

James G. Townsend

Jim Townsend is a native New Mexican. Jim and his wife Paula have two children and three grandchildren and have been married for 49 years. Jim was raised in an agriculture family and spent his working career in the oil and gas business.

Jim worked for Holly Corporation and its successors for nearly 30 years retiring in 2012 as Vice President of HollyFrontier and Senior Vice President of UNEV Pipeline. Jim served on the Board of Directors of Holly Energy for several years after retiring.

Elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2014 and began serving in 2014. Jim was elected as Republican Floor Leader in 2018 and served for the next two terms in that capacity.

Jim was also elected as the RNC National Committeeman for New Mexico in 2020.

Served as State Chair for ALEC, (American Legislative Exchange Council) for several years and remains a member.

Jim has been recognized for his work in the Legislature by the New Mexico Foundation of Open Government (FOG) and New Mexico Business Coalition and the 2017 Hero Award and other organizations.