

SCOTT FUQUA DISTRICT ATTORNEY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Honorable Timothy Garcia served with distinction for six years on the District Court bench in Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties before being appointed to the New Mexico Court of Appeals where he served for a decade. Judge Garcia applied his intellect to a career that saw him lauded for his honesty and fairness. I am proud to have his endorsement.



Fellow Democrats and Voters:

I am writing this letter to endorse Scott Fuqua for the office of District Attorney in next Tuesday's primary election. I have known Scott for over a decade, both as a lawyer and as an active community member. This is Scott's first venture into the political arena but I am very proud of him for his prior public service with the Attorney General's office. Most voters don't really know the candidates for offices like district attorney, attorney general or local judicial offices. We rely on our friends and acquaintances in the legal community to let us know who the strong candidates might be. For those in the community who know me personally or knew me during my many years of service on the bench, I write this letter for just that purpose. Like many of my colleagues in the

legal community that have already stepped up to support Scott in this effort, I also want to publicly support Scott for DA.

As an attorney, Scott appeared before me at the New Mexico Court of Appeals several times in important cases. Cases involving significant statutory and constitutional issues that affect everyone in New Mexico. His skill was apparent in both the briefs he submitted and in his oral advocacy before the Court. He is a first-rate lawyer and has the experience to understand what it takes to run an efficient and effective district attorney's office. He will be a great district attorney because of his keen intellect, honesty, and understanding of what it takes to be an effective prosecutor, as well as a supervisor over a large group of staff and younger attorneys.

More importantly, Scott is a committed community leader who actively stays involved in local grass roots programs. Scott served on the Board of First Serve-New Mexico, a non-profit organization providing free tennis and tutoring to students in Santa Fe and Pojoaque, from second grade through high school graduation. I was very involved with the First Serve program and saw, first-hand, Scott's commitment and dedication to the children of New Mexico. With Scott's help and leadership, First Serve has helped improve the lives of hundreds of children in our community by giving them the tools they need to succeed far beyond high school. Scott has also coached the high school mock trial team in Pojoaque for 13 years, mentoring dozens of high school students on their way to additional successes and opportunities.

I hope you will join me in helping elect Scott Fuqua as our next District Attorney. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Garcia

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