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Dr. Lawrence Roybal was born and raised in New Mexico as part of a family of ten and graduated as Valedictorian from Mountainair High School. He completed a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Communication, a Master of Public Administration (MPA), and a PhD in Organizational Learning and Instructional Technology from the University of New Mexico as a first-generation scholar. He was a Presidential Scholar and inducted to the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Phi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. His research focuses on leadership and organizational development with an emphasis on educational and global networks.

He serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Initiatives in the Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Health Sciences Center (HSC) at the University of New Mexico (UNM). He previously served as Vice President for Equity & Inclusion and Director of the LGBTQ Resource Center. He also served as Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Executive Director of the Graduate Resource Center at the University of New Mexico in association with the U.S. Department of Education.

He serves as part of the UNM Diversity Council, the Diversity Curriculum Committee, and the Campus Climate Committee. He supports the HSC Inclusive Excellence Council and serves on the Community Engagement Committee. He is a faculty advisor for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Collegiate Council at UNM. He is a founding faculty advisor for Omega Delta Phi International Fraternity.

He serves as Executive Director of ENLACE New Mexico in association with multiple higher education institutions alongside the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) and in partnership with several school districts alongside the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED). ENLACE was established by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of a national initiative to increase access and success in education. He also serves as Principal Investigator for the Unidos Project in alliance with several educational institutions and community organizations to advance a variety of collaborative endeavors. The Lumina Foundation established this initiative as part of a national campaign to increase access and success in education across a variety of diverse communities. He is active with College Connect New Mexico (CCNM) involving various educational and community partners pursuing greater alignment of resources and furthering collaboration as part of shared efforts to advance student success and to increase educational attainment.

He serves on the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Higher Education Task Force and the Civil Rights and Social Justice Coalition. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Hispano Round Table (HRT) of New Mexico as Chair of the Education Committee. He is also a founding member of the Hispanic Heritage Committee (HHC) supported by the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) and the City of Albuquerque. He was appointed to serve on the Hispanic Education Advisory Council (HEAC) by Former New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez and by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Dr. Lawrence Roybal is committed to continuously advancing diversity, equity and inclusion at the Health Sciences Center as well as the University of New Mexico and to supporting a variety of community initiatives through various collaborative endeavors statewide, nationally and globally.

