

N.M. Representative resigns her seat

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SANTA FE — Representative Sheryl Williams Stapleton, D-Albuquerque, resigned from the New Mexico House of Representatives July 30, including from her position as House Majority Leader.

In response, Speaker of the House Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe, House Majority Whip Doreen Gallegos, D- Las Cruces, and House Majority Caucus Chair D. Wonda Johnson, D-Rehoboth, issued the following statement:

“Given the weight of the allegations against Rep. Stapleton and the ongoing investigation, her resignation from the House is appropriate and in the best interest of the Legislature and the state. There is important work to be done for the people of New Mexico, and House Democrats and our strong leadership team will continue to remain focused on serving our constituents and moving our great state forward.”

In her resignation letter, Stapleton denied the allegations



of racketeering, money laundering, receiving illegal kickbacks and violations of the New Mexico Governmental Conduct Act.

She said she concluded that it is in the best interest of the State that she resign her positions. She added in her resignation letter that it would take a significant amount of time and energy to fully defend against the allegations she faces.

“I remain loyal to my constituents and my colleagues throughout these trying times, and pledge my full support and cooperation in the continued operation of the House of Representatives and the transition of my position,” she stated in her letter.

The House Democratic Caucus will meet July 31 to discuss the future of the position of House

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The Bernalillo County Commission will be responsible for appointing a new member to carry out the remainder of Rep. Stapleton's current term.