 *D-506-CV-2022-041;* which is pending on the docket of the Fifth District Court;

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Van Soelen may be reimbursed  
25 for mileage and per diem, provided that such costs are paid directly by the Fifth

1 Judicial District Court;

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should this case remain pending on the  
3 docket of the Fifth Judicial District Court after Judge Van Soelen is no longer  
4 a sitting district judge in the Ninth Judicial District Court, this case shall be  
5 automatically reassigned to the new judge selected to replace Judge Noel in  
6 Division III of the Ninth Judicial District Court; and

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District  
8 Court shall provide a copy of this order to the parties to the case referenced in  
9 this order.

10 DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 30th day of March, 2022.

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Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice