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## **BERNALILLO COUNTY CONGRATULATES COMMISSIONER CÓRDOVA AND UNM RESOURCE CENTER FOR RAZA PLANNING CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

Commissioner Teresa L. Córdova, Ph. D., has served as The Resource Center for Raza Planning in the UNM School of Architecture and Planning founder and director. She is both a fulltime faculty member in Community and Regional Planning in the school as well as a Bernalillo County Commissioner. After serving as RCRP Director for 10 years, she is stepping down and will hand the reins over to architecture Professor Tim Castillo as Faculty Chair and Jacobo Martinez, Director, a recent graduate of the master's program in planning who has worked for five years in RCRP.

The Resource Center for Raza Planning has assisted various Bernalillo County departments with public input sessions and workshops such as providing technical assistance to the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation and the County to develop its 17,000 sq. ft. small business incubator and commercial kitchen known as the South Valley Economic Development Center; conducted a small business and residents survey along Isleta Blvd. that contributed to the hybrid three-lane design of the County's recent road improvements; developed the County implemented sector plan for Isleta Blvd. to protect and enhance the corridor's significance; facilitated public dialogue and consequently developed a site plan for a drainage pond near Isleta Blvd.; and conducted a visioning process for the County's Mountain View community.

To celebrate the center's 10 years of community development efforts, as well as welcome in the new leadership, the Center will host an event on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Wool Warehouse, 516 1st St. NW. "University and Community Collaboration: The First 10 Years" is the name of the event, which is free and open to the public.

"In its partnerships with Bernalillo County, RCRP has promoted a strong commitment to public involvement and education and has helped build resources and opportunities for the south valley," says Dr. Cordova.

In 2006 the Mid Regional Council of Governments (COG) presented to UNM Resource Center for Raza Planning, Bernalillo County and the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation for the South Valley Economic Development Center. The Regional Public Award was for partnership. In 2005 the same three organizations received an "Economic Development, Best Practices Award" from the New Mexico Finance and Infrastructure Conference.

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Professor Tim Castillo is being appointed Faculty Chair. Mr. Castillo received a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of New Mexico, and a Master of Architecture from Columbia University. He has worked and consulted for many offices world wide including Skidmore, Owings and Merrill in New York and Design Development International in Toronto. He also is the founder of Hybrid Environments, a critical design office established to explore new architectural systems related to information practice. He has taught at several institutions including Columbia University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Arizona and University of Colorado. Mr. Castillo will also be leading RCRP in a virtual imaging project of the south valley area.

Tim B. Castillo is an Assistant Professor at the School of Architecture at the University of New Mexico where he is currently the Coordinator of Undergraduate Design. His current research engages the emergence of new hybrid typology systems formulated by digital information, infrastructure, and the American landscape.

His work has been published and exhibited nationally and internationally in various locations including the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Lausanne, Switzerland), Pavillon de l' Arsenal (Paris, France), Bienal of Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo, Brazil), University of Waterloo-Canada, Texas Tech University, University of Utah, University of Colorado, University of New Mexico and the University of Texas-Arlington.

For more information about the 10 Year Anniversary event,  
contact the RCRP at 277-8526.

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