

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

2 **April 13, 2022**

3 **NO. 22-8500-019**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE USE OF**
5 **MULTILINGUAL LANDLORD TENANT**
6 **FORMS BY SELF-REPRESENTED**
7 **LITIGANTS IN NEW MEXICO STATE**
8 **COURTS**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of
11 the New Mexico Judicial Translation Project Team (NMJTPT) and the Court
12 Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts to implement a
13 multilingual forms project for the use of landlord tenant forms by self-represented
14 litigants in New Mexico courts, and the Court having considered the
15 recommendation and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon,
16 Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and
17 Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is
19 APPROVED;

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective **April 13, 2022**, all landlord tenant
21 forms that are available in paper copy in the courthouses and for download from the

1 Judiciary's website shall be made available in multilingual format, and the current
2 English-only forms shall also remain available; and

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that landlord tenant forms may be completed by
4 a self-represented litigant in a language other than English, and the courts shall
5 accept such pleadings and follow guidelines from the Administrative Office of the
6 Courts for processing such pleadings.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 13th day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

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