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Senator Michael Padilla Announces Candidacy for Democratic Nomination for Lieutenant Governor

Albuquerque, NM (July 24, 2017) – Senator Michael Padilla brings his unique, hardworking, and energetic style to the lieutenant governor’s race. A key focus for Padilla will be ending poverty in New Mexico. Padilla said “Together, we can move New Mexico beyond the rampant poverty that has become our norm for decades, and help our children and families realize their full potential.”

Senator Michael Padilla is a father, business owner, and has been in the Senate since January 2013. Padilla serves as the Senate Majority Whip, a leadership position his colleagues elected him to in his second year in the Senate. He serves on nine legislative committees, including as the chairman of the Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee. Padilla has been a lifelong Democrat, serving in multiple leadership positions within the party.

Senator Padilla has been a highly effective legislator in the areas of economic development, technology deployment, and job creation. He has also been a leader in public education, early childhood development, and CYFD reform. Padilla believes that a focus on all of these areas is necessary to address the issue of poverty in New Mexico. "Helping New Mexico end poverty will be the focus of my campaign for Lieutenant Governor" said Padilla.

Senator Padilla understands firsthand the enormous issues inherent in poverty. As a young child, he grew up in multiple foster homes in Los Lunas, Belen, Taos, Truth or Consequences, Zuni, Estancia, Los Padillas, and Albuquerque. He also spent a significant part of his childhood living at the All Faiths Receiving Home for Homeless Children. Padilla credits his difficult upbringing as a motivator to successfully pass landmark legislation called the Hunger Free Students Bill of Rights. This legislation has focused world-wide attention on New Mexico. Padilla said “Our first in the nation Hunger Free Students Bill of Rights will take the focus off of our children’s stomachs and place it on their studies, a bold action that will dramatically help improve our graduation rates and our work force.”

New Mexicans wishing to learn more about Senator Michael Padilla’s campaign for Lieutenant Governor can go to MP4NM.COM, [MP4NM](#) on Facebook, and [@MP4NM](#) on Twitter.

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