

**Biographical Information for E. Paul Torres
Chairman, All Pueblo Council of Governors**

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Paul Torres is the Chairman of the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG), which is comprised of the nineteen Pueblos of New Mexico and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in El Paso, Texas. He has also served two terms as the Governor of his home community, Isleta Pueblo, located in the scenic Rio Grande Valley. He has testified before Congress on several occasions, most recently before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on the topic of “Identifying Indian Affairs Priorities for the Trump Administration” in March 2017.

Chairman Torres is a strong advocate for the protection of tribal sovereignty and the preservation of traditional practices and ceremonies. As the Chairman of the APCG—the oldest American Indian political organization in the United States—Mr. Torres works directly with the Federal Government and Congress to further Pueblo concerns on a regional and national level. Within the Pueblo of Isleta, Chairman Torres has held a variety of tribal leader positions including Governor, 1st Lieutenant, and 2nd Lieutenant. Through each of these positions, Chairman Torres has worked tirelessly to further the welfare and socioeconomic prosperity of his people.

Chairman Torres is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS *Coral Sea* in the South Pacific during the Vietnam War. He has four children with his wife, Geneva, and several grandchildren. Chairman Torres is fiercely proud of his Pueblo heritage and the inherent responsibility that comes with it in maintaining the ancient customs and traditions of his people through the generations.