

Palacios named Gallup Deputy City Clerk

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After several years working as an administrative assistant in the city clerk's office, Alicia Palacios is now Gallup's deputy city clerk.

City Clerk Al Abeita made the announcement at a recent city council meeting. The promotion did not require city council approval.

"[Palacios] is the new deputy city clerk," Abeita said at the end of the Sept. 27 regular city meeting. "We are very pleased with her in the new job."

Gallup Human Resources Director Kilo Abeita said Palacios officially began the job Sept. 2.

Palacios, still the first face one meets when doing business at the clerk's office, performs a variety of duties, including the posting and maintenance of meeting agendas, maintaining citywide records, and collecting municipal taxes and fees.

Palacios said she's happy with her new duties. One such duty, she said, is handling information pertaining to the Business Improvement District.

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"I like it a lot," Palacios said. "My job duties are a little different than before. I like it."

Al Abeita said Palacios was in Albuquerque this week attending the Municipal Clerk's Certification Institute.

"She is pursuing her Municipal Clerk's designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks," Abeita explained, adding that the institute is jointly administered by the University of New Mexico and the New Mexico Municipal League.

The weeklong session covers everything from performance issues to legal principles.

Palacios replaces Brenda Romero who moved on to another front-office city job a few months ago. Information on the cost of the Albuquerque certification session to the city and Palacios' annual salary weren't immediately available.

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