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State Auditor Colón Announces Results of Americans with Disabilities Act Parking Facility Compliance Audit

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – On the heels of the 31st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, State Auditor Colón announced the results of special agreed upon procedures regarding the American with Disabilities Act Parking Facility Compliance (ADA Compliance).

The special procedures performed are part of the State Auditor's commitment toward more equitable access to civic life for people with disabilities. A survey of facilities is an essential action item in determining whether there are physical barriers to access services. This report is demonstrative of the State's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity by ensuring accessibility is part of the conversation.

"Equitable accessibility is the priority. Approximately 20 percent of New Mexicans have been identified as having a physical disability and they deserve access to government the same as anyone else," said Auditor Colón. "The findings help us identify inadequacies in ADA compliance so we can then take steps to make necessary modifications. When we know better, we can do better. The results of this review put us one step closer to fulfilling our commitment to guarantee more inclusive accessibility."

These procedures, agreed upon and acknowledged by the General Services Division, were performed to determine parking lot compliance of various state buildings, accessible by the public, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The General Services Department appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with the State Auditor's Office on this important review of ADA parking compliance, and GSD moved immediately to correct all identified noncompliance and ensure building accessibility for the public," said Anna Silva, director of the Facilities Management Division of the General Services Department. "The department historically hasn't had the resources to ensure ADA parking

compliance at GSD's hundreds of buildings statewide, but Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has approved additional funding going forward for ADA compliance and preventive maintenance at GSD buildings. The department's Facilities Management Division will regularly survey buildings and parking facilities statewide for ADA compliance and maintenance issues and take corrective action where needed."

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