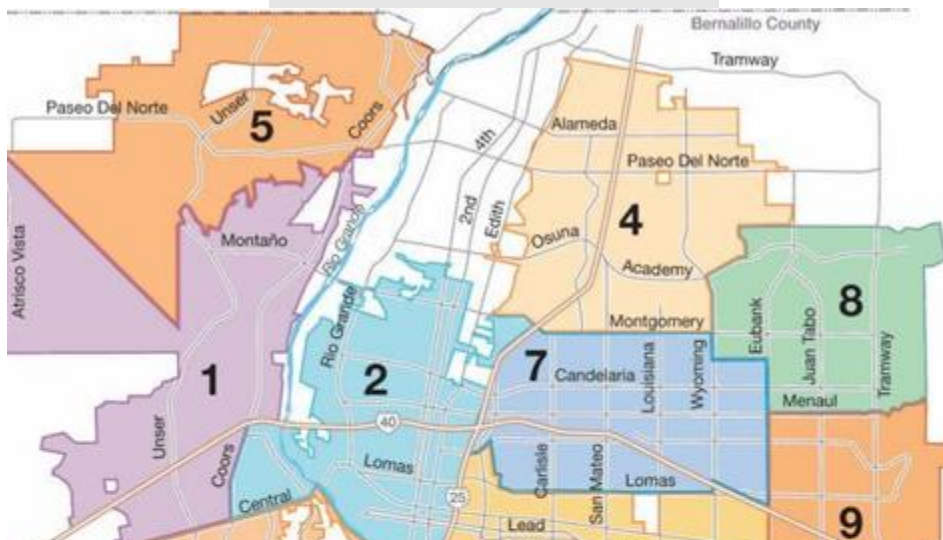
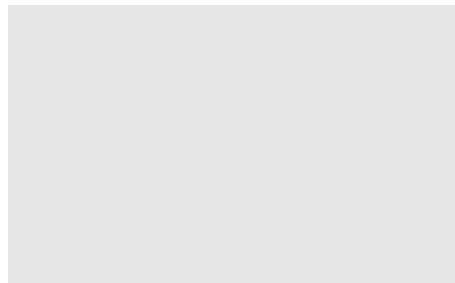
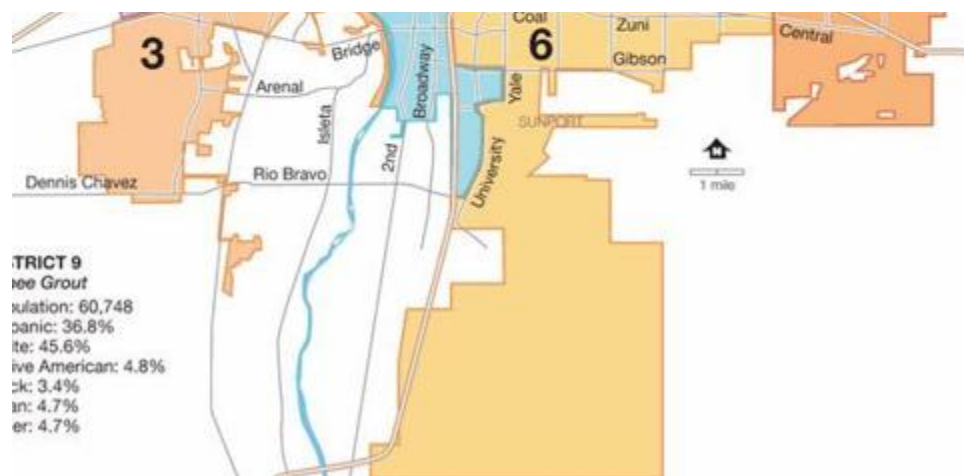


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## Council candidate Jeff Hoehn: The choice is more of the same vs. change

By Jeff Hoehn / Albuquerque City Council candidate, District 6  
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City Council candidates Jeff Hoehn and Nichole Rogers are in a runoff race for the District 6 position, which covers Southeast Albuquerque and includes Nob Hill, the International District and areas around the University of New Mexico. Early voting is underway for the Dec. 12 runoff election, which is necessary because neither Hoehn nor Rogers received 50% of the votes in the Nov. 7 Local Election.

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I am Jeff Hoehn. I am a progressive, pro-choice Democrat and I am running for City Council for District 6.

Voters have an important choice to make in the Dec. 12 runoff election. This race began with six, and is now down to two. I am proud to have been endorsed by every other candidate in this race with the exception of Abel Otero, who is supporting my opponent after ethics issues forced him out of the race. Most recently, Kristin Raven Greene wholeheartedly endorsed me following her taking nearly 20% of the general election vote. Raven and I are both strong supporters of economic development in District 6, particularly along historic Route 66 and east of San Mateo. I am happy to welcome all of Raven's voters into the fold.

With the race down to two, voters have the choice of more of the same, or the change we need. Mayor Keller has made no secret of his strong support for my opponent. On the other hand, I am proud to have run an independent, grassroots campaign that has attracted a broad base of support among people

of all political stripes. I chose to run in order to make Albuquerque better, particularly on the issue of homelessness which is my area of expertise. I entered the race late, and missed out on public financing. This is why I am privately financed. I have raised money from neighbors, friends and family members. My campaign is clean and transparent. This brings up an important point of difference between me and my opponent. I will bring ethical leadership to City Council.

Coming from a working class union family, I was privileged to obtain a good education while working to put myself through school. I have lived in Albuquerque for 21 years, all of it in District 6. I worked hard as a cook and a chef while in school at UNM full time. After receiving a master's degree in Public Administration more than 10 years ago, I have dedicated my time and my professional efforts to our community. I was executive director of the Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation, a nonprofit that is committed to helping people with disabilities and kids at Carrie Tingley Hospital. I am now executive director of Cuidando los Niños, a nonprofit that helps children and families who are experiencing homelessness. When I began five years ago, our budget was \$800,000; it is now approaching \$5 million. That is real community impact, and that is real leadership.

Compare my opponent's nonprofit experience, which was covered by the Journal on Nov. 3. Welstand Foundation was never registered with the NM Attorney General's office or the NM Secretary of State. The foundation lost its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status with the IRS. Yet it continued to accept funds, which have never been accounted for. Voters have serious, legitimate questions about where the money went. Asking such questions is not a negative political attack.

We need ethics and leadership in government now more than ever. Before you buy into my opponent's negative characterizations of me and my campaign, check for yourself at [jeff4d6.com](http://jeff4d6.com). I am happy to speak to anyone about my background, experience and ideas. Your vote on — or before — Dec. 12 is critical. Thank you for your support.