

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

2 **October 26, 2016**

3 **NO. 16-8500**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**
5 **ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT COURT**
6 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCILS**

7 **ORDER**

8 WHEREAS, scarce resources can be allocated more efficiently if the
9 Judiciary, law enforcement, public defenders, district attorneys, and local county
10 detention facilities and corrections programs are planned and executed in a
11 coordinated fashion;

12 WHEREAS, improved planning and coordination can help alleviate work
13 overload and reduce overcrowding in our correctional institutions;

14 WHEREAS, a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is a body of justice
15 system leaders that convene on a regular basis to discuss, identify and resolve
16 criminal justice system problems and coordinate systemic responses to justice
17 issues; *The Justice Management Institute, National Network of Criminal Justice*
18 *Coordinating Councils*;

19 WHEREAS, a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council focuses on criminal
20 justice system reform that is based on “data-driven policies and evidenced-based

1 practices that result in improved public safety outcomes, cost-effective responses
2 to crime, and fair and efficient adjudication processes.” *The Justice Management*
3 *Institute*;

4 WHEREAS, a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has numerous benefits
5 including:

- 6 1. improved analysis of the problem;
- 7 2. improved communication, cooperation, and coordination;
- 8 3. clear goals, objectives, and priorities;
- 9 4. more effective allocation of resources;
- 10 5. improved programs and services;
- 11 6. improved capacity and quality of personnel; and
- 12 7. increased public confidence in the justice system;

13 *U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Corrections*;

14 WHEREAS, the creation of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils in each
15 judicial district in the state of New Mexico is an effective mechanism for
16 improving the administration of justice; and

17 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the
18 matter and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels,
19 Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Barbara J. Vigil,
20 and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Chief Judge in each judicial
22 district convene a Local Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to include key

1 justice system stakeholders;

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Council shall discuss, identify, and
3 resolve criminal justice system problems and coordinate systemic responses to
4 justice issues; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any proposed reform shall be based on
6 “data-driven policies and evidenced-based practices that result in improved public
7 safety, cost-effective responses to crime, and fair and efficient adjudication
8 processes.”

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 WITNESS, Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice
11 of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and
12 the seal of said Court this 26th day of October, 2016.

13 (S E A L)

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15 Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico