

Dear Española Valley  
Chamber of Commerce Members,

*It is with great pride and honor that I introduce myself to you as the new Española Valley Chamber of Commerce President.*

*Effective September 1, 2011 I stepped into this position after our President Wendy Hoffman resigned her position due to a family issue that needed her fullest attention out of state. Wendy served for over ten years on the EVCoC Board of Directors, and along with her tenure, she served twice as President and played a vital role in laying and reinforcing our foundation as Chamber of Commerce. It is with this devotion and philosophy that Wendy brought great credit upon herself, the Española Valley Chamber of Commerce, and our Community.*

*I am privileged to have such a great and diverse Board of Directors and feel confident that the future will be a good one. The last few years have proven to be difficult, to say the least, for our businesses and our community to thrive. We have all seen and felt the economic constraints during these hard times and our community has not escaped these troubles, as is evidence throughout the country. However, America is still the land of the free, home of the brave and home to where our fathers had a vision, a vision of endless possibilities for a better life. It is within this vision I pledge to you that I will devote myself to our mission in fostering economic development and creating sustainable prosperity. These are of course only words and I hope with time the actions we present to our members will reinforce and will give credit to the words I use.*

*I will not be able to do this alone, like with any member driven organizations, the Española Valley Chamber of Commerce is only as strong as its members, so I ask of you, as I will for you, support your local Española Valley Chamber of Commerce by means of membership, attending our functions and by shopping local. With the EVCoC only being as strong as its members, I am only as strong as the EVCoC Board of Directors, as I mentioned above, the board is a diverse group people that comprises of Small Business Owners to Senior Managers of local businesses; they are extremely busy in their profession and yet they still devote their precious time to the EVCoC's mission, but we need more Directors to keep carrying us forward; if you are a person that wants to improve our quality of life in the Valley, even if it is only one business at a time, willing to devote the time for the cause, care about the Valley and wants our Valley to be prosperous, I then want your help, to help our community in making it what I have always thought it was, the best place to live and raise a family. So I ask, if you're up to the challenge, please contact us in becoming a Board of Director Member.*

*With your help, there is no doubt in my mind we can pass down a legacy that our future generations will be proud of, after all, we are remembered for what we did in our lives- I want us to be remembered for doing great things!*

*I look forward to personally introducing myself to you and discussing what we can do as a Chamber of Commerce to make our Valley the best place to shop, do business, and live.*

Sincerely,

///Signed///

Kelly Duran

President  
Española Valley Chamber of Commerce

