

J. Bruce Tafoya, Governor Santa Clara Pueblo

Governor Tafoya has been a tribal official for a total of 7 years. He previously served as Lieutenant Governor in 2005 and the again from 2009 – 1012. He has also served on and off the Tribal Council for 20 years.

Prior to his service in Tribal government, he worked as a wildland firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and as a tribal ranger at the Santa Clara Canyon and Puye Cliffs.

Governor Tafoya has four children, including Louis (deceased), Cassandra, Zachary and Josiah Tapia. He also has five grand children: Shairae Gutierrez, Johnny Tafoya, Colynn and Everett Atencio, and Louis A. Tafoya.

Governor Tafoya loves the great outdoors, including such activities as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and wood-hauling. He also enjoys dancing at Pueblo feast days. His hobbies include gardening, leather and woodcrafts, painting, and being a rockhound!