

# The People Behind the Process

## Building New Mexico's Budget

This is the fourth installation of a five-part series called The People Behind the Process – Building New Mexico's Budget. Part two can be found [here](#) and part three is [here](#).



### **Representative Anthony Allison**

#### **Biography:**

Anthony Allison is a lifelong New Mexican who lives in Fruitland. Anthony represents House District 4 which encompasses the northwest corner of San Juan County. Representative Allison's professional experience includes working with Navajo Voters Coalition and service as a retired journeyman electrician. In addition to serving on the House Appropriations and finance committee Representative Allison also serves on the House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee.

#### **Education:**

- Gallup High School graduate
- 2 years at Eastern New Mexico University
- ICS schools – journeyman electrician



**How long have you served on SFC/HAFC?** I have served on the HAFC since I was elected to the House of Representative in January 2019.

**What is your favorite part of serving on the committee?** I have learned from and enjoy hearing from the different departments and agencies on how much money they wish to operate on and the services they provide to the people of New Mexico.

**What is the most important thing you have learned while serving on the committee?** No one can operate a department/agency for services if they do not have a planned and proper budget. I have learned that some agencies often revert unspent funds but still ask for more for the current fiscal year. These agencies are often asked to prove why they need more funds.

**What do you anticipate for the upcoming 30-day session?** I anticipate more agencies to ask for more and higher funding than past years due to losses or reduced activities during the pandemic.

**Is there anything else you'd like our membership to be aware of as we enter the upcoming legislative session?** I believe that funding will be more stringent because of what the pandemic has done to the agencies and the revenues we have become too dependent on will not be the same.