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## **Chacon Promoted to City Attorney**

The City of Hobbs is proud to announce the promotion of Valerie S. Chacon to City Attorney, effective November 26, 2023. A Hobbs High School and Texas Tech University graduate, Valerie Chacon began her career in the City of Hobbs Legal Department in 2018 as Assistant City Attorney where she prosecuted criminal cases; she then progressed to Deputy City Attorney for the City of Hobbs where she litigated civil cases.

Mrs. Chacon received a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Science and Major in Criminology from Texas Tech University and a Law Degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Mrs. Chacon is fluent in both English and Spanish, having served as a translator in law school and being able to communicate in both languages in the courtroom during her career. Mrs. Chacon has since practiced law in fields of criminal, civil, property, employment, and municipal law.

City Manager Manny Gomez stated, "As the City of Hobbs Legal Department has grown and progressed, Valerie Chacon has been a contributing team member every step of the way since she joined the organization. I congratulate Mrs. Chacon and her family and offer them support and guidance as they enter this new chapter. It is a great time to welcome growth and expansion in a department that is so integral to the welfare of our community and its residents, as well as its visitors. It is also a pleasure to have someone with roots in our community in this position. Thank you to the City Commission, City of Hobbs organization, and our community members for their support."

Mrs. Chacon and her husband, Arturo Chacon, are excited about this new venture for their family. Both born and raised in Hobbs, these young parents are raising three (3) boys in their own hometown. Mrs. Chacon stated, "This is home, and I want to make Hobbs an even better place to live. I am honored to serve as the next City of Hobbs City Attorney. This organization is community-driven and provides outstanding services to the residents, and I am excited to represent Hobbs and be part of that service. I attest my passion and love for the legal profession to my mother, Laura K. Castillo, and longtime mentor, the Honorable Efren A. Cortez. I wholeheartedly believe this opportunity was made possible because of my faith, my family, and my supportive husband, Arturo Chacon."

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