



VOTERS' GUIDE

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GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. A General Election is held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years. **If you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and registered to vote, you may vote in this General Election.**

Questions about the election or voter registration or acceptable forms of ID (for registration or voting) should be directed to your County Clerk:

Bernalillo County Clerk

505-468-1291
One Civic Plaza NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
www.bernco.gov/clerk/elections

How to Use This Guide

Information on registering to vote and on voting in person at the polls on Election Day is provided here on Page 1.

Information on early and absentee voting in both Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties is provided on Page 2.

Specific information on candidates for federal, state, and local offices, for judicial retention, and ballot issues is provided inside the Guide. The Table of Contents at right will help you find the information you are seeking more quickly.

How to Vote on Election Day

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6. **You must be registered to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, to vote on Election Day.**

Since 2010 precinct voting has been consolidated into Vote Centers. Information on your county's Vote Center locations is available online through the Secretary of State's office at <https://voterview.state.nm.us> or by contacting your County Clerk at the phone number or web address provided above. Some Vote Centers are listed on Page 2 under Early Voting.

Voting for Traditional Rural Precincts in Sandoval County: If you are registered in a Traditional Rural Precinct (outside of Rio Rancho or Corrales) you may vote at your traditional precinct location or at a Vote Center in Corrales or Rio Rancho. Voters from Traditional Rural Precincts who vote at Vote Centers on Election Day will vote on Provisional Ballots and not on a voting machine. See Page 2 for more information on Provisional Ballots.

Sandoval County Clerk

505-867-7572
1500 Idalia Rd. NE
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How to Register to Vote

You must be registered to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, to vote on Election Day. Voter registration applications are available online (at the County Clerks' and Secretary of State's websites) and at many public places including the County Clerk's office, all public libraries and Motor Vehicle Division offices.

Voter Identification

TO VOTE - When you go to vote in person, either at Early Voting or on Election Day, you can choose to identify yourself by stating your name, year of birth, and registration address or presenting a physical form of identification such as

- a current and valid photo identification with or without an address
- or a document that show your name and address (the address is not required to match your registration address) such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student or tribal identification card or other government document

TO REGISTER - When you **register to vote**, identification is required only if you are registering for the first time in New Mexico and you are registering by mail. If you are registering by mail you can submit any current and valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student or tribal ID, or any other document that shows your name and current address with the registration form.

If you registered to vote by mail and did not provide a valid form of identification, then the first time you vote in New Mexico, either in person or absentee, you will need to show or submit one of the required forms of identification.

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The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico is a nonpartisan organization that provides information about political issues and candidates for public office in order to promote greater responsibility and participation in government. Because the League is nonpartisan, it DOES NOT support or oppose any political party or candidate. It does publish and distribute factual information for citizens to use when preparing to vote.

The information in this Voters' Guide was obtained by means of questionnaires sent to all the candidates, except those who are unopposed. Their answers are printed exactly as received by the League. Because of space restrictions, candidates are limited to a specific number of words. Also, lists contained in responses are converted to normal paragraph form. All candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Disclaimer

The information in this Voters' Guide has been carefully assembled and compiled to assure maximum accuracy. However, the LWVCNM and the LWVCNM Education Fund assume no responsibility either for correctness of all the information furnished to the League by candidates or other organizations or for errors or omissions. In instances where there is a question of potentially defamatory content, the League will defer to the opinion of counsel.

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

EARLY VOTING IN BERNALILLO COUNTY

Early voting begins at the Clerk's Annex – 1500 Lomas Blvd NW on October 9. This location will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. until Saturday, November 3. Early Voting at 18 additional Vote Centers begins October 20 and ends Saturday, November 3. These locations will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except as noted below:

- 98th & Central Shopping Center**, 120 98th St NW, Suite B101 & B102
- Alameda West** – 10131 Coors Blvd. NW Suite C-02
- Bernalillo County Visitor & Cultural Center**, 6080 Isleta Blvd SW
- Caracol Plaza**, 15200 Montgomery Blvd NE, Suite 101
- Central Mercado**, 301 San Pedro Dr SE, Suite B, C, D, & E
- Clerk's Annex**, 1500 Lomas Blvd NW
- Daskalos Center**, 5339 Menaul Blvd NE, Middle Suite
- Desiderio Community Center**, 117 Tribal Rd 7036, To'Hajiilee, NM, (8 am to 5 pm)
- Four Hills Shopping Center**, 13140 Central Ave SE, Suite 1420
- Holly Plaza**, 6500 Holly Ave SE, Suite A-6
- Isleta Elderly Center**, Tribal Rd 40, Building 79, Isleta, NM, Activity Room (8 am to 5 pm)
- Los Altos Center** – 4200 Wyoming Ave NE, Suites B-2
- Los Ranchos Villa**, 6601 4th St NW, Suites E & F
- Petroglyph Plaza**, 8201 Golf Course Rd NW, Suite D-1
- South Valley Multi-Gen Center**, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW, Gym
- The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo** – 6001 San Mateo NE Suite B3
- Tijeras City Hall**, 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM
- University of New Mexico**, Student Union Building, Lobo A & B
- West Bluff Center**, 5201 Ouray Rd NW, Suite D-2

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN BERNALILLO COUNTY

Request a Ballot - Request your absentee ballot by phone (505-243-8683), by e-mail (clerk@bernco.gov), by fax (505-468-1293), by visiting the County Clerk's office located at One Civic Plaza NW (6th floor) in Albuquerque, or by writing the County Clerk at PO Box 542, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0542. Absentee ballot applications can also be completed online at www.bernco.gov/elections. Absentee ballot applications must be returned to the County Clerk by mail or in person. Absentee ballots will be mailed to successful applicants beginning on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 and will continue through Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Cast your Ballot - You may cast your absentee ballot by mail or in person. Mail your absentee ballot to the County Clerk's office at PO Box 542, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0542. Absentee ballots may be cast in person from Tuesday October 9, 2018 through Saturday, November 5, 2018 at the Bernalillo County Clerk's Annex. Annex hours are Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Annex is located at 1500 Lomas Blvd NW in Albuquerque. Absentee ballots may also be cast at Vote Centers during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Absentee ballots must be received at the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office or at a polling location by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING

- Any person qualified to vote may vote by absentee ballot.
- Absentee ballots cast in person must be delivered by the voter who signed the packet, a member of the voter's immediate family, or a caregiver.
- If you apply for an absentee ballot and receive it, you must vote that ballot.

Write-in Voting

Write-in voting is permitted on the paper ballot as long as the person you vote for is qualified as a write-in candidate. A write-in vote can only be counted if the name written in is the name of a declared write-in candidate and shows one of the following: two initials and last name; first name, middle initial or name and last name; first and last name; or full name.

Provisional Ballots

You will be issued a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the roster when voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day or if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail **and you did not provide the required identification**. In Sandoval County on Election Day, voters from Traditional Rural Precincts who vote at Vote Centers in Rio Rancho or Corrales will vote on provisional ballots.

EARLY VOTING IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

Early voting begins at the County Administration Building ONLY on October 9. This location will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, November 3. Early Voting at County Vote Centers begins October 20 and ends Saturday, November 3. These locations will be open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., except as noted below:

- Voting Machine Warehouse**, 800 South Hill Rd, Bernalillo, NM
- Rio Rancho City Hall**, 3200 Civic Center Circle, Rio Rancho, NM
- Esther Bone Memorial Library**, 950 Pinetree Rd, NE, Rio Rancho, NM
- Meadowlark Senior Center**, 4330 Meadowlark Lane, Rio Rancho, NM
- Corrales Community Center**, 4326 Corrales Rd, Corrales, NM
- Living Word Church**, 1901 17th Ave NE, Río Rancho, NM
- Rio Rancho Public Library**, 755 Loma Colorado Dr NE, Rio Rancho NM
- Las Placitas Presbyterian Church**, 7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas, NM
- Cuba Senior Center**, 16 W. Cordova St. A, Cuba NM
- Our Lady Queen of Angels**, 1701 Tulip Rd. SE, Río Rancho, NM
- Community of Joy Lutheran Church**, 841 Saratoga Dr. NE, Río Rancho, NM
- October 22-23 (Monday-Tuesday) 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
Santa Ana Pueblo Wellness Center, 225 Ranchitos Rd., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
Zia Pueblo Community Center, 135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo, NM
- October 25-26 (Thursday-Friday) 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
Jemez Pueblo Civic Center, 5117 Highway 4, Jemez Pueblo, NM
Santo Domingo Pueblo Community Center, 1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM
- October 29-30 (Monday-Tuesday) 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
Torreón Chapter House, Highway 197, Torreón, NM
San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center, 5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo, NM

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

Request a Ballot - Request your absentee ballot by phone (505-867-7577) or by visiting or writing to the County Clerk's office at 1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. D, Bernalillo, NM 87004. Absentee ballot applications can also be downloaded by visiting www.sandovalcounty.com/boe and clicking on the early/absentee voting button. Absentee ballot applications must be returned to the County Clerk by mail or in person. The County Clerk's office will verify the application information mail ballots to successful applicants. Friday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m. is the last day the County Clerk's office will mail absentee ballots.

Cast your Ballot - You may cast your absentee ballot by mail or in person. Mail your absentee ballot to the County Clerk's office at 1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. D, Bernalillo, NM 87004. From October 9 through November 2 absentee ballots may be cast in person Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. D (County Administration). On Saturday, November 5 absentee ballots may be cast in person from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. D (County Administration).

Absentee ballots must be received at the Sandoval County Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

You will not be issued another ballot if the original ballot is destroyed, discarded, or delivered to the polls unvoted. If you apply for but do not receive the absentee ballot, you may go to the County Clerk's office or to a Vote Center during regular voting hours and, after executing an Affidavit of Nonreceipt will be permitted to vote on a replacement ballot.

Voting Offenses

Voters **must** report voting offenses to the County Clerk, the District Attorney, or the Secretary of State. Voting offenses are –

- Any form of campaigning within 100 feet of a building containing a polling place on Election Day and within 100 feet of the door through which voters may enter to vote at any Early Voting site.
- Using or possessing or carrying alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of a polling place.
- False voting including voting or offering to vote when not qualified, voting in another's name, voting more than once in a single election, or asking or helping another person to commit a voting offense.

Bernalillo County General Election Polling Locations (Election Day)**VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

98th & Central 120 98th St. NW Suite B101, B102
 Alameda West 10131 Coors Rd. NW Suite C-02
 Bernco Center 6080 Isleta Blvd. SW
 Caracol Plaza 12500 Montgomery Blvd. NE Suite 101
 Central Mercado 301 San Pedro Dr. SE Suite B, C, D, E
 Clerk's Annex 1500 Lomas Blvd. NW Suite A
 Daskalos Plaza 5339 Menaul Blvd. NE
 Desiderio CC 117 Tribal Rd. 7036 Tohajilee
 Four Hills 13140 Central Ave. SE Suite 1420
 Holly Plaza 6500 Holly Ave. NE Suite A-6
 Isleta Elderly Center 79 Tribal Rd. 40
 Los Altos Plaza 4200 Wyoming Blvd. NE Suite B-2
 Los Ranchos Villa 6601 4th St. NW Suite E, F
 Petroglyph Plaza 8201 Golf Course Rd. NW Suite D-1
 South Valley Senior Center 2008 Larrazolo Rd. SW
 Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo Blvd. NE Suite B-3
 Tijeras City Hall 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras
 UNM Student Union Building, Lobo A & B
 West Bluff Center 5201 Ouray Rd. NW Suite D-2
 A. Montano Elementary School 24 Public School Rd., Tijeras
 Adobe Acres Elementary School 1724 Camino del Valle SW
 Albuquerque High School 800 Odelia Rd. NE
 Arroyo Del Oso Elementary School 6504 Harper Dr. NE
 Bandelier Elementary School 3309 Pershing Ave. SE
 Bellehaven Elementary School 8701 Princess Jeanne Ave. NE
 Chaparral Elementary School 6325 Milne Rd. NW
 Cibola High School 1510 Ellison Dr. NW
 Del Norte High School 5323 Montgomery Blvd. NE
 Double Eagle Elementary School 8901 Lowell Dr. NE
 Duranes Elementary School 2436 Zickert Rd. NW
 Eisenhower Middle School 11001 Camero Rd. NE
 Eldorado High School 11300 Montgomery Blvd. NE
 Forest Meadow 54 Hwy 217 Tijeras NE
 Garfield Middle School 3501 6th St. NW
 Hayes Middle School 1100 Texas St.
 Herman Sanchez Community Center 1830 William St. SE
 Highland High School 4700 Coal Ave. SE
 Holiday Park Community Center 11710 Comanche Rd. NE
 Hubert H. Humphrey Elementary School 9801 Academy Hills Dr. NE
 Jackson Middle School 10600 Indian School Rd. NE
 Jefferson Middle School 712 Girard Blvd. NE
 Kennedy Middle School 721 Tomasita St. NE
 La Cueva High School 7801 Wilshire Ave. NE
 La Mesa Elementary School 7500 Copper Ave. NE
 LB Johnson Middle School 6811 Taylor Ranch Rd. NW
 Madison Middle School 3501 Moon St. NE
 Manzano High School 12200 Lomas Blvd.
 Manzano Mesa Elementary School 801 Elizabeth St. SE
 McKinley Middle School 4500 Comanche Rd. NE
 Montezuma Elementary School 3100 Indian School Rd. NE
 Mountain View Community Center 201 Prosperity Ave. SE
 Oñate Elementary School 12415 Brentwoodhills Blvd. NE
 Pajarito Elementary School 2701 Don Felipe SW
 Polk Middle School 2220 Raymac Rd. SW
 Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center 9800 4th St. NW
 Rio Grande High School 2300 Arenal Rd. SW
 Rudolfo Anaya Elementary School 2800 Vermejo Park Dr. SW
 Sandia High School 7801 Candaleria Rd. NE
 Taylor Middle School 8200 Guadalupe Tr. Los Ranchos
 Truman Middle School 9400 Benavides Rd. SW
 Valle Vista Elementary School 1700 Mae Ave SW
 Valley High School 1505 Candelaria Rd. NW
 Van Buren Middle School 700 Louisiana Blvd. SE
 Ventana Ranch Elementary School 6801 Ventana Village Rd. NW
 Vista Grande Community Center 15 La Madera Rd. Sandia Park
 Volcano Vista High School 8100 Rainbow Blvd. NW
 Washington Middle School 1101 Park Ave. SW
 West Mesa High School 6701 Fortuna Rd. NW
 Zuni Elementary School 6300 Claremont Ave. NE

Sandoval County General Election Polling Locations (Election Day)**VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

1. Bernalillo Middle School 485 Camino Don Tomas, Bernalillo
2. Placitas Community Library 453 Highway 165, Placitas
3. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church 7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas
4. Cuba Eichwald Center, 46 Highway 126, Cuba
5. Corrales Recreation Center 500 Jones Rd., Corrales
6. Sandia View Christian School 24 Academy Ln., Corrales
7. Maggie Cordova Elementary School 1500 Veranda SE, Rio Rancho
8. Highlands University in Rio Rancho 1700 Grande Ct. SE, Rio Rancho
9. Calvary Chapel of Rio Rancho, 138 Frontage, Rio Rancho NE
10. Enchanted Hills Elementary School 5400 Obregon Rd. NE, Rio Rancho
11. Rio Rancho Public Library 755 Loma Colorado Dr., Rio Rancho
12. Sandoval County Admin. Building D 1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo
13. Esther Bone Memorial Library 950 Pinetree Rd., NE, Rio Rancho
14. Eagle Ridge Middle School 800 Fruta Rd., NE, Rio Rancho
15. Rio Rancho United Methodist Church 1652 Abrazo Rd., Rio Rancho
16. Puesta del Sol Elementary School 450 Southern Blvd., SE, Rio Rancho
17. Cielo Azul Elementary School 3804 Shiloh Rd., NE, Rio Rancho
18. Rio Rancho Middle School 1600 Loma Colorado Blvd. Rio Rancho
19. Meadowlark Senior Center 4330 Meadowlark Ln., SE, Rio Rancho
20. Rio Rancho City Hall 3200 Civic Center Circle, Rio Rancho
21. Mountain View Middle School 4101 Montreal Loop NE, Rio Rancho
22. Vista Grande Elementary School 7001 Chayote Rd., NE, Rio Rancho
23. Colinas Del Norte Elementary School 1001 Night Sky Ave., NE, Rio Rancho
24. Alegria Club House 901 Cottonwood Circle, Bernalillo
25. New Gospel Light Church, 1500 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho

(POLLING LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

General Election 2018 Traditional Polling Locations

<u>Pct. #</u>	<u>Polling Location Address</u>
Pct. #6	Algodones Elementary School 395 Calle San Jose, Algodones
Pct. #7	Pena Blanca Community Center 778 Highway 22, Pena Blanca
Pct. #8	Cochiti Pueblo Comm. Center 255 Cochiti St., Cochiti Pueblo
Pct. #9	San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center 5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo
Pct. #10	Cochiti Lake Volunteer Fire/EMS 6515-C Hoochaneetsa, Cochiti Lake
Pct. #14	Zia Pueblo Community Center 135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo
Pct. #15	Walatowa Youth Center 147 Bear Head Can., Jemez Pueblo
Pct. #16	Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Station 4252 Highway 290, Ponderosa
Pct. #17	Jemez Valley Community Center 8154 Highway 4, Canon
Pct. #18	Presbyterian Church 17570 Highway 4, Jemez Springs
Pct. #19	Santa Ana Pueblo 2 Dove Rd., Bernalillo
Pct. #20	Santo Domingo Pueblo Co Center 1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pue.
Pct. #23	La Jara Volunteer Fire Station 108 County Rd., 496, La Jara
Pct. #24	Counselors Chapter House 6828 Chapter House, Highway #14, Counselors
Pct. #25	Torreon Chapter House Highway 197, Torreon
Pct. #26	Ojo Encino Chapter House HCR 79 Box 1500, Ojo Encino
Pct. #27	San Ysidro Public Safety Room 398 Highway 4, San Ysidro
Pct. #28	La Madera Volunteer Fire Station 672 Faith Dr., La Madera
Pct. #29	Sandia Pueblo Comm. Center 481 Sandia Loop, Sandia Pueblo
Pct. #51	Sandoval County Admin. Bldg. D 1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo
Pct. #77	Community Resource Center 129 Canal Street, Jemez Pueblo
Pct. #78	La Cueva Volunteer Fire Station 122 Twisted Juniper, La Cueva
Pct. #79	Sierra Los Pinos Vol. Fire Station 960 Forrest Rd. 10, Sierra Los Pinos



Guía de Votantes

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ELECCIÓN GENERAL 6 de noviembre de 2018

Una elección general se llevará a cabo el martes, 6 de noviembre de 2018. Una elección general se lleva a cabo el martes después del primer lunes de noviembre en cada año par. **Usted tiene derecho de votar en esta elección general si es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, si ya ha cumplido los 18 años de edad para el día de la elección, y si se ha registrado para votar.**

Cualquier pregunta sobre la elección, o sobre las formas de identificación aceptadas, se debe dirigir al Escribano de Condado que le corresponda:

Escribano del Condado de Bernalillo

505-468-1291

One Civic Plaza NW

Albuquerque, NM 87102

www.bernco.gov/clerk/elections

Cómo Usar Esta Guía

La información sobre el registro para votar, y sobre el voto en persona en las urnas el día de las elecciones se encuentra aquí en la página 3.

Information on early and absentee voting in both La información sobre la votación temprana o en ausencia en ambos condados, Bernalillo y Sandoval, se encuentra en la página 4.

La información específica sobre los candidatos a cargos federales, estatales y locales, sobre la retención de jueces y sobre cuestiones electorales se encuentran en la Guía. La Tabla de Contenido, ubicada a la derecha, le ayudará a encontrar la información que usted busca con más prontitud.

CÓMO VOTAR EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES

El 6 de noviembre, los centros de votación estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. **Usted debe haberse registrado para votar antes de las 5:00 PM el martes 9 de Octubre, para poder votar el día de las elecciones.**

Desde 2010 la votación distrital se ha consolidado en los centros de votación. La información sobre los centros de votación de tu condado está disponible en línea por medio de la oficina del Secretario de Estado en <https://voterview.state.nm.us> o al contactar a tu Escribano de Condado por medio del teléfono o sitio web presentados arriba. Algunos centros de votación se enumeran en la página 4 bajo el título Votación Temprana.

Voto en Distritos Tradicionales y Rurales en el Condado de Sandoval: Si usted está registrado en un Distrito Tradicional y Rural (afuera de Río Rancho o Corrales), usted puede votar en el lugar asignado por su distrito tradicional o en un Centro de Votación en Corrales o Río Rancho. Votantes procedentes de Distritos Tradicionales Rurales que voten en Centros de Votación el Día de las Elecciones lo harán usando Papeletas Provisionales, y no en máquinas de voto. Vea la página 4 para obtener más información sobre las Papeletas Provisionales.

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CÓMO REGISTRARSE PARA VOTAR

Usted tiene que haberse registrado para votar antes del martes 9 de Octubre para votar el Día de las Elecciones. Los formularios para registrarse se obtienen en línea (en el sitio web del Escribano de Condado y el del Secretario de Estado) y en muchos lugares públicos, incluyendo en la Oficina del Escribano del Condado, todas las bibliotecas públicas, y en las oficinas del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados.

IDENTIFICACIÓN DEL VOTANTE

PARA VOTAR - Cuando usted se presente en persona para votar temprano o el Día de las Elecciones, usted puede identificarse declarando su nombre, año de nacimiento, y dirección registrada, o presentando una forma física de identidad así como:

- una identificación con foto válida y actualizada. No importa si incluye su dirección o no.
- un documento que tenga su nombre y dirección (no tiene que ser la la misma dirección registrada) como por ejemplo una factura de servicios domésticos, un extracto bancario, un cheque del gobierno, un cheque de sueldo, una tarjeta de identificación estudiantil o tribal o otro documento del gobierno.

PARA REGISTRARSE - Cuando se registre para votar, se requiere identificación sólo se esta registrando por primera vez en Nuevo México y por correo. Si usted se registra por correo puede enviar junto con el formulario cualquier identificación con foto válida y actualizada, una factura actual de servicios domésticos, un extracto bancario, un cheque del gobierno, un cheque de sueldo, una tarjeta de identificación estudiantil o tribal o cualquier otro documento que tenga su nombre y su dirección actual.

Si usted se registró por correo sin enviar una forma válida de identificación, la primera vez que vote en Nuevo México, sea en persona o en ausencia, usted tendrá que mostrar o entregar una de las formas requeridas de identificación.

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VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA Y EN AUSENCIA

VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA EN EL CONDADO DE BERNALILLO

Usted podrá votar temprano desde el martes 9 de octubre hasta el sábado 3 de noviembre SÓLO en el Anexo del Escribano de Condado (1500 Lomas NW), de lunes a sábado, de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. hasta el sábado 3 de noviembre. La votación temprana también se podrá realizar en otros 17 Centros de Votación adicionales desde el sábado 20 de octubre. Estos lugares estarán abiertos de lunes a sábado, de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m., con excepciones descritas abajo.

- 98th & Central Shopping Center**, 120 98th St NW, Suite B101 & B102
- Alameda West** – 10131 Coors Blvd. NW Suite C-02
- Bernalillo County Visitor & Cultural Center**, 6080 Isleta Blvd SW
- Caracol Plaza**, 15200 Montgomery Blvd NE, Suite 101
- Central Mercado**, 301 San Pedro Dr SE, Suite B, C, D, & E
- Daskalos Center**, 5339 Menaul Blvd NE, Middle Suite
- Desiderio Community Center**, 117 Tribal Rd 7036, To'Hajiilee, NM, (Mar-Sáb 8 a 5)
- Four Hills Shopping Center**, 13140 Central Ave SE, Suite 1420
- Holly Plaza**, 6500 Holly Ave NE, Suite A-6
- Isleta Elderly Center**, Tribal Rd 40, Building 79, Isleta, NM, Activity Room (Mar-Sáb 8 a 5)
- Los Altos Center** – 4200 Wyoming Ave NE, Suites B-2
- Los Ranchos Villa**, 6601 4th St NW, Suites E & F
- Petroglyph Plaza**, 8201 Golf Course Rd NW, Suite D-1
- South Valley Multi-Gen Center**, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW, Gym
- The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo** – 6001 San Mateo NE Suite B3
- Tijeras City Hall**, 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM
- University of New Mexico**, Student Union Building, Lobo A & B
- West Bluff Center**, 5201 Ouray Rd NW, Suite D-2

CÓMO VOTAR EN AUSENCIA EN EL CONDADO DE BERNALILLO

Solicite una Papeleta: Las papeletas de voto en ausencia pueden ser solicitadas por teléfono (505-243-8683), por fax (505-468-1293), en persona en la oficina del Escribano de Condado que se encuentra en One Civic Plaza NW (6to Piso) en Albuquerque, o también por correo dirigido al Escribano de Condado al PO Box 542, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0542. Igualmente pueden llenar el formulario para pedir una papeleta de voto en ausencia en línea disponible en www.bernco.gov/elections Solicitudes de papeletas de voto en ausencia se deben entregar al Escribano de Condado en persona o por correo. Las papeletas se les enviarán por correo a aquellos solicitantes que cumplen con lo requisitos desde el martes 9 de octubre hasta las 5 p.m. del viernes 2 de noviembre de 2018.

Deposite la Papeleta: Usted puede votar enviando la papeleta de voto en ausencia por correo o depositarla en persona. Envíe su papeleta a la oficina del Escribano de Condado al PO Box 542, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0542. Igualmente puede depositar la papeleta en persona desde el martes 9 de octubre de 2018 hasta el sábado 3 de noviembre de 2018 en el Anexo del Escribano de Condado de Bernalillo. El Anexo está ubicado en 1500 Lomas NW, Albuquerque y las horas hábiles serán de lunes a sábado, de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. Usted también podrá votar depositando las papeletas de voto en ausencia en los Centros de Votación durante la votación temprana o el mismo Día de las Elecciones.

Las papeletas de voto en ausencia tendrán que haberse recibido en la oficina del Escribano de Condado de Bernalillo o en un Centro de Votación antes de las 7 p.m. del martes 6 de noviembre de 2018.

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE LA VOTACIÓN EN AUSENCIA

- Cualquier persona calificada para votar, puede hacerlo por medio de una papeleta de voto en ausencia.
- Las papeletas de voto en ausencia entregadas en persona deben ser llevadas por el votante que firmó el paquete, un miembro directo de la familia del votante, o un cuidador de éste.
- Si usted pide una papeleta de voto en ausencia y la recibe, usted debe votar con esa papeleta.

VOTACIÓN POR CANDIDATOS AÑADIDOS

Se permite votar por candidatos añadidos siempre y cuando la persona por quien usted vote sea certificada como candidato añadido. Un voto por candidatos añadidos sólo será contado si muestra: dos iniciales más el apellido; primer nombre, segundo nombre o su inicial, y apellido; o el nombre completo.

PAPELETA PROVISIONAL

Si su nombre no aparece en la lista cuando esté votando en persona durante la votación temprana o el Día de las Elecciones, o si usted está votando por primera vez y se ha registrado por correo y usted no ha presentado la identificación requerida, a usted le entregarán una papeleta provisional. El Día de las Elecciones en el condado de Sandoval los votantes de Distritos Tradicionales y Rurales que voten en Centros de Votación en Río Rancho o Corrales usarán papeletas provisionales.

VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA EN EL CONDADO DE SANDOVAL

La votación temprana en el condado de Sandoval tomará lugar del martes 9 de octubre al viernes 2 de noviembre. Comienza el 9 de octubre SÓLO en las Oficinas Administrativas del Condado ubicadas en 1500 Idalia Road, Edificio D, Bernalillo, NM. Aquí se podrá votar de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y el sábado 3 de noviembre de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m. En los demás Centros de Votación, el voto temprano comienza el sábado 20 de octubre y termina el Día de Elecciones, sábado 3 de noviembre. Estos centros estarán abiertos de lunes a sábado de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m., con excepciones descritas abajo.

- Voting Machine Warehouse**, 800 South Hill Rd, Bernalillo, NM
- Rio Rancho City Hall**, 3200 Civic Center Circle, Rio Rancho, NM
- Esther Bone Memorial Library**, 950 Pinetree Rd, NE, Rio Rancho, NM
- Meadowlark Senior Center**, 4330 Meadowlark Lane, Rio Rancho, NM
- Corrales Community Center**, 4326 Corrales Rd, Corrales, NM
- Living Word Church**, 1901 17th Ave NE, Río Rancho, NM
- Rio Rancho Public Library**, 755 Loma Colorado Dr NE, Rio Rancho NM
- Las Placitas Presbyterian Church**, 7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas, NM
- Cuba Senior Center**, 16 W. Cordova St. A, Cuba NM
- Our Lady Queen of Angels**, 1701 Tulip Rd. SE, Río Rancho, NM
- Community of Joy Lutheran Church**, 841 Saratoga Dr. NE, Río Rancho, NM
- El 22 y el 23 de octubre (lunes y martes) de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m.**
Santa Ana Pueblo Community Center, 225 Ranchitos Rd., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
Zia Pueblo Community Center, 135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo, NM
- El 25 y el 26 de octubre (jueves y viernes) de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m.**
Jemez Pueblo Civic Center, 5117 Highway 4, Jemez Pueblo, NM
Santo Domingo Pueblo Community Center, 1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM
- El 29 y el 30 de octubre (lunes y martes) de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m.**
Torreón Chapter House, Highway 197, Torreón, NM
San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center, 5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo, NM

CÓMO VOTAR EN AUSENCIA EN EL CONDADO DE SANDOVAL

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Deposite la Papeleta: Usted puede votar enviando la papeleta de voto en ausencia por correo o depositarla en persona. Envíe su papeleta a la oficina del Escribano de Condado a 1500 Idalia Road, Big D, Bernalillo, NM 87004. Igualmente puede depositar la papeleta en persona desde el martes 9 de octubre hasta el viernes 2 de noviembre, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. en 1500 Idalia Road, Big D, Bernalillo, NM 87004 (Administración del Condado). Las horas para depositar las papeletas el sábado 3 de noviembre serán de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m.

Las papeletas de voto en ausencia tendrán que haberse recibido en la oficina del Escribano de Condado de Sandoval antes de las 7 p.m. del martes 6 de noviembre de 2018.

No le dan otra papeleta si la original está destruida, perdida, o entregada a las urnas sin haberla llenado. Si usted pide una papeleta de voto en ausencia, pero no la recibe, usted puede ir a la oficina del Escribano de Condado, o a un Centro de Votación durante las horas hábiles, y después de llenar un Afidávit de No-Recibo, usted podrá votar usando una papeleta reemplazada.

OFENSAS DE VOTACIÓN

Los votantes están obligados a denunciar ofensas de votación a la oficina del Escribano de Condado, al Procurador del Distrito o al Secretario de Estado. Las ofensas de votación son:

- Cualquier forma de campaña llevada a cabo a menos de 100 pies (30 metros) de un lugar de votación el día de las elecciones, y a menos de 100 pies (30 metros) de la puerta por la cual los votantes entran a votar en un lugar de Votación Temprana.
- Tomar, tener o cargar bebidas alcohólicas a menos de 200 pies (60 metros) de un lugar de votación.
- Votación falsa, incluyendo el voto u ofrecimiento de voto cuando no se esté cualificado, el voto hecho bajo el nombre de otra persona, el voto múltiple durante una elección, o la petición o ayuda para que otra persona cometa una ofensa de votación.

CANDIDATES

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STATE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY CANDIDATES: A candidate must be a registered voter in New Mexico affiliated with the political party for which he/she is seeking office. A candidate for district office must reside in the district of voter registration. Additional requirements for each office are given on the following pages.

FEDERAL OFFICES

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Represents New Mexico in the United States Senate, which has 100 members, two from each state. Candidates must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of the state from which elected. One New Mexico seat is up for election this year. Elected statewide for six-year staggered term. Salary: \$174,000.

What immigration policies do you support? Please address issues related to undocumented immigrants. (65 words)

What actions do you advocate to improve the availability, accessibility and quality of health care? (65 words)

What do you see as the major environmental challenge facing our country and how would you address it? (65 words)

Given recent events in New Mexico and across the nation, what would you do to address gun violence? (65 words)

Martin T. HEINRICH
Democrat



I support comprehensive immigration reform that provides a fair pathway to citizenship to the undocumented immigrants in our country, meets our economic needs and makes smart investments in border security. Reform must protect Dreamers. We don't need a bigoted and wasteful wall, an immigration system that tears apart families and punishes asylum seekers, or a ban on immigrants and refugees based on how they pray.

We should expand programs we know work like Medicare and Medicaid so more people can access affordable care, and I've supported proposals to do that. I'm working to lower prescription drug costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices and allowing for safe drug reimportation from countries like Canada. What we shouldn't do is gut Medicaid and Medicare funding to pay for tax cuts for corporations.

Failure to act on climate change will be catastrophic. We are already seeing its costly effects in New Mexico - larger fires, more destructive floods. I've passed incentives to grow renewable energy use and promote energy efficiency, and I've boosted funding for climate change research at our national labs. New Mexico and the country should seize this opportunity to innovate while rapidly cutting our carbon emissions.

I refuse to accept the status quo of mass shootings and daily gun violence. I support universal background checks, fixing NICS, limiting magazine capacity, cracking down on strawman purchases, closing the domestic violence loophole, and preventing those on the No Fly List from buying guns. I also called for repeal of the Dickey amendment banning research on gun violence, which we finally achieved this year.

Gary E. JOHNSON
Libertarian



I support immigration reform that allows those that wish to come to this country to be allowed to do so legally instead of forcing people into situations where they enter the country illegally which causes further human suffering. We must control our border without forgetting that we are country of immigrants. Controlling our border does not require building a wall that we will later tear

I am a firm believer in free market solutions. I believe we should have uber everything, that includes healthcare. I support free trade when it comes to medication and allowing insurance to be purchased across state-lines. Federal funding for healthcare can be provided in the form of bloc grants to the state who are better suited to the meet the needs of the people needing

I think we face a crisis here in New Mexico regarding the use of water. We need to encourage solutions that allow for the responsible use of our resources through best management practices that conserve water. The fundamental responsibility of the federal government is to protect from harm, that includes protecting us from polluters and bad players who fail to provide due care for the

I believe that we need to figure out steps to address mental health issues that lead to violence. Infringing upon law abiding citizens' constitutional rights to take away the implement used for violence is not a solution that will solve the problem.

Mick RICH
Republican



Secure our borders. Non-Citizens who break our laws and don't work or go to school cannot stay. Illegal immigrants that came before 2008 can obtain legal status, but they must exit the country and re-enter the country legally. DREAMers will receive legal status and can apply for citizenship with the legal immigrants seeking citizenship. A new legal immigration policy on applicant merit, not family relationships.

To reduce cost insurance plans, allow insurance plans to be sold across state lines. Eliminate mandated coverages and allow people to customize health plans based on their needs. Incentivize healthy living through reduced premiums. Protect insurance coverage for those with pre-existing conditions.

Policy ideas to solve our environmental challenges should be based on analysis of all direct and indirect impacts to the environment. Example: Is the Gulf of Mexico algae bloom an indirect result of increased Midwest corn production to produce ethanol? The government performs cost benefit ratios for almost every project; it should do the same for environmental improvement projects.

Ensure that individuals who should not have access to firearms don't gain gun access, while also ensuring they receive due process. Background checks on all firearm purchases, no exceptions. Any declared "Gun free zones" become responsible for the safety of their occupants.

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSES AND WORD LIMITS: The responses of candidates to our questionnaire are printed exactly as received by the League. The League assumes no responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply. Further, the League publishes this information neither to endorse nor reject the views of any candidate. The League has in no way edited for meaning, grammar, punctuation, or spelling. Because of space restrictions, the League has pre-advised the candidates of the word limits on the responses.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Represents New Mexico in the United States House of Representatives, which has 435 members elected from districts based on population. New Mexico is entitled to three members. Candidates must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen for seven years, and must be a resident of New Mexico. Elected by district for two-year term. Salary: \$174,000.

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DISTRICT 1

Debra A. HAALAND
Democrat



My Native American family has experienced the brutality of government-backed family separation. I believe in keeping families together, and therefore I oppose deportations and bans that rip families apart. I will fight for comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented Americans, all of whom exemplify our American dream.

Protect Obamacare from the Republican attacks. I believe healthcare is a human right, and so I will fight for Medicare for All. It's time to end our overpriced, inefficient, and rocky corporate health care system. I will fight Big Pharma for cheaper prescription drugs. I will work to expand access to women's health care -- including abortion and contraception.

Climate change is the number one issue facing our country and the world today. It's time to fight for a Green New Deal that gets us to 100% renewable energy and brings with it millions of good clean energy jobs.

Our children's lives are more important than any companies' right to earn a profit on guns. I support a ban on the sale of assault weapons, implementation of comprehensive background checks and closing the gun show loophole. We need a national buy-back program with no questions asked. I also believe we need a comprehensive national mental health-care plan to ensure we stop violence before it

Lloyd J. PRINCETON
Libertarian



We should have a liberal Work Visa program and reform our immigration policy similar to Canada's Merit-based system which takes skills, education, adaptability, language proficiency and overall human capital into consideration. We can also offer a bond-based system with a deposit of \$2500 which is held to assure applicants comply with US laws and the terms of their stay. DACA is for Congress to

Direct Primary Care for everyday issues. Medicare dictates what it will and will not pay for and physicians do not like signing up to service program recipients. Government controlled "Universal Health coverage" or a "one-payer system" is the wrong direction to be going, we pay more for less. Insurance should be accessed across state lines, government should be entirely separate from the management of

A major issue is the shifting aridity of the Western US towards the East coast. The reality is, we are in a dry climate and there is nothing we can do to change this. We can definitely maintain standards for certain industries and reduced carbon emissions through technology. All consumers need to use and discard less plastic and protect our waterways and oceans.

Gun safety needs to be taught to children. Deterrence remains the best defense against school shooters. Properly trained and motivated armed adults will make the schools less appealing targets along with better school security. Anyone intent on breaking the law will not be stopped by laws because, by definition, they are lawbreakers. Peace through strength. Media should not make celebrities out of shooters.

Janice E. ARNOLD-JONES
Republican



Vigorously enforce our immigration laws. Children should not be punished for the illegal acts of their parents. Deportation of criminals is essential. For illegal aliens, with no history of criminal behavior, issuing work permits is the best solution. Enforce visa requirements. It is unfair to grant amnesty or citizenship to anyone who first ignored our laws. It is time to fix our immigration policies.

Demand transparency of hospital costs, eliminate networks, reduce paperwork especially anything that says - "this is not a bill". Limit the role and billing practices of most Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Reduce and speed up "authorization" processes. Review and streamline all processes, intake, in particular. Incentivize more students to go into Health care. Health Care, not Health Insurance.

Among several issues, it is wildfires and their impact on watersheds. The past century of fire suppression policies made our forests and grasslands vulnerable to intense fires. The loss of property, watershed areas, and air pollution has cost us in every way including the need to aggressively invest in restoration of watershed areas. Well managed controlled burns, sustainable forestry and grasslands management will help.

Enact laws to allow access to threat data across agencies, regardless of age or status in any school; real time reporting of threatening behavior incidents; proof of gun safety training to purchase a firearm; incentivize biometric triggers; and removal of firearms in Domestic Violence cases. I support firearm ownership by our law abiding citizens and I support aggressive prosecution against the violators of gun laws.

DISTRICT 3

Ben R. LUJAN
Democrat



I support humane and comprehensive immigration reform that strengthens border security, brings workers out of the shadows, strengthens our economy, and protects Americans, families, and Dreamers. That's why I joined a bipartisan group demanding we act on legislation to protect Dreamers. I've denounced Trump's horrific Zero Tolerance policy, visited children held in heartbreaking detention facilities, and cosponsored legislation to end family separation at the border.

Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. It should be affordable, accessible, and high-quality. Millions of Americans have preexisting conditions and we must protect their access to coverage. I've introduced the State Public Option Act to create a Medicaid-based healthcare option, so all Americans can have a high-quality, low-cost health insurance choice. Also, my bill became law for \$100 million to ensure children have healthcare.

We must act to address climate change and protect New Mexico's land, air, and water. That's why I've fought to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to streamline acequias' eligibility for federal conservation programs. I've also introduced legislation to create a national renewable energy standard to reduce carbon emissions and drive the deployment of clean energy.

Too often, senseless acts of gun violence have shaken our nation. I cosponsored legislation to overturn the ban on federal dollars being used to research the gun violence epidemic, to ban future sales of assault weapons, and to expand background checks. And, I support measures to prevent people on the terrorist and FBI watch lists from purchasing weapons, limit magazine size, and ban bump stocks.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES (continued)

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DISTRICT 3 (continued)

Christopher MANNING
Libertarian



I support increasing merit based and or employer preference immigration, I support family reunification, and asylum and refugee immigration. We need to decrease the percentage of our immigration that is family re-unification based, and increase the employer preference/merit based immigration. Right now family reunification accounts for about 80% of all naturalized citizens.

We need to increase the number of colleges and universities that offer medical programs to increase the number of nurses and doctors we have. We should shift to a health insurance system that is individual based instead of employer based so your employment doesn't affect your ability to see a doctor. Change Medicare/Medicaid from age/income based enrollment to medical condition based.

I believe the biggest challenge is the conservation and efficient use of our water. Droughts are a common occurrence in New Mexico and we rely heavily on agriculture in many areas of the state. We need to ensure we are protecting this resource and using it wisely.

Gun violence is actually very heavily concentrated in a few areas. These areas on average have 20% of the male population with no high school degree and 30% of the population lives in poverty. The most effective gun violence prevention is increased graduation rate and reduction of poverty. That is why my campaign focuses on education and economic opportunity.

Jerald Steve MCFALL
Republican

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NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR

Head of the executive branch and the highest state official in New Mexico. Appoints and supervises directors of executive departments, appoints members of boards and commissions, and signs or vetoes statutes enacted by the Legislature. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$110,000.

In light of continuing changes to the Affordable Care Act, what will you do to ensure that New Mexicans have access to quality health care? (65 words)

What would you do in your role as Governor to support sufficient funding for education, including early childhood education? (65 words)

How do you propose to improve the economy and job prospects in New Mexico? (65 words)

Do you support expanding the use of clean energy, and if so, how? (65 words)

Given recent events in New Mexico and across the nation, what would you do to address gun violence? (65 words)

Michelle Lujan GRISHAM
Democrat



The Affordable Care Act has helped hundreds of thousands of New Mexicans gain health coverage; unfortunately, Congress and the Trump administration are still trying to weaken and repeal the law. As Governor, I will support maintaining expanded medicaid and strengthening the program with a buy-in option, lower drug prices through coordinated purchasing, and a stronger behavioral health system in every corner of the state.


We have a constitutional and moral obligation to give each New Mexico student the opportunity to grow and succeed through public education. This must begin with quality early childhood education, which is why I a prudent permanent fund distribution to help fund universal pre-k. I'll also put more dollars in our classrooms by diversifying revenues, streamlining administration, and giving educators a much-deserved raise.

First, I'll invest in our people. I'll strengthen public education and create workforce training opportunities in schools and colleges that targets jobs in key growth sectors like biotechnology and clean energy. Second, I'll work to invest in those sectors with our permanent funds and expand international trade and investment. Third, I'll raise the minimum wage while creating clear pathways for families to escape poverty.

I support making New Mexico the leader in clean energy development and technology. We must provide more clean energy for ourselves and export to neighboring states, creating thousands of good jobs. I'll increase our renewable portfolio standard to 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2040, invest in energy-efficient renovations and technology, and work to eliminate unnecessary and harmful methane emissions from our oil/gas production.



There are clear steps we must take to reduce gun violence in our communities. First, we must strengthen our gun laws with truly universal background checks, taking guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, and a ban on military-style assault weapons. Second, I will support school-safety improvements and hiring more police to working with our communities to stop and solve crime.

GOVERNOR (continued)

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<p>Steve PEARCE Republican</p> 	<p>The Act has failed in several areas. Insurance companies are exiting the state, health insurance costs more, covers less and has higher deductibles. I will rebuild the private insurance market and implement measures such as shopping across state lines, covering preventive medicine with insurance and incentivizing healthy lifestyles. I will hold pharmaceuticals and physicians accountable to not over prescribe or send excessive prescriptions by mail.</p>	<p>Our schools are broken, badly managed and falling short. I propose shifting money from administrative costs into classrooms, letting teachers focus on teaching and holding administrators to account for better management. Simply spending more alone won't work unless we change the system to allow teachers to focus on students. I fully support current early childhood programs, but funding needs to be within our state budget.</p>	<p>I will put my business experience to work growing and diversifying the economy. We need high tech jobs for the PhD's and researchers. We will have apprenticeship programs to train for the skilled jobs that are waiting for workers (plumbers, truck drivers, electricians etc.) We need a rural economy like hydroponic organic greenhouses to make NM food self-sufficient with fresh, pesticide free, year-round food.</p>	<p>I've long supported clean energy and will support its expansion. I'll recruit companies to NM who've committed to using 100% renewable energy. Solar and wind power are natural areas for NM to excel in but we also have biomass and geothermal energy that can be tapped. We'll link our labs and universities with this natural skill set to become a national leader in clean energy.</p>	<p>The question of gun control has several components including repeal of the Second Amendment which I do not support doing. I do support holding federal agencies accountable for failing to heed warning signs and reports of violent tendencies. To protect students, schools can take preventive measures without gun control including 100% controlled access, metal detectors, remote locking of corridors and expanded mental/behavioral health counseling.</p>

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Serves as Acting Governor when the Governor is out of the state, provides constituent services, presides over the New Mexico Senate and can vote in the event of a tie. In a general election the Lieutenant Governor is elected jointly with the Governor. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for the five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$85,000.




	<p><i>What qualifications and attributes do you have that prepare you to succeed as Lieutenant Governor? (65 words)</i></p>	<p><i>The Governor usually assigns tasks to the Lieutenant Governor. What issues would you like to work on to improve the lives of New Mexicans? (65 words)</i></p>
<p>Howie C. MORALES Democrat</p> 	<p>As a father, an educator, a coach and a Senator, I've been on the front lines, fighting for our families and ensuring the next generation has every opportunity to succeed. I have fought for increased funding for our classrooms, public safety, and job training programs. As a key voice on the Senate Finance Committee, I've worked tirelessly to make state's budget more reflective of our</p>	<p>I look forward to working with Michelle Lujan Grisham to make bold investments into our classrooms as well as apprenticeships and skills training so that every New Mexican has a chance at a good paying job here at home. I'll use my experience in the classroom to help fix our public education system and ensure we are spending more time teaching our children and less</p>
<p>Michelle Garcia HOLMES Republican</p> 	<p>New Mexico is my home. I was educated here (Bachelor of Science) and served 30 years as a commissioned police woman (Detective, & Chief of Staff.) I am a wife, mother, and grandmother and my passion is to serve. I have made a career of standing up for New Mexicans and I will work to make New Mexico prosperous and safe for all. Website: Ltgov2018.com</p>	<p>Public safety is the backbone of any prosperous community. I will utilize my experience to pull together our state's resources to tackle crime. Safe cities help our businesses grow and attract new businesses to New Mexico. Child abuse, drug trafficking, violent and property crimes are holding us back, we can provide a brighter future for our children and families through experienced leadership and hard work.</p>

"Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people and who would preserve what is good and fruitful in our national heritage."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

SECRETARY OF STATE

New Mexico's chief elections officer, overseeing the entire election process. Regulates lobbyist activity and reporting of campaign finances, and maintains records vital to commerce and industry in New Mexico. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$85,000.

	<i>Describe both the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for this office. (65 words)</i>	<i>What actions would you take to increase voter registration and voter turnout? (65 words)</i>	<i>Do you support any changes in New Mexico's voting procedures, such as online voting, mail-in voting, or requiring picture/photo IDs at the polls? (65 words)</i>	<i>What changes, if any, would you support in campaign finance regulation and reporting? (65 words)</i>	<i>Do you support open primaries? Please explain. (65 words)</i>
<p>Maggie Toulouse OLIVER Democrat</p> 	<p>Having served as Secretary of State for nearly two years and Bernalillo County Clerk for 10 years, I have experience running open, transparent elections; making voting accessible; and ensuring our elections systems are secure. Further, as Secretary of State, I have shined a light on dark money in politics, made elected officials' financial dealings public and made it easier for people with disabilities to vote.</p>	<p>Increased registration and turnout are key to ensuring government reflects the will of the people. As Secretary of State, I have worked with the Motor Vehicle Department to make it easier for eligible voters to register or update their registration. I also created nmvote.org so voters can easily check their registration, find polling places, review sample ballots and request an absentee ballot online.</p>	<p>I support policies that enhance the security and integrity of elections. Mail-in voting is a possible option that I am considering. While I'm open to exploring block-chain and technologies that could create secure online voting, we aren't there yet. Finally, voter ID laws don't make elections safer; they make it harder for elderly voters, the poor and people of color to cast a ballot.</p>	<p>As Secretary of State, I enacted rules to shine a light on dark money in politics. I also made elected officials' financial disclosure forms available online. Transparency is key. Additionally, we will soon update and streamline the technology that candidates use for their reports to make it easier for campaigns to follow the rules and for the public to follow the money.</p>	<p>I support open primaries. Our current primary system excludes too many voters. I would like to see a primary system in which voters who are not registered with a major party can choose the primary in which they would like to vote. When voters know that their voices are heard, they are more likely to trust and participate in our election process.</p>
<p>Ginger G. GRIDER Libertarian</p> 	<p>Firstly, I am a citizen of the State of New Mexico. I have co-owned and operated a small business in New Mexico for the past 24 years with my husband. I have served the citizens of New Mexico as an advocate for special needs families around the State with Parents Reaching Out as a Families as Faculty volunteer for 5 years.</p>	<p>Education, education, education. I believe that a better-informed electorate is what is needed to revitalize our state, county, and local elections and bring its citizens out of voter apathy. A clear understanding of what the Offices being voted on do and how they intersect with the average New Mexican's life, is critical to increasing both voter registration and turn out.</p>	<p>I wholeheartedly support any measure that would increase voter participation. I am excited about "Blockchain" capabilities as it applies to voting and have been following the development of it as such. Any measure that aides the New Mexico citizen in being able to participate in their representative government is a good thing.</p>	<p>I feel that the law is sufficient and adequate and that it only need be applied fairly and equitably to all New Mexicans regardless of their party affiliation to work the way it was intended to ensure transparency to the electorate.</p>	<p>I support open primaries over closed ones but ultimately, they are simply first draft team picking subsidized by the New Mexican tax payer. If a political party chooses to have a primary, then it is my opinion that the party pay for that themselves and not hoist the bill off on the tax payer who may or may not be invested in the process.</p>
<p>Gavin S. CLARKSON Republican</p> 	<p>Proven job creator. Brought \$3/4 billion to rural and tribal areas in New Mexico. Law degree and three business degrees. Wrote software for state ethics law compliance. Taught corporate law and computer science for decades, including secured transactions and corporate formation matters that became the responsibility of the Secretary of State in 2013. Cybersecurity experience. Enrolled tribal member. Veteran.</p>	<p>I would stop the weaponization of the Secretary of State's office that has left many New Mexicans feeling disenfranchised, including independents and non-progressive Democrats. I will work to ensure that every vote counts, but also ensure that Zombies, Aliens, and Canines do not vote. I would increase active military and tribal participation in elections, including the translation of ballots into Native languages.</p>	<p>When a non-citizen votes, a citizen's vote is diminished. Our ancestors including my father, the first American Indian jet pilot, fought against tyranny to protect our freedoms. Allowing those who cheated the system to vote is an insult to both our veterans and to all the legal immigrants who followed the rules. I will implement Voter ID, which is supported by 70% of New Mexicans.</p>	<p>The Secretary of State is not supposed to make laws. Legislators make laws. Yet when the legislative process did not produce a result that my opponent wanted, she unilaterally decided to violate the First Amendment rights of anyone who donated to a cause that she opposes. I will rescind that illegal policy, protect First Amendment freedoms, and keep Antifa away from you and your family.</p>	<p>I believe that members of political parties have constitutionally protected freedoms, including the freedom to associate. The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that parties, as private organizations, have a constitutional right to manage their own affairs without undue state interference. There are other mechanisms that have the potential to increase voter choice, particularly for independents, but that is a matter for the legislature to consider.</p>

"Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

– Winston Churchill

STATE AUDITOR

Assures that the financial affairs of every state and local entity are thoroughly examined and audited each year and determines that such audits conducted by independent auditors are made in a competent manner. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$85,000.

What experience, education and other qualifications do you have for the State Auditor position? (65 words)

Which areas require the immediate attention of this office? (65 words)

The State Auditor contracts with independent public accounting firms to audit state agencies. Should these firms be prohibited from making campaign contributions to candidates for State Auditor? Why or why not? (65 words)

Brian S. COLÓN
Democrat



My finance degree (New Mexico State University) and law degree (University of New Mexico) are a perfect fit for this office. I also have 25+ years as an entrepreneur and work with business/government transactions along with philanthropic endeavors as I built a legal career will make me an effective State Auditor. I will fight corruption, waste, fraud and abuse while addressing public policy issues.

Fighting corruption, waste, fraud and abuse demand immediate attention. I will expand OSA's capacity and engage voters in all 33 counties to identify areas of fraud/abuse needing investigation. Taxpayers know best where there are areas of concern and utilizing taxpayers is the most effective way to fight corruption. I will build on momentum created by previous auditors, AG Hector Balderas and Mayor Tim Keller.

Independent accounting firms that contract with the Office of State Auditor should be prohibited from making campaign contributions to candidates for State Auditor due to potential conflicts of interest. We should also consider whether similar contributions to gubernatorial candidates should be prohibited for the same reason. Our system of campaign finance needs to be changed. Public financing discussions and solutions should continue.

Wayne A. JOHNSON
Republican



My experience as State Auditor, successful owner of a media business, and two-term Bernalillo County Commissioner come together to achieve the primary objectives of my office – transparency and accountability. As Auditor, I uncover facts and report back to the public without regard to politics or partisanship. I am a strong, independent voice for New Mexico families and answer only to the public.

First, to expose and bring into compliance taxpayer-funded organizations that have heretofore hidden from public scrutiny – like the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities and the High Risk Pool. I've already uncovered hundreds of thousands of public dollars used for everything from \$8,000 parties to WhistlePig whiskey. Also, provide accountability for seniors and their conservators and improve financial practices of entities subject to State Auditor's review.

There are serious First Amendment issues when restricting legal contributions from specific groups. However, I do not solicit contributions from firms who go through the OSA firm profile process. Also, all but a few of the over 1,300 audits performed annually are procured by the organization being audited. It's a good process that protects the IPA from unscrupulous candidates while helping to guarantee high-quality audits.

STATE TREASURER

Serves as the state's banker and is entrusted with receiving, keeping, and disbursing state money; deposits funds in financial institutions to invest; and oversees the short-term investment fund. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$85,000.

What specific financial training and experience do you have that qualifies you to perform this function? (65 words)

What are your highest priorities for this office and how do you intend to accomplish them? (65 words)

What, if any, changes would you recommend in the policies and operations of the State Treasurer's office? (65 words)

Tim EICHENBERG
Democrat



Four years' experience as New Mexico State Treasurer. Elected two terms Bernalillo County Treasurer. Worked in private sector for over 30 years as Property Tax Consultant, General Contractor and Real Estate Broker. Appointed by the Governor as New Mexico State Property Tax Director (2004). Elected to New Mexico Senate (2008); Chaired Restructuring Committee and Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee.


The Safety of New Mexico's money is the first priority, followed by ensuring required liquidity and then maximizing yield. Manage New Mexico's cash with integrity and transparency. Improving the quality of life for all New Mexicans through promoting ABLE NM so people with disabilities establish tax-free savings without losing public-assistance eligibility and Help New Mexico's private-sector employees to retire financially secure.

We have recently implemented the State SHARE System (accounting program) in the State Treasurer's office. All other State agencies currently utilize this system. I initiated legislation regarding transparency in investment fees that passed the legislature but was vetoed by the Governor, but will try again in 2019. Other changes that I believed needed to be implemented have been accomplished over the last three years.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."



– Alice Walker

STATE TREASURER (continued)

	What specific financial training and experience do you have that qualifies you to perform this function? (65 words)	What are your highest priorities for this office and how do you intend to accomplish them? (65 words)	What, if any, changes would you recommend in the policies and operations of the State Treasurer's office? (65 words)
<p>Arthur L. CASTILLO Republican</p> 	<p>Bachelor's degree Business Administration; Chief Finance Officer, NM State Treasurers office; Paymaster, grant accountant, writer, administrator, City of Albuquerque; Grant accountant, writer, administrator, transportation planner, NM Department of Transportation; Physical Plant Director, University of Albuquerque; Accounting manager, Bernalillo County Treasurers office; plus entry level positions as a property control and payroll clerk; 4 year veteran of the U.S. Navy.</p>	<p>Evaluate policies and procedures before making changes as necessary to comply with federal regulations, state of NM statutes, and other mandates required by GAAP and GAAFR. Hire the most qualified executive staff within the area of expertise. Review staff functions and set or adjust internal audit procedures for all functions of the STO.</p>	<p>I was not able to find the STO's policies and procedures, the STO does not publish their Policies and Procedures on their website. The prior administration's Policies and Procedures were sufficient for that time. Changes will be made to insure legal mandates are adhered to. I do not intend to waste money to make unnecessary changes.</p>

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The state's legal officer, legal counsel to state government, and guardian of the public interest. Represents the state before courts or agencies and provides legal opinions upon request of the Legislature, state officials or district attorneys. Must be an attorney licensed by the New Mexico Supreme Court, at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for the five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$95,000.

	Describe both the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for this office. (65 words)	What are your highest priorities for this office, and how do you intend to accomplish them? (65 words)	What will you do to make public officials more accountable to the general public? (65 words)	What will you do to protect New Mexicans from consumer fraud? (65 words)	What is the Attorney General's role in fighting the opioid crisis in New Mexico? (65 words)
<p>Hector BALDERAS Democrat</p> 	<p>Growing up in poverty has made me an aggressive street fighter. This personal experience created the conviction that everyone - no matter their background - deserve opportunities to succeed. As a prosecutor and certified fraud examiner I uncovered the largest public school embezzlement in state history. As AG, I will continue to tirelessly pursue those who exploit the vulnerable and ensure the safety and prosperity of families.</p>	<p>My top priorities are to protect vulnerable children who fall through the cracks through systemic failures, protect hard working consumers by combatting political corruption and unfair trade practices by corporations, and continue partnering with local, state and federal authorities to fight against crimes such as human trafficking, money laundering, and violent crimes.</p>	<p>I will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute public officials regardless of party affiliation. I will continue to fight for pension forfeiture for public officials who violate the law and continue to partner with NM citizens who courageously step forward to report public corruption. I will continue to fight for tougher penalties against government agencies that are not transparent to the public.</p>	<p>I will continue to aggressively litigate against powerful out of state corporations who don't pay taxes or scam consumers for hard earned wages. As AG, I have recovered over 20 million dollars and have made substantial reinvestments for consumer training and prevention tools to make smarter, more informed consumers who are empowered to protect themselves from fraud.</p>	<p>New Mexicans are dying at an alarming rate. I have filed suit against opioid distributors and manufacturers in order to secure funding to be reinvested in education, treatment, and law enforcement. I have launched Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network, a public opioid abuse training program aimed to educate advocates, law enforcement, healthcare professionals and policy makers on the impact of opioid abuse.</p>
<p>A. Blair DUNN Libertarian</p> 	<p>A major function of the Attorney General's office is to enforce laws regarding accountability and transparency. I have a proven track record in court of fighting for the public on public records laws for which I received a Dixon Award from the Foundation for Open Government and against the government trampling the civil rights of citizens.</p>	<p>My highest priorities are 1) prosecuting corruption of all government officials that break the law regardless of party affiliation, 2) fixing a broken family law system by addressing the violations of civil rights by the judiciary and providing opinion to the legislature, and 3) protecting our water resources by requiring both government and private individuals to follow the law regarding the use of our water.</p>	<p>I believe that AG should set an example by being the most transparent government official. As top lawyer for the state my client is the public and I believe they deserve to know what their lawyer is doing for them. Transparency promotes accountability and that is the number one job for the AG. I will start a whistleblower hotline to report government waste and abuse.</p>	<p>I believe that increased responsiveness to the public and prosecution of consumer fraud case will decrease the occurrence of consumer fraud in New Mexico.</p>	<p>The Attorney General will play a major role in drug policy and criminal justice reform in New Mexico. We need to stop treating drug use as a crime and treat it as mental health issue. I believe that the opioid crisis would be reduced by the decriminalization of marijuana use and protecting the medicinal cannabis patients' rights.</p>

"Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

- Abraham Lincoln

ATTORNEY GENERAL (continued)

Describe both the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for this office. (65 words)

What are your highest priorities for this office, and how do you intend to accomplish them? (65 words)

What will you do to make public officials more accountable to the general public? (65 words)

What will you do to protect New Mexicans from consumer fraud? (65 words)

What is the Attorney General's role in fighting the opioid crisis in New Mexico? (65 words)

Michael Eugene HENDRICKS

Republican



I have 15+ years in Business Management and the OAG is a crime fighting and protection business for the people of NM and our children. I am a lawyer with experience in various areas of law. I have a passion for justice and safety.

Work with local law enforcement to quell crime. Crime is what has hampered our business development. Investigating to root out corruption in government. Use parental and personal education to reduce opioid/drug abuse; and, work to have facilities for proper treatment of those caught in the throes of drug addiction. Resolve the water rights issue (Texas v. NM).

Many of our public officials believe that they are above the law; I believe that we should be servants of the people, held to an even higher standard. Investigate even the slightest perception of corruption. Also, I will work to increase transparency by actually enforcing IPRA regulations.

I will work to revamp the processes for enforcement of the current consumer fraud laws. I will not farm out large lawsuits to outside counsel unless absolutely necessary; and, if necessary, then after a competitive bidding and evaluation process.

All drug abuse is a blight on a civil society. The AG is tasked with working with local law enforcement to deter and prosecute abusers. However, education for children and families as well as the pressure for and use of treatment facilities with after treatment planning is a huge tool that is not currently being utilized.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Leads the State Land Office, which manages 9 million acres of land and 13 million acres of mineral rights held in trust to support public schools, universities, hospitals, charitable purposes and penitentiaries. Must be at least 30 years of age, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: \$90,000.

Describe both the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for this office. (65 words)

How will you balance responsible stewardship of state trust lands while maximizing the revenues necessary for the support of the beneficiaries? (65 words)

How can the Land Commissioner improve enforcement of environmental regulations on state trust lands? (65 words)

How would you generate additional revenue for the beneficiaries of the trust? (65 words)

Stephanie Garcia RICHARD

Democrat



Chair of the House Education Committee, 3-term State Representative and awarded "Spirit of Bipartisanship" by NM First, I have represented all land office issues and users; on both sides of the aisle. I'm excited to leverage the mandate by ensuring we increase funding for early childhood education, schools, and hospitals. I've championed renewable energy and job training away from extractive industries.

The land office needs to make decisions with the recognition that the health of the environment, the economy, the public, and the animals are inextricably intertwined; ensuring optimal revenue generation while preserving the land for future generations. With that said, oil and gas will continue to be a mainstay in our state and we must ensure we're maximizing our financial returns while guaranteeing environmental safeguards.

First, we must mandate that lease agreements include requirements to adhere to clean air and water standards. Second, we must partner with other agencies on oversight, encouraging them to report when they witness a violation occurring. Finally, we must increase our field capacity in the office, so we have more eyes on state trust land.

I will restore the \$700 million in renewable energy projects abandoned by the current office holder and implement a program that would establish transmission lines that allow for New Mexico to make royalties from selling renewable energy to vast markets in the West, like we do with oil and gas.

Michael G. LUCERO

Libertarian

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Patrick H. LYONS

Republican



I served as the Commissioner of Public Lands from 2003-2010, and have the experience to provide the leadership the Land Office needs to move New Mexico forward and raise revenue in a sustainable way for education and the 22 beneficiaries. During my tenure, I raised a record \$4Billion in revenue with a flat budget for 8 years and every dollar accounted for.

Stewardship of State Trust Land is very important and I want to ensure that our future generations can enjoy the benefits from State Trust Land. I will ask the Legislature to fund a restoration program to keep State Trust Land clean and our forests healthy. While Land Commissioner, I initiated a program called "Don't Trash the Trust," which worked with communities and lessees to care for the land.

The Land Office needs to work closely with the NM Environment Department and the NM Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Oil Conservation Division. They need to bring on an environmental engineer to interpret and enforce regulations on State Trust Land. The Land Office also needs to establish an environmental advisory board with professionals that have the knowledge and experience to make recommendations on how to care for State Trust Land.

I will diversify the energy portfolio by continuing to create renewable energy projects like wind and solar leases on State Trust Lands. I will expand opportunities for commercial leases in urban areas, such as the projects I supported as Land Commissioner, including UNM West, Presbyterian Rust and Cleveland High School. I would expand outdoor recreational access and opportunities on State Trust Land.

NEW MEXICO STATE JUDICIAL OFFICES

Judicial vacancies are filled through appointment by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by a judicial nominating committee. At the next regular election the judicial position is filled in a partisan election in which the appointed judge must participate and win the most votes to retain the seat. Judges serve for terms of a set number of years, after which they must win a 57% "yes" vote in retention elections to keep their seats.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Serves as one of five justices on the highest court in New Mexico. It is the court of last resort and has supervisory control over all lesser courts and attorneys licensed in the state. Required to hear appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, election challenges and criminal cases when a defendant is sentenced to the death penalty or life imprisonment. Has discretionary authority to review rulings of the Court of Appeals and questions of law certified to it by the Court of Appeals or federal court. Must be 35 years old, have practiced law for 10 years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Elected statewide for eight-year term. Salary: Chief Justice, \$141,818; Associate Justice, \$139,818.

How have your training, professional experience and interests prepared you to serve on this court? (65 words)

What policies are critical to keep the judiciary independent from political influence? (65 words)

What improvements in the Supreme Court would you seek to make if elected? (65 words)

Michael E. VIGIL

Democrat



I have been a lawyer for over 42 years and a Judge on the Court of Appeals for over 15 years. I was a trial attorney for over 27 years in civil and criminal cases and over 50 appeals. As Judge, I have decided over 3,000 cases and written over 1,000 opinions in every aspect of the law, protecting the rights of all New Mexicans.

A judge must put ethics and impartiality first in deciding cases, and it is critical that judges not take money from special interests, corporations, or oil and gas companies. I am the only candidate for Supreme Court who is publicly financed. I am committed to insuring that all parties coming to court are treated equally, regardless of gender, race, economic status, background, or sexual preference.

I will bring my decades of experience in the criminal law to improve the rules for keeping people in jail who are dangerous pending their trial. In addition, I will explore whether the State can appeal from a sentence it deems to be too light.

Gary L. CLINGMAN

Republican



I prepared through hard work. I attended college at night while working as a police officer. I earned a Master of Judicial Studies degree, joined the faculty of the National Judicial College, and am a published author. A Judge for 21 years, I've tried over 650 jury trials, including complex civil and criminal litigation, children's court matters, divorces, torts, and contract disputes.

Soundly reasoned, clearly written opinions that are based upon precedent safeguard judicial independence. When this principle is observed, critics must attack the law upon which the opinion rests and not the judiciary itself. However, if this principle is ignored and non-precedential considerations become the basis for decisions, the judiciary abandons its safe haven above the political fray and its claim for judicial independence rings hollow.

The Supreme Court administers the entire judiciary. It has established internal deadlines to accelerate the resolution of cases before it. I would establish resolution deadlines for all state courts and increase the judiciary's use of technology to better serve New Mexicans. We must develop faster and less expensive ways to resolve civil and domestic relations disputes while honoring due process requirements.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Serves as one of ten judges on the intermediate court between the district courts and the Supreme Court. Judges sit in panels of three. Court reviews appeals in all cases, except criminal cases involving sentences of death or life imprisonment, appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, and cases involving habeas corpus. Must be 35 years old, have practiced law for 10 years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Elected statewide for eight-year term. Salary: Chief Judge, \$134,727; Judge, \$132,827.

How have your training, professional experience and interests prepared you to serve on this court? (65 words)

What policies are critical to keep the judiciary independent from political influence? (65 words)

What improvements in the Court of Appeals would you seek to make if elected? (65 words)

Position 1

Kristina BOGARDUS

Democrat



I have 27 years of legal experience, working with my colleagues to reach consensus on difficult legal issues. I have focused on legal writing throughout my career and believe that my writing skills will be an asset to the Court. I am a person who treats everyone with equal respect and fairness. I want to take these qualities to the Court of Appeals.

I have always held myself to the highest ethical standards required by my profession, and, as a judge, I will continue to do so. The Judicial Code of Ethics provides strict rules to insulate the judiciary from politics. The public finance option is another way to keep political influence out of the courts, and I qualified for such financing for my campaign.

Lawyers rely on our appellate courts to guide their practice and to advise their clients. I will keep the existing law in sight and not stray too far from it. The Court must provide timely opinions that provide clarity and guidance to lawyers and their clients and I intend to meet that goal. I expect to work hard to help relieve the Court's heavy caseload.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (continued)

How have your training, professional experience and interests prepared you to serve on this court? (65 words)

What policies are critical to keep the judiciary independent from political influence? (65 words)

What improvements in the Court of Appeals would you seek to make if elected? (65 words)

Position 1 (continued)

Stephen G. FRENCH
Republican



Prior to joining the Court, I was a prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, and civil trial attorney in State and Federal courts. I litigated over 110 appeals in State and Federal court. Since being appointed to the Court of Appeals, I have authored or participated in over 70 opinions. In the last two years, I have cleared the learning curve regarding the craft of authoring opinions.

Our Code of Judicial Ethics generally serves to protect the independence of the courts. We need to keep partisan politics out of all judicial races. Public funding of Court of Appeals' races was a great start. However, we must amend the New Mexico Constitution, Article VI, Section 33, to require non-partisan elections for judges in order to keep the judiciary independent from political influence.

The modernization of the Court should continue to be our primary focus. Currently, we are transitioning the entire structure of the Court in order to address efficiency. This is an ongoing and time intensive process. Our goal is to provide quick resolution of disputes and justice for everybody who comes before the Court.

Position 2

Jacqueline R. MEDINA
Democrat



I have practiced law for 27 years. As a former Children's Court Attorney, Prosecutor, and Assistant Attorney General I tried several cases and handled over 160 appellate cases. I serve on the New Mexico Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee, mentor law students, new attorneys, and I am a former Family Selection Committee member for the Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity. I bring experience and integrity.

Judges are required to perform their work in a fair, impartial, and diligent manner. Judges must remain faithful to the law and not allow themselves to be swayed by partisan interests, fear of criticism, or public outcry. A judge must ensure that her extra-judicial activities not conflict with or give the appearance of conflicting with her judicial obligations.

I have 16 1/2 years of appellate work and will hit the ground running. Criminal appeals make up the largest category of cases. As a former prosecutor I know that the lives of victims, the accused, and their families are on hold while their cases await review. I will seek to ensure that all cases are resolved in a timely and accurate manner.

Hank BOHNOFF
Republican



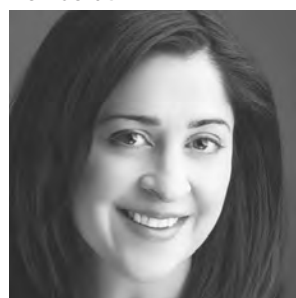
An appellate judge must have integrity, a strong work ethic, broad legal experience, and demonstrated legal ability. My parents taught me to work hard and be honest, fair, and respectful. I worked my way through Stanford University and Columbia University Law School. For 34 years I litigated a wide variety of cases across New Mexico, earning our legal community's respect. See www.KeepJudgeHankBohnhoff.com for more information.

Voters that I have met across New Mexico are dismayed to learn that our judges must run in partisan elections. Partisan elections for judges increase the risk that they will rule based on political considerations. The surest way to keep politics out of the courtroom is for New Mexico to join the many other states that have abandoned partisan, contested elections for judges.

Our Court must decide appeals expeditiously, yet give each case careful consideration. We currently face a significant backlog. My colleagues and I recently have streamlined our procedures to process our docket more efficiently. These reforms are working, but do not sacrifice our commitment to give each party who comes before us his or her day in court. Upon election, I will continue implementing these improvements.

Position 3

Briana H. ZAMORA
Democrat



My professional experience includes nearly a decade as a Judge in New Mexico. I have presided over thousands of cases and well over a hundred jury trials. I have earned a reputation for being fair but tough. New Mexicans deserve experienced judges who are independent and have integrity. The New Mexico Court of Appeals will benefit from my experience and reputation of integrity and fairness.

Judicial independence requires that New Mexico courts be free from improper influence from the legislative or executive branches of government. Judges must also set aside partisan or private-party interests when making decisions. Judicial ethics rules mandate judges make decisions independently and free from other influences. As a judge, I adhere to the Judicial Code of Conduct, which is an important tool for ensuring judicial independence.

New Mexico Courts, including the Court of Appeals, are extremely busy. When courts are overburdened, cases can be unreasonably delayed. Litigants have a right to timely decisions. To cure this problem, our courts could benefit from additional resources, possible restructuring and increased use of alternative dispute resolution programs. As a judge, I have and will continue to, work to improve our courts system.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (continued)

How have your training, professional experience and interests prepared you to serve on this court? (65 words)

What policies are critical to keep the judiciary independent from political influence? (65 words)

What improvements in the Court of Appeals would you seek to make if elected? (65 words)

Position 3 (continued)**Emil J. KIEHNE**

Republican



The most important qualification that voters should look for in a Court of Appeals judge is experience in doing appeals work, which requires very different skills from being a district court judge. With over 17 years' experience handling appeals in both civil and criminal cases, I'm the only candidate for Position 3 whose career has been dedicated to this area of the law.

I am participating in New Mexico's system of public financing for statewide judicial elections, which means that I am not beholden to campaign contributors or special interests. Our Code of Judicial Conduct also places strict limits on the political activities of judges. Another good idea would be to move away from the partisan judicial races that we currently have in New Mexico.

When I became a judge on the Court of Appeals over 10 months ago, I discovered that the Court was behind on its work, and had inefficient practices that slow cases down. My fellow judges and I are now making significant changes to help the Court decide cases more quickly, including hiring more law clerks and using more modern software, to name a few.

Position 4**Megan P. DUFFY**

Democrat



I began my career clerking for Justice Bosson at the NM Supreme Court. Since then, I've spent my career at a small civil firm in Albuquerque, mastering my field and representing real people all over New Mexico. I understand how our courts affect every person in our state and I have the ability, experience, and perspective to serve New Mexico with integrity.

Public financing is critical to the courts' independence because the campaigns do not accept any money from donors and special interests, which eliminates conflicts of interest. In addition to adhering to our strict Judicial Code, I commit to always put ethics and impartiality first, and to treat all parties equally. I am proud to be publicly financed and committed to maintaining judicial integrity and independence.

The Court is facing a backlog of cases as a result of having 5 judges retire in the last two years. My commitment is to work hard to bring the Court's docket current so that parties receive timely decisions in their cases, and to draft clear opinions that litigants, attorneys, and courts can use and apply in future cases.

Daniel Jose GALLEGOS

Republican



By necessity, an appellate judge must be a generalist. Throughout my varied career, I have served as a prosecutor in the Navy and in NM; a legal advisor to military commanders at sea and in Iraq; a COA staff attorney, where I handled more than 250 appeals; and following a recommendation by the bipartisan judicial nominating commission, I am currently a sitting COA judge.

No one wants to appear before a judge perceived to be beholden to someone or something other than the law itself. Public financing of judicial elections is a start, but in this constitutionally mandated partisan election, I have also chosen to utilize campaign materials that do not denote political party affiliation. In this way, I can guarantee that I render decisions without fear or favor.

The Court must not only issue fair, just, and well-reasoned opinions, but it must also ensure that its opinions are timely. As a sitting COA judge and member of the Judicial Information Systems Council, I have been on the forefront of internal and technological improvements aimed at increasing judicial efficiency. With my continued efforts, I believe opinions will be issued in a timelier fashion.

Position 5**Jennifer L. ATTREP**

UNOPPOSED

Democrat

NEW MEXICO STATE DISTRICT OFFICES**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Two-year term. Must be at least twenty-one years old and must be a resident of the district from which elected. In odd-numbered years, the legislature meets for 60 days; in even-numbered years, it meets for 30 days. The Governor may call special sessions. In addition to other duties prescribed by law, representatives enact "reasonable and appropriate laws," represent the constituents in their districts, and serve on standing or interim committees. Compensation is \$164 per day plus mileage reimbursement at the federal rate while in session or at interim meetings.

DISTRICT 10**G Andres ROMERO**

Democrat

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

DISTRICT 11

Javier I MARTINEZ
Democrat

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DISTRICT 12

Patricio R RUILOBA
Democrat

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DISTRICT 13

Patricia A Roybal CABALLERO
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DISTRICT 14

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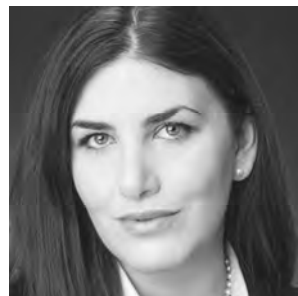
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DISTRICT 15

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Democrat



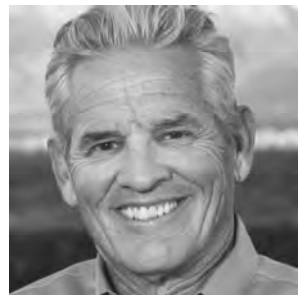
As a native New Mexican, I've spent my professional career fighting for disenfranchised communities and criminal justice reform in our state. I have a plan to address crime, including raising penalties on violent offenders, community policing, and investing in early childhood education programs to break the cycle of crime in low income areas. In my spare time, I volunteer with groups like Wills For Heroes, which provides legal services free of charge to first-responders.

I will fight to protect our environment, natural resources and water by holding polluters accountable and investing in renewable energy such as solar and wind to help grow the economy and create jobs. I will champion legislation that fully funds early childhood education and our schools, putting more emphasis on STEM and vocational training programs and less on high-stakes testing.

I would support increasing school safety officers in schools and universal background checks for all gun purchases.

For too long, our state has been controlled by a handful of industries and the same career politicians that bounce from position to position. If we want to improve the lives of all New Mexicans then we must elect independent leaders committed to reproductive health care, keeping public lands in public hands, and challenging the systemic poverty keeping our communities riddled with crime.

Brad WINTER
Republican



I have been involved in education for 30 years. I have been a city councilor for the last 19 years in North East Albuquerque. I served as Interim Sectary of State for one year. I was also Interim Superintendent of APS. Now more than ever, we need leaders in Santa Fe who are both qualified and capable of working across party lines to get things done.

1. Create Jobs - Through tax incentives and direct investment (with protections), bring companies to NM that offer high-paying jobs, particularly in technology. We've already started this great work and now need to expand it. We must stop the war on small businesses, bringing regulations and taxes in line with neighboring states. 2. Tackle crime by putting more officers on the street, this could be done almost immediately. Take on problems of catch-and-release and inadequate

We need to enforce the laws that are already on the books, put more officers on the street, fully fund our judicial system to end the backlog of cases, focus resources on behavioral health and mental health, make sure we keep violent criminals behind bars in every instant possible.

New Mexico is fortunate to have natural resources like oil and gas which contribute greatly to our state's general fund. We need to continue responsible development and prioritize those funds toward attracting new businesses through tax incentives and direct investment. New Mexico needs more and better jobs and with that, hope that our children will be able to find jobs in state when they complete their education.

DISTRICT 16

Antonio "Moe" MAESTAS
Democrat

UNOPPOSED

"The highest measure of democracy is neither the 'extent of freedom' nor the 'extent of equality', but rather the highest measure of participation."

- A. d. Benoist

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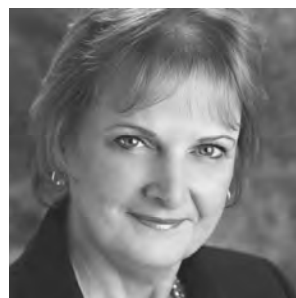
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DISTRICT 17**Deborah A ARMSTRONG**

Democrat



Having spent my career in healthcare, I am uniquely qualified to collaborate with my colleagues on policies that ensure New Mexicans can access quality, affordable healthcare. I have worked as a physical therapist, healthcare administrator and Secretary of Aging & Long Term Services. Now, as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am using my experience to bring people from both sides of the aisle together to improve New Mexicans' quality of life.

My priorities are developing a Medicaid Buy-In Program and reducing opioid addiction. Last session, I passed a memorial to study creating a Medicaid Buy-In program, which allows anyone to pay for health coverage through Medicaid. Next session, I will work to start the program. As a National Conference of State Legislators Opioid Fellow, I have successfully advocated for more access to lifesaving overdose-reversal drugs and I will continue my fight to restore behavioral health services.

Gun violence is a public health crisis and must be treated with comprehensive strategies to reduce violence, address behavioral health and keep communities safe. I support and have voted for common-sense gun legislation, including comprehensive background checks. Next session, I will sponsor a bill to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. By keeping guns out of the hands of known domestic abusers, we can save lives.

Access to healthcare is the key to quality-of-life. From legislation allowing patients to get multiple prescriptions filled on the same schedule to advocating for medical cannabis, my work has made it easier for people to stay healthy. I will continue by creating a Medicaid Buy-In program and fighting for women to have access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare services, including abortion. I will also work to ensure that New Mexicans have access to compassionate end-of-life options.

Ray L GALLEGOS

Republican

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Gail CHASEY

Democrat

UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 18**Sheryl M. Williams STAPLETON**

Democrat

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DISTRICT 19**Abbas A AKHIL**

Democrat



I am an engineer with expertise in energy storage and renewables who retired from Sandia National Labs before forming an energy consulting business. My deep experience in the energy sector, and ideas for how NM can productively transition to renewable energy future should be an asset in the legislature. As a thirty-year resident of the district, I have been involved with neighborhood and school issues and have served on the boards of many community-based organizations.

As I talk with voters, their priorities are reducing crime and improving education. I support a stronger investment in public safety and in our criminal justice system-police officers, courts, and prosecutors. We also must address the causes of crime-access to mental health and drug treatment, poverty and unemployment. To improve education, I support reducing class sizes, providing access to preschool education for every child, vocational education and less standardized testing.

Reducing gun violence in our communities and schools is our collective responsibility. Too many of the wrong people – felons, domestic abusers and people with a history of violence – can too easily access guns by taking advantage of NM's background check loop-holes. In contrast to my opponent, I support closing this loophole. I also support gun violence restraining orders or "red flag laws," to help reduce mass shootings and suicides.

For me, improving the quality of life for our families means making our state better for our children and grandchildren with their future in mind. I hope my work in the legislature means children will grow up in a safer environment, where their needs are met because their parents have good jobs, their schools are strong and teachers inspired. We have a lot of work to do, change can be incremental, but I'm ready.

Jim DINES

Republican



When I ran for State Representative four years ago I had not been part of the political process. Because I don't accept lobbyist or political action (PAC) money and do not accept free gifts or free meals, I am able to assess potential legislation without being beholden to special interest groups. Additionally, I have the ability to work with both parties and as a result I received the Spirit of Bipartisanship Award from NM First.

Public safety: It is clear we must close the "revolving door" for criminals, substantially increase our behavioral health services and reform our criminal justice system. Education: During my four years I have authorized over \$400,000 of my legislative capital outlay money for school projects in and around our District 20. I have voted for teacher raises, reading at grade level with helpful interventions and increases in our education budget for early childhood development.

Reducing violence in our schools is important and this year I supported and voted for \$10 million of increased funding for school safety. Behavioral health issues and/or drugs play a major role in all types of violence, and the services for those areas need substantial improvement. We have laws to curb violence that are not being enforced. We need to address the causes of violent acts and treat them and not just the symptoms.

Our state government must be more accountable to the citizens it serves which is one way to help create a better quality of life. Too many times I have had to help constituents fight through unnecessary red tape and lack of followup by agencies. Better communication between agencies would reduce lost time spent going from place to place for help. This would enhance improvements in other areas: public safety, education and the economy.

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DISTRICT 21

Debra Marie SARINANA

UNOPPOSED

Democrat

DISTRICT 22

Jessica P VELASQUEZ

Democrat



My professional background as a business owner, public school teacher, and university instructor has given me first-hand experience in two crucial areas for the state of New Mexico: economics and education. A long-time New Mexican resident, married to a native New Mexican, with school-aged children, I am actively engaged in the East Mountain community. I understand our community's issues and values, and will be a strong advocate for the East Mountains, Edgewood, and Placitas.

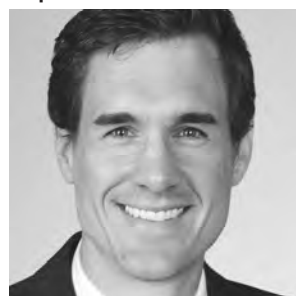
My two top priorities are improving New Mexico's education system and building our economy. Education, from early childhood to college, needs to be adequately funded. Our teachers and educational support staff need better salaries, the teacher evaluation system needs to be revised, and the costly and time-consuming PARCC test needs to be replaced. Improving New Mexico's economy depends on 21st century job creation, a powerful, skilled workforce to fill those jobs, and a modern infrastructure.

Poverty, mental health, and substance abuse are a few issues that contribute to violence, and I support programs addressing those problems. I also support reasonable gun legislation which upholds the rights of responsible gun owners, but which also seeks to keep us safe. For example, gun violence restraining orders courts to temporarily bar an at-risk person from buying firearms, and can give police the right to temporarily seize weapons from an at-risk person. Studies show...

I will work to improve our quality of life by strengthening our schools, building jobs, protecting our environment, supporting public safety through adequate funding and training for all first responders, ensuring quality healthcare in both urban and remote sections of our state, fighting for the best possible care for our seniors and veterans, and standing up for working families. I am committed to a better NM for us all.

Gregg William SCHMEDES

Republican



My experience as a physician and engineer has taught me how to listen to people and solve problems. I have learned to make decisions based on evidence, which I will do as a legislator. My time serving the sick in central Africa has given me valuable experience working with people of different cultures and languages. It's imperative that our representatives serve and listen to all people.

District 22 wants better economic opportunity and lower crime. These issues go hand-in-hand. We must offer greater support to our first responders and rid our communities of drugs. Our local businesses have been crushed by overregulation and a burdensome tax code. Our GRT rate should be lowered and simplified so small business can make a come-back in our district.

As a physician, I will work hard to address mental health issues in our state as they pertain to gun violence. Many of these individuals don't have access to care. We must also address the root causes of gun violence: the loss of value for human life, lack of respect for authority, and broken families.

First of all, I will sound the alarm on any corruption and reckless partisanship, so New Mexicans can enjoy a service-oriented legislature working for them. We must expand our private business sector to increase prosperity for all. Perhaps one of the best ways to improve our quality of life is to allow our families to stay together, as people are driven to move away for lack of opportunity.

DISTRICT 23

Daymon B ELY

Democrat



Before becoming a state representative, I was a county commissioner for Sandoval County. This taught me the value of local government. I run my own business – a law practice where I specialize in suing attorneys. And I have been involved in several community activities including working in the South Valley for a couple of years as a volunteer attorney every Friday – it helped me understand the difficulties faced by people and the unnecessary complexity of ...

Crime and Education. On crime, we should now realize that there this is a non-partisan subject. I set up a task force (with no cost to the taxpayers) that will have recommendations and proposed legislation by the middle of October. On education, we need early childhood education, better salaries for our educators, more money in the classrooms and smaller class sizes

I am supportive of a number of bills. I am sponsoring the Gabby Gifford's "red flag" bill. This would give law enforcement and family members the opportunity to temporarily remove guns from someone who is an immediate danger to themselves or others.

Improve our economic environment – become the solar capital and/or renewable capital in the country, improve education and reduce crime. We need real jobs – jobs that are both productive and pay a living wage.

"The moral test of a government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life – the children; the twilight of life – the elderly; and the shadows of life – the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

– Hubert Humphrey, Vice-President of the United States 1965-1969

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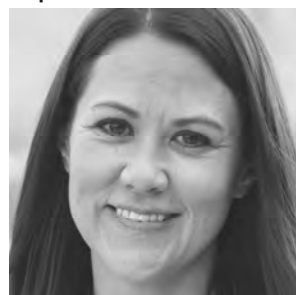
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DISTRICT 23 (continued)

Brenda Diane BOATMAN

Republican



I was an air traffic controller in the ARMY and for the FAA, worked in non-profit and as a board member, and am currently a small business owner and mother. I believe my real-world leadership and professional experiences make me the perfect concerned citizen to step into our legislature with a voice of reason.

My two highest priorities are public safety and jobs for all New Mexicans. I'll fight for safer schools, better mental health programs, care for veterans and the disabled. I'll make our state more business friendly to small businesses by reducing unnecessary regulations.

Our gun laws need to be very carefully legislated so as to deter criminals and not restrict our law-abiding citizens. I would support prioritizing our school's security to keep our children safe.

New Mexicans deserve to thrive and not simply to survive. Crime stats that are worse than the national average not only drive away new and existing businesses but also families looking to raise their children. We must also create an economy that provides everyone who is able to work with a good-paying job. That starts with comprehensive reform of our anti-competitive tax code.

DISTRICT 24

Elizabeth L. THOMSON

Democrat



After working as a pediatric physical therapist for over 30 years, I know what works and what doesn't when it comes to improving the lives of New Mexicans of all ages. I've lived in my district nearly 27 years so I share the priorities of local voters. I've also served on the NM Autism Society Board 15 years, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council 6 years, and the Disability Rights NM Board 4 years.

I will work to decrease crime by funding law enforcement and the DA along with improved behavioral health services, improving education for all by fully funding schools, reducing class sizes, allowing teachers to teach - not test - and work to implement early childhood education for all. I support prioritizing education in our budget, including using our Land Grant Fund for early childhood.

We can address gun violence by passing criminal background checks for gun purchases. We must also strengthen our very fragile behavioral health system and keep guns away from children.

I will work to improve the health care system in New Mexico to ensure greater access to quality health care. I will also work to protect our land, air, and water from polluters and support families so they can provide the best possible start for their children. We can help all New Mexicans by diversifying our state's economy to avoid the boom and bust cycles, and invest in infrastructure, which also creates jobs.

Trey Stephen MORRIS

Republican



I have served my country my entire adult life. After earning my degree, I immediately commissioned as a nuclear launch officer in the U.S. Air Force. I was trusted with my finger on the nuclear button, and led Airmen in nuclear duties critical to national security for 6 years. I still serve as a Reservist for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and will soon serve New Mexico as a member of the Air National Guard.

Crime & education. Crime is out of control in our city, and my first action to address this would be to advocate on behalf of our police force to get them the resources and manning they need to properly police our city. Similarly, the first step to fixing our education system is advocating to get our overworked & underpaid teachers the support they need to educate our children.

I sincerely believe we have to solve the enforcement problem before we can consider any other legislation meant to address gun violence. In the Parkland shootings, for example, the shooter sought mental health treatment & was still able to purchase a firearm, yet it is federally illegal for mentally ill individuals to possess a firearm. We will never be free from gun violence until we figure out effective measures for enforcement.

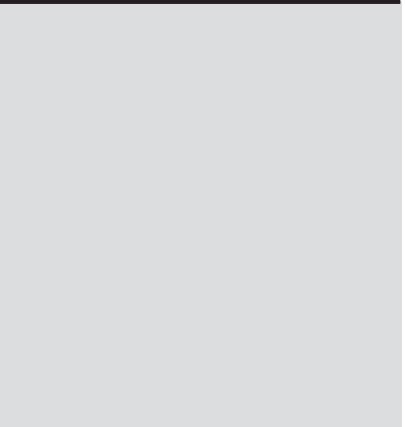
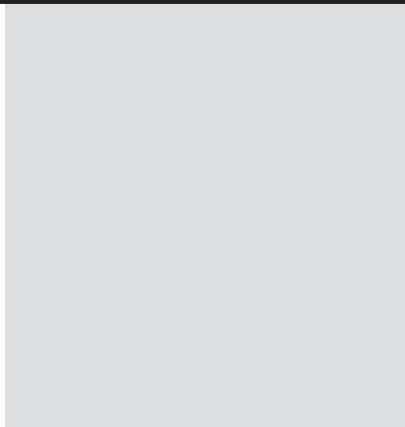
The single most impactful thing we can do to improve the lives of New Mexicans is to dramatically reform gross receipts tax, or ideally, eliminate & replace it with a modern sales tax. This will not only relieve small business owners of an enormous tax burden, but will also make New Mexico dramatically more attractive to businesses looking to expand or relocate.

DISTRICT 25

Christine TRUJILLO

Democrat

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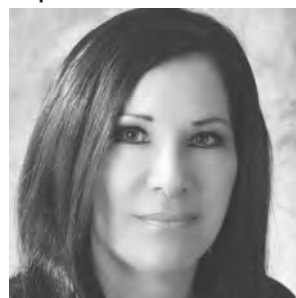
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DISTRICT 25 (continued)

Joan Antoinette MARENTES

Republican



My entire Education, training, and Career have been focused on serving and protecting the community of N.M. I have a B.A. in Criminology from U.N.M., where I graduated on the Dean's list. As a Probation/Parole Officer, I supervised the highest risk felony offenders in the State of N.M. I investigated and submitted pre-sentence reports to District Judges for recommendations on sentencing, and Executive Clemency reports to the Governor of New Mexico for recommendations on Pardons...

The safety of our citizens, and bringing investors into New Mexico will be high in my list of priorities. By lowering our crime rate, we will be a more presentable place for investors to consider. By improving our investment opportunities, we will create more jobs, entertainment, and educational opportunities for our citizens. With more positive opportunities across the board, there will be less idle time for negative behavior.

I believe there should be an age requirement of 21 for the purchase of assault weapons, and all gun owners should be required to pass a thorough background check. We cannot solve future attacks on schools with just more gun control. We must implement safer school campuses, by having a controlled entry for all persons, with computerized school ID cards, through a single front door, and a metal detector. Although some balk at this...

As a Legislator, I will address our criminal justice system, and implement a bill which would strictly limit the discretion Judges now have in sentencing. Currently, Judges can suspend any, or all of a sentence, including murder and rape, and place that criminal back into our community, to further terrorize our citizens. I would seek to re-impose the death penalty for child killers. With current DNA testing, there is less margin for error, and less...

DISTRICT 26

Georgene LOUIS

Democrat

UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 27

William B PRATT

Democrat



During my long life I have experienced and observed many sorts of people in many different situations. My practice of medicine and orthopaedic surgery has convinced me that most of personal and community health status is related to our economic and social circumstances.

A. NM House district 27 will have less property and others crimes when all New Mexico at-risk children and families receive quality voluntary parent coaching programs. B. Support the new Albuquerque zoning and land use Integrated Development Ordinance by, for example, modifying real estate laws to make it easier to rehabilitate vacant housing.

A. Suicide: Help make lives more worth living. Encourage suicide awareness posters. B. Accidents: Firearm safety education. Gun safety locks. C. Crimes with firearms: There will be less crime of all kinds when there are fewer babies growing up to be criminals. We must invest in more voluntary parent coaching programs to help more families where there no grandparents or others to guide young mothers and fathers.

I will vote for public policies that support our common values: Family, Fairness, Opportunity and Respect. We all have one life on this planet. Some lives are shorter and more brutal. Some lives are more peaceful and prosperous.. I believe that New Mexico has the resources to invest in neighborhoods and in opportunities to make families be safer and to prosper. This will improve health, reduce crime, increase student performance and a work ethic.

Robert S GODSHALL

Republican



I have been a conscientious citizen of this state for 40 years, I have a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and am retired after a 28 year career with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Homeland Security.

My priorities are reducing crime and improving the business environment. To that end, I will seek legislation to keep convicted criminals off the street longer, and to reduce regulatory and tax burdens on business.

Violence is violence, whether it comes from a gun, a fist, or a car. There needs to be clear and convincing consequences to a person that commits a violent act.

I am a strong believer in quality of life and I am happy to see that New Mexico presents so many cultural and nature opportunities and it would be great if more New Mexicans could experience that. Making this a more prosperous state would facilitate that end.

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.."

- Thomas Jefferson

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DISTRICT 28

Melanie Ann STANSBURY

Democrat



I am running to bring new ideas and meaningful change to New Mexico. I am a native New Mexican who has worked on community and natural resource issues my entire career, including the U.S. Senate, White House Office of Management and Budget, and as a small business owner. With extensive experience working in policy, legislation, and budgeting and communities across the state, I am prepared to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

My highest priorities for House District 28 are to address crime and expand opportunity-and ensure our District has thoughtful, caring leadership that is looking out for the community. 1. Addressing crime: Ensuring law enforcement has resources, supporting community policing, and addressing underlying causes of crime-including behavioral health and economic issues. 2. Expanding opportunities in the community: growing local businesses and meaningful jobs, bringing the community together, supporting schools, and addressing local infrastructure needs.

Gun violence in New Mexico has become an epidemic. In 2017 over 400 people were killed, including 85 children. Hundreds of lives could be saved with common-sense, bi-partisan leadership by the state that respects the Second Amendment and New Mexico's cultures. This includes legislation to close background check loopholes, prevent gun violence when someone is in danger, promote school safety, and address the causes of violence, including mental health.

I will fight to: – Diversify and grow our economy and jobs by supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs. – Address crime and social issues by ensuring law enforcement has the tools they need, improving healthcare and behavioral health systems, and ensuring families have access to services. – Ensure everyone has the opportunity to get an outstanding education from early childhood through college and a meaningful career here in New Mexico by supporting teachers and education reform.

Jimmie C HALL

Republican



Twelve years as President and CEO of a bank, US Army veteran, and served 14 years as a New Mexico State Representative.

Crime and Education. Introduce legislation to stop the revolving door at the District Courts. Continue to support and vote for increased funding for classroom and early childhood education

Support strict enforcement of the Federal Firearms Act and increase mental health care funding.

In my district, continue to prioritize funding for the two Little Leagues and improvements to Tramway Trail. Support legislation directed at reducing crime and improving job opportunities for New Mexico youth.

DISTRICT 29

Joy I GARRATT

Democrat



Teachers are nation builders. I have taught students from kinder to college and now guide teachers to develop and improve their practice. As former state treasurer for the American Federation of Teachers-NM, I gained expertise in budgeting and financial transparency. I've served in a variety of volunteer roles in my profession and local organizations, including the Ventana Ranch Neighborhood Association. Communication, collaboration and community building are skills that have prepared me to serve.

My two highest priorities are education and public safety, the priorities clearly identified by voters. Education: I will fight for adequate funding for proven researched based educational programs to raise reading and math proficiency for our students and needed teacher professional development to support them. I will fight for increased funding for public safety officers and our court system as well as mental health and addiction programs to rehabilitate repeat offenders driven by those issues.

While supporting the Second Amendment, I support common sense gun laws that protect our citizens as much as possible from gun violence. Those with domestic restraining orders or abuse convictions should not be allowed to possess guns. I support background checks on handgun sales at gun shows and online, not just from licensed dealers. Laws already on the books must be enforced. Ongoing education regarding gun security in the home must be mandated for all.

I am committed to developing paths for our children to build careers and raise their families right here at home. At the same time, we must ensure that we preserve our natural resources and environment for generations to come, making sure that the beauty and gifts of our state are valued. Holding face to face community meetings throughout my district will cultivate the everyday connections among us that contribute to our quality of life.

David E ADKINS

Republican



As a pastor for over 20 years, I have counseled many people and relate to people who are in need. I've also been a small business owner who knows what it means to make payroll and provide jobs for New Mexicans. I know and understand veteran's issues because I am one. I am also currently serving in the position of State Representative.

Crime is a major issue in Albuquerque. I will continue fighting for more funding for our DA and law enforcement, and I will continue to support tougher sentences for the most dangerous criminals and repeat property crime offenders. The State of New Mexico has \$1.2 billion in new money, I want to use some of that money to add another lane on Paseo del Norte going west between Golf Course and Universe.

I think we need to take more seriously the mental health issues that are developing in society. If you don't address the root causes, then you are not solving the problem. Even if guns are not available, a person in mental distress can use a knife, a car or almost anything to do damage as we have seen in Europe which has very restrictive gun laws.

Quality of life begins with a strong economy and safe communities. I would continue working to reform our anti-business gross receipts tax code, invest more money in roads and other infrastructure, and support law enforcement with resources and tougher sentences so that we finally get the worst criminals off our streets.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

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What will you do to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans? (75 words)

DISTRICT 30

Natalie R FIGUEROA
Democrat



I have taught Spanish in public schools for nearly three decades. I am not a career politician. I have unique insights into the challenges and resources of our state; I daily achieve goals with limited resources serving diverse stakeholders. A working professional, I will be a new voice for working families. A former department chair and master teacher, I have excellent leadership skills. I am a graduate of Stanford and UCLA.

Our economic future depends on an educated work force to attract and grow businesses and build a thriving economy. Every New Mexican child deserves a high-quality education, yet our education outcomes are affected by poverty, violence, and addiction. These issues must be addressed together. We must be smarter on crime by tackling the problem on multiple fronts: more officers, prevention, addiction treatment, community policing, common sense gun policy and relieving backlogs in the courts.

I support three common sense measures that would directly reduce gun violence in New Mexico: update the background check laws to include online purchases, support passage of the Extreme Risk Protection bill (sometimes called ('red flag'), and require the surrender of firearms in cases of domestic abuse. I do not support arming teachers.

New Mexico's strengths are her people and her lands. We need to protect that beauty and majesty for future generations by protecting the quality of air, land, and water. We must ensure opportunity by creating a strong, diverse economy, improving access to quality health care and education, and investing in our youth and our most vulnerable. Then we can stop the spiral that is squeezing working families out of the middle class and into poverty.

John L JONES
Republican



I have 43 years of leadership experience as a Naval Officer and in running a small water utility, 20 years of national and state policy experience dealing with drinking water, 24 year resident of the District, two post graduate degrees, and thousands of hours of volunteer work in the community, schools, and with state entities. I want to use those skills to help resolve the issues facing New Mexico.

My two highest priorities will be those that I have heard from the hundreds of residents I have been speaking with: Public safety and Jobs. We do this by prioritizing funding for the law enforcement system, ensuring that the most dangerous, repeat offenders are off the streets, reducing burdensome regulations on the job-creators, and providing our children with a world-class education so that we have a well-educated workforce that can participate in a strong economy.

Gun violence is part of our unacceptably-high crime rate and we must address this through a better funded law enforcement system, laws which take the most dangerous, repeat offenders off the streets, a better economy which provides good jobs, and increased services for the mentally- ill who all-too-often end up in the criminal justice system. We must also provide better security in our schools by reducing the number of public entry points and more security personnel

Focus on improving public safety by supporting law enforcement, developing stronger schools, creating better paying jobs, expanding our economy and economic base, and protecting our water and environment. Our government processes must be more transparent. Taxes should be low, broad, fair, easy to understand and easy to administer - all for the benefit of citizens and business.

DISTRICT 31

William Arnold WILEY, Jr
Libertarian



A) Financial consultant for 28 years, know how governance, taxes, and spending work, B) Citizen lobbyist in Santa Fe for children animals, C) Served on many non-profit boards including being Treasurer and President.

Education and the New Mexico economy. A) Reform and reduce the number of state colleges, B) Require more money spent in public school classrooms, less on administration, C) Work with our many Chambers of Commerce to bring more quality companies to New Mexico, C) Offer New Mexico companies mentoring, investments, and a friendlier regulatory environment.

A) Require universal background checks on gun purchases, B) Require gun locks to be sold with each gun, C) Work with high school students to identify troubled students, D) Remove guns from the mentally unstable, homes with spousal abuse and give parents and their children the help they need.

A) Open primaries for Independents, B) End gerrymandering, C) Term limits for New Mexico Senators and Representative, D) Set up a state water commission that represents all New Mexicans, E) More mental health facilities to give relief to our citizens in need.

William R REHM
Republican



FBI National Academy graduate-12/95; retired Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department-awarded the Julian Narvaez Memorial Award and "Sheriff Officer of the Quarter"; Albuquerque Police Department awarded a "Metal of Meritorious Service"; New Mexico House of Representative since 2006, current certified Law Enforcement Instructor; current Reserve Police Officer (volunteer) Bern Co Sheriff Dept., & NM Mounted Patrol; past AYSO Soccer Board Member--AYSO coach and coach instructor--referee and referee instructor; past Criminal Justice Instructor TVI

Crime – stop court catch and release of felons. Make State safe by holding felons; swift sentence to prison, or court diversion. Last session I introduced two Constitutional amendments to hold criminals in jail. I will reintroduce them in the next session. Economy – Nationally, NM is #3 in oil production soon to be #2. Oil and gas comprise over 45% of the State budget with another \$850 million in school funding. Encourage oil and gas production.

Increasing the penalty for felons possessing firearms, and those using a firearm in the commission of a crime. Update our 3-strikes legislation to give life sentence to criminals who injured or kill three different times. We must increase mental health reporting to NICS (FBI database that lists those who cannot purchase a firearm) to prevent the mentally ill from obtaining a firearm. Federally law must be expanded to prevent more mentally ill from purchasing firearms.

Improve the safety in our community, improve our educational system, and make New Mexico business friendly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

What are the major concerns regarding education in New Mexico? How can they be addressed? (75 words)

What actions do you advocate to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of health care for New Mexicans? (75 words)

How can New Mexico diversify its economy to reduce reliance on income from the oil and gas industry? (75 words)

What measures do you support to protect New Mexico's natural resources in this time of climate stress? (75 words)

DISTRICT 43

Christine CHANDLER
Democrat



The public education system is underfunded, and students, particularly those who are “at risk” are not receiving the quality education to which they are entitled. We should increase funding to expand access to early childhood programs, including Pre-K, reduce class sizes and improve teacher pay and training/mentoring. We should expand vocational and job training programs for students who chose to pursue trade careers.

The current healthcare system leaves too many New Mexicans without affordable coverage, particularly as the Affordable Care Act is being dismantled at the federal level. We should increase access to Medicaid through an income-based buy-in program for New Mexicans. In addition, the state should study and support if economically feasible, a single payor program, such as the one proposed in the Health Security Act.

First we must recognize that an educated workforce that includes relevant vocational training, is an important factor in recruiting new businesses to the state. It will take time but is an essential element to improving our economy. We should also look for ways to incentive reliance our clean, natural resources, such as wind and solar.

With the federal government pulling back from the Clean Power Plan, the State needs to re-visit its clean air standards. In addition we should work toward an increase in the renewable energy standard, funding for the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority and support ways to incentivize renewable energy sources, including renewing the solar tax credits.

Lisa SHIN
Republican



Let's replicate the success of the Los Alamos Public Schools to other communities: exceptional parental engagement, community involvement, and support for our teachers. We have a serious gap when it comes to “middle-skills” so let's prioritize vocational education to prepare our students for a skilled workforce. Expand access to online education, ensure reading proficiency by 3rd grade, elect a state school board.

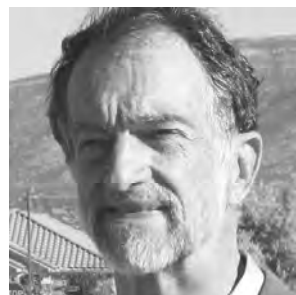
My opponent's “single-payer” pipe dream brings massive taxes, lowers both access to and quality of care. Telemedicine, that meets the standards of care, can greatly benefit those in the rural areas. Emphasize health education, wellness & preventive services. Fight drug abuse through early intervention, a holistic approach to long-term recovery, & robust law enforcement.

Our State brought in an extra \$158 million in 2018, and is expected to bring in \$93 million more due to record oil & gas production. We should diversify & expand our base, but it would be difficult for another industry to generate such revenues for our education, law enforcement, health care.

Our County's Carbon Free Power Project is innovative technology that should be embraced immediately. Its goal to be a clean energy, “carbon-neutral electrical energy provider by 2040” is forward thinking.

DISTRICT 44

Benton HOWELL
Democrat



I am a physicist and worked with Los Alamos National Lab and Princeton Plasma Physics Lab. I believe that this knowledge and experience are relevant to the State legislative campaign, and the position of State Representative. Since retiring, I have been working as a volunteer with 350 and the Sierra Club. I have tutored students in the Bernalillo school system.

Protecting our drinking water and improving our education system. We need strong environmental controls at the State level to ensure that extractive mining and other industrial operations do not contaminate our ground water. We need to reform our education system and end standardized testing and return to teaching our children.

Universal background checks for all types of firearms' purchases is necessary. Strictly enforcing the prohibition of convicted domestic violence perpetrators from owning firearms is also essential.

Protecting our drinking water is essential just for our continued inhabitation of this State. Improving our education system, fixing our infrastructure and extending broadband throughout the State will help to bring more and better jobs. Moving away from a fossil fuel-based energy economy to one of renewable energy will benefit the environment and be an economic boost. I believe New Mexico should also examine the potential of a single payer health care system.

Jane E POWDRELL-CULBERT
Republican



If re-elected it will be my 9th term. Prior to serving in the Legislature, I have served on numerous Boards and Commissions. I have spent 30 years working for national corporations, business development as well as local and State governments.

In District 44, the issue of business development and infrastructure has been and will continue to be a major concern. I will work on legislation to help address these issues. Both concerns will help to increase jobs in the area.

Gun Violence has been an issue for many years. I believe that if the judges will sentence criminals according to the law, it will address some of the problems associated with this issue. The legislature should also examine the '50% Good Time Law' and require these individuals to serve 75% of their sentences. Many of the crimes committed are done by repeat offenders. It is unfair to punish law abiding gun owners due to crimes ...

New Mexico has a great quality of life; however, I will work with other members within the legislature via Democrats and Republicans to improve employment access, training, skill development, as well as education. We must remember that every child that graduate from New Mexico high schools are not college bound.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

DISTRICT 50

The two candidates for this race answered different questions, due to the League's duplication of question mailing coupled with an incorrect email address for one of the candidates. The League apologizes for the fact that we cannot present the candidates' answers to the same questions.

Describe the specific experiences and abilities that prepare you for the office of New Mexico State Representative. (75 words)

If elected, what are your two highest priorities for your district? What specific actions will you take to accomplish them? (75 words)

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What will you do to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans? (75 words)

Matthew MCQUEEN

Democrat



As a parent of two small children (a two-year-old and a four-year-old), a small business owner, a practicing attorney for over twenty-five years (with degrees in law, business, and natural resources policy), and having already served in the New Mexico House of Representatives for four years, I am well prepared to continue representing the people of House District 50.

I will continue to support the expansion of early-childhood education, so all New Mexico kids can be prepared to start school when the time comes, and I will work to open our economic development incentives to more small and local businesses, including specifically grocery stores in food-insecure communities.

There are numerous common-sense, widely supported gun safety measures we can and should enact. I personally sponsored a ban on so-called "bump stocks" (that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire like fully-automatic weapons), but we should also adopt universal background checks to keep weapons out of the hands of violent felons, trigger lock requirements for households with small children, and procedures to remove firearms from homes experiencing domestic violence.

While we're currently experiencing a financial windfall from the oil and gas industry, but we know it won't last. We need to invest the money wisely to diversify our economy and improve our educational system. Renewable energy and outdoor recreation are keys to New Mexico's financial future, not continued overreliance on boom-and-bust extractive industries.

What legislation would you support to deal with the critically growing needs of the aging population - i.e. housing, elder care, and transportation? (75 words)

What would you propose to insulate New Mexico from the impending trade wars? (75 words)

What is your position on the potential overturn of Roe vs Wade, and if Roe is overturned what legislation would you support to help New Mexico women work through the impact this will have on their lives? (75 words)

What legislation would you support addressing the rising costs of health insurance - especially for small businesses? (75 words)

Jarratt APPLEWHITE

DTS



We have a moral obligation to provide for our seniors - we need to do a lot more than pass legislation. We can improve the current patchwork quilt of services and integrate them more effectively. In a poor state innovation and frugality must be coupled. The recent judicial decision mandating expanded funding for children limits the availability of new support for seniors.

My biggest concern is with our neighbors south of our border with whom we have centuries of cultural and economic ties. Our trans-border economy is important. Regulating trade is, rightfully, a federal responsibility. I will work hard to coalesce voices in the Legislature to send a unified message to our congressional delegation that will protect our vibrant cross-border ties.

I understand and respect those who believe life begins at birth and those who believe it begins at conception. I believe that these personal issues should be decided by the affected individuals and their families and that government should not intrude. Women must control their own bodies. An overwhelming percentage of legal professionals across the political spectrum believe that Roe v Wade is settled law.

Insurance costs mirror the costs of our healthcare system. It's vastly more expensive than that of other developed nations. Its outcomes are mediocre. It's shameful. Premiums will stabilize when costs are stabilized. Extracting the layers of unnecessary profit is imperative. Healthcare private interests have their claws deep into the pockets of both parties. Many politicians are more attentive to these special interests than their constituents.

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What will you do to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans? (75 words)

DISTRICT 57

Billie Ann HELEAN

Democrat



I have 30 combined years of experience in corporate administration, small business ownership, and teaching. I'm also an active community member, and I have advocated for many groups of people: women, minorities, children, and the elderly, just to name a few. I chose New Mexico as my home in 1997, and my family and I chose our district for its schools 13 years ago.

My top priority is to improve education (from Pre-K to college) through ensuring that all schools are adequately and equally funded and that we attract and retain the best teachers/professors by providing salaries that reflect the importance of what teachers do every day. My second priority is to improve the economy through providing an educated workforce, attracting a broader base for state revenues and additional jobs.

Gun violence is an epidemic, with death rates in New Mexico that are 51% higher than the national average. I absolutely support the second amendment, but I believe it should be approached responsibly, so that guns don't end up in the hands of unstable or violent individuals. I will support bills that propose responsible background checks and flagging for dangerous individuals.

New Mexicans are leaving the state at an alarming rate. I will improve our quality of life by improving education, the economy, and public safety. People in my district are talking about how much they want diverse and high-quality opportunities for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. It's time that we work to make sure those opportunities are realized.

"Democracy cannot be forced upon a society, neither is it a gift that can be held forever. It has to be struggled hard for and defended everyday anew."

- Heinz Galinski

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

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DISTRICT 57 (continued)**Jason Carl HARPER**

Republican



I grew up in Rio Rancho, married my high school sweetheart, and now we're raising our own family here. I know firsthand how important it is to create good local jobs and improve our classrooms. And as a research scientist, I know how to analyze problems and look for practical solutions. I'm not a politician – I'm a husband and a dad, who will always put my community's interests ahead of petty politics and special interests.

Job creation remains our greatest need. By lowering taxes and simplifying regulations, we can compete to attract new business, and help grow established ones. I am also spearheading tax reform that leads to job creation and a diversified economy. Secondly, Rio Rancho Public Schools, while ranked at the top in nearly every performance measure statewide, is also dead last in state funding per student. I will fight for our fair share of state education dollars.

Overall, we need to strengthen the alignment of mental health data and the NICS system (background checks), which I have voted for and will continue to support. Regarding public schools, which my four kids attend, we need to consider all opportunities for their protection. I've partnered with Rio Rancho legislators and funded safety improvements to our schools including single point entries, remotely controlled electronic locks, traffic bollards, etc. I also strongly support arming security staff.

To help families, I crafted the Lottery Scholarship rescue bill. It keeps the scholarship afloat-without tax dollars-and ensures all students are treated equitably, instead of giving more funds to some students, and less to others. For high-schoolers, I co-sponsored legislation that guarantees graduation requirements don't change mid-stream, and restores P.E. credit for marching band and JROTC. I will continue to fight for measures to combat DWI/DUI and crime, to keep our families safe.

DISTRICT 60**Alexis JIMENEZ**

Democrat



I have been in New Mexico since the age of 15 and have been politically aware and active since long before that. As a mother, I know the challenges of raising a family, budgeting for childcare, food, rent, school needs, and everything needed by people to survive and thrive. As a former teacher and school administrator I understand the needs of students, teachers, and communities and I can use my experience to guide policy making.

The majority of constituents I have spoken with have two major concerns, education and infrastructure. If elected I will work to improve our education system by investing money from the land grant permanent fund, from early childhood education up to post-secondary education, including trade and vocational schools. I will also work toward a city/state cooperative effort to repair and replace our crumbling infrastructure.

I will work to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous and irresponsible people. I support laws that keep guns away from unstable or suicidal people. I will work on legislation holding gun owners responsible when their actions allow dangerous and irresponsible people to access their guns. I support stronger background checks to ensure that unauthorized people who try to purchase guns are stopped. I will work for stronger penalties for unauthorized sales/sellers.

I will work for better school systems across the state to ensure that our children are ready for whatever future they foresee. I will work for better and affordable healthcare for New Mexicans. I will work to keep our environment clean and encourage the development and use of cleaner energy. I will encourage water-wise industry to come to our state. I will encourage clean tourism industries to showcase the natural beauty of our state

Tim D LEWIS

Republican



In Santa Fe, I served for two years as vice-chairman of the ways and means committee and I've been a member of the tax and revenue committee for six years. Three other committees that I've served on over the last eight years focused on labor, energy, business and industry. I've had private sector experience while working for Costco Wholesale for nineteen years and I've been a full-time teacher for the last 17 years.

Public safety and jobs are my two highest priorities for Rio Rancho. I'll continue to fight for stronger DWI laws, safer schools, and safer communities by signing onto pro-safety legislation. I'll also make Rio Rancho more business friendly to small businesses by reducing unnecessary regulations. I'll keep working with local representatives to pool money together for safety initiatives and infrastructure projects that will bring more jobs to our city.

I'd focus on enforcing/strengthening the gun laws currently on the books and stop allowing judges to release criminals. The public needs to know that their leaders are very serious about this issue. I would oppose any new legislation that would punish law abiding gun owners. I spent three days in Aztec recently, where two students were killed, and listened to solutions from all those involved. I support having highly trained armed guards in schools.

As a teacher, that's married to a Rio Rancho teacher, I'm concerned about the safety of my wife and four boys, and the rest of New Mexico. Whether it's on our roads, at school, or in our homes, if we don't feel safe then the quality of our lives can't improve. In addition to promoting safety, I'll continue to fight for a higher quality of life by adding more jobs to improve the economy.

DISTRICT 65**Derrick J LENTE**

Democrat

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"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers are not a President or senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."

– President Franklin D. Roosevelt

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

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What will you do to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans? (75 words)

DISTRICT 68

Karen C BASH

Democrat



I have been a teacher, an ordained minister and a small business owner. I have served on many church and civic boards. I have been a lifelong follower of politics and have spoken with legislators on both the state and federal level about issues like early childhood education and the environment.

I'd improve our schools through universal early childhood education, smaller classroom sizes and increased teacher pay. I'd restore funding to higher education. I'd pay for this by use of the interest on the Permanent Land Grant Fund. I'd work for crime reduction by funding law enforcement to enable community policing. I'd increase penalties for DUI and child abuse. I'd restore funding for drug treatment and mental health clinics.

I am in favor of increasing the age of purchase to 21 years for all guns. I favor universal background checks including gun shows and private purchases. I would include those who are adjudicated mentally ill, those on the "no fly list", and convicted domestic abusers as persons unable to purchase firearms.

I'd improve air quality by mandating capping wells to prevent flaring and leaking of methane gas. I would work to keep public lands accessible for hunting fishing and other recreation. By reducing crime and improving schools we can attract more business to the state, proving good jobs for our people.

Monica Christina YOUNGBLOOD

Republican

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PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

Member of ten-person commission that is advisory to the Secretary of Education. Commission authorizes and monitors all state-chartered charter schools. Must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and reside in the district he/she represents. Four- year staggered terms. Districts 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are up for election this year. \$95/day plus mileage per diem.

DISTRICT 6

Michael M. CHAVEZ

Republican

UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – Partisan

There are thirteen district court districts in New Mexico. These courts hold jury trials in these types of cases: contract, real property rights and estate contests and torts. District courts generally have exclusive jurisdiction over appeals concerning domestic relations, mental health, administrative agencies, lower courts decisions, criminal cases and juvenile jurisdiction. The 2nd Judicial District (Bernalillo County) only deals with felony DWI cases and felony domestic violence cases.

Vacancies for courts in New Mexico are filled through gubernatorial appointment from a slate of potential nominees submitted by a judicial nominating committee. The newly-appointed judge must then run in a contested, partisan election at the next general election. Thereafter, the judge runs in nonpartisan retention elections. To be retained, a judge must receive at least 57% in affirmative votes cast in the retention election.

Six-year term. Must be at least thirty-five years old, have been engaged in actual practice of law for at least six years preceding assumption of office, and must be a resident of the district from which elected. Salary: \$126,186 annually.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Bernalillo County)

DIVISION 25

Jane C LEVY

Democrat

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BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICES

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old and must be a resident of the district from which the candidate is elected. The person in this office, together with other members of the County Commission, represents the County and its interests in all cases not otherwise provided for by law, and appoints election officials to fill vacancies. The Commission is responsible for County government budget, County ordinances and resolutions, and zoning and business regulation in unincorporated areas, and sets policy for the operations of County government. Salary: \$56,973 annually plus benefits.

DIVISION 25

M Debbie O'MALLEY

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Democrat

What qualifies you to be a County Commissioner? (75 Words)

If elected, what are your two highest priorities for your district and the county? What specific actions will you take to address them? (75 Words)

How would you balance the demands for economic growth with concern for the environment and our limited resources? (75 Words)

How would you manage development to ensure that adequate infrastructure and services, including roads and transportation systems are available, while maintaining public safety? (75 words)

DISTRICT 5

Charlene E PYSKOTY

Democrat



I am a successful small business owner with Master's degrees in Sociology, Public Health, and Counseling, and work experience in behavioral health, communications, and research. I believe in educating for success and increasing access to healthcare. I worked with all 5 Commissioners to create a behavioral health position on the DWI Planning Council, and continue to serve in that appointed role. From a law enforcement/military family, I work hard every day for my community.

Behavioral health and crime affect us all. As a licensed mental health therapist with a criminal justice background, I will help create an integrated, cost-effective behavioral health system which also helps end the catch-and-release criminal justice system by providing, structure, treatment, and monitoring that focus on reducing recidivism. I will support assertive community treatment teams, DWI Court, and supportive housing for those who are homeless. I am smart on crime and support safe communities.

Quite literally, our economy is looking up! Solar and wind energy development will provide jobs and revenue, as well as a clean environment. Our beautiful landscape, climate, and culture provide economic possibilities, engaging our own communities and enchanting tourists. Our riches are not buried in the ground or in some portfolio somewhere – they are in the creativity, intelligence, and strength of our people. Let's develop and market what already makes New Mexico great!

As a Tijeras resident and Albuquerque small business owner, I understand the issues throughout this geographically and demographically diverse district. I will work to revitalize residential and business areas. By leveraging our strengths, future growth will pay for itself, providing the infrastructure for broadband and cell service, transportation, and first responders. By bringing prosperity back to our neighborhoods, communities will be engaged, businesses will flourish, and quality of life will be increased for all.

James E SMITH

Republican



Four terms as State Representative from House District 22. Long-term commitment to my community: 11 years on Foundation board for East Mountain High School, former treasurer of Edgewood Chamber of Commerce, V.P. of PTO at Rt. 66 Elementary School, Board member of Wildlife West Nature Park.

Public Safety – Working on a land mobile radio project to bring better communication between first responders. Fully fund the sheriff's office to protect our citizens and communities. Work with DA's office to stop the revolving door at the county jail. Economic Development – By making our streets safer and education stronger, we can attract more job growth to Bernalillo County. Make us business friendly through incentives. Re-vitalize the East Central area to make it more attractive.

I respect the property rights of landowners, balanced with the impact that development may have on neighboring properties. As much of the city has been developed, most will naturally occur in our more rural areas. We must protect our water supply while adequately planning for future growth.

I've been working closely with the County's planning and zoning department, along with public works, fire and rescue, and sheriff's office. Each of these departments has professionals that are very prepared to manage development. And we will continue to work together to ensure responsible growth. The County must make certain that planned development does not outpace infrastructure and public safety. With growth comes a broader tax base that will help pay for those services, however.

BERNALILLO COUNTY ASSESSOR

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a legal elector and resident of New Mexico. Among other duties, the County Assessor is responsible for the tax related valuation of all county property, with certain exceptions, and prepares a periodic property tax schedule. Salary: \$86,626 annually.

Tanya R. GIDDINGS

UNOPPOSED

Democrat

"I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty."

– Woodrow Wilson

BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF

Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age and a legal resident and elector of New Mexico. The Sheriff enforces the provisions of all county ordinances; aids in the arrest and detention of escaped prisoners; and serves and executes all process, writs, and orders directed to him/her by magistrate judges and certain others directed by municipal judges. Salary: \$90,338 yearly.

Describe the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for the office of County Sheriff. (75 words)

Given recent events in New Mexico and across the nation, what would you do to address gun violence? (75 words)

What do you see as the two most critical problems facing the Sheriff's Department and what do you plan to do about them? (75 words)

Manuel GONZALES, III
Democrat



As your incumbent Sheriff, I have been progressively transforming the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office into the most professional, productive and respected agency in the State. Through my aptitude, experience and established relationships, BCSO has become a model agency. A shared vision of accountability, collaboration and unbiased policing has restored the public's trust in law enforcement. My professional development, advanced training and bachelor's degree have prepared me well as a law enforcement executive.

I am committed and actively collaborating with political and community stake holders on effective and sensible legislation to mitigate active shooter threats. This includes increasing law enforcement presence in schools, keeping guns out of the hands of those who are convicted of domestic violence with a firearm, and conducting background screening checks of persons with a mental and/or behavioral history of presenting a potential risk toward others.

The escalating crime crisis in Albuquerque and the de-policing of the Albuquerque Police Department. I plan to increase the Sheriff's Office overall staffing by 20 percent over the next three years; this plan has already been submitted to the County Commission and is moving forward. As to de-policing of the APD, I challenge City stakeholders to fund the Sheriff's Office to restore law enforcement services to Albuquerque residence.

Louis G GOLSON
Republican



Almost 40 years of Law Enforcement experience across the state. 33 years with APD. Knowledge and experience of Law Enforcement operations at many different levels enabling me to understand and have the ability to lead the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department in a strong, positive new direction. I understand how agencies should work together to accomplish our major goals; protect and respect the people we serve.

Work with Local, State and Federal agencies to prevent gun violence through enforcement, education and deeper background checks. In cases where violence can't be prevented; offenders will be prosecuted. I will work with Judges, Prosecutors and Law Makers, to help enact laws that prevent violent offenders from returning to our streets and repeatedly victimizing our citizens.

Lack of credibility coming from the current BCSO approval of reckless behavior of some employees. Deputies will receive re-training to prevent and prohibit reckless behavior. Rules will be enforced when these policies are violated. Lack of transparency. The refusal to implement body/lapel cameras and denial of public inspection of records. I will bring video to the Sheriff's Department and comply with public record inspection requests.

BERNALILLO COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the county where elected. Probate Judge serves the public in exercising jurisdiction over cases of informal probate necessary to the proper settlement of estates of deceased persons. Salary: \$38,114.

Christy Jo CARBON-GAUL
Democrat

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"Evolution of democracy is not possible if we are not prepared to hear the other side."

– Mahatma Gandhi

SANDOVAL COUNTY OFFICES

SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years old and a resident of the district from which elected. The person in this office, together with other members of the County Commission, represent the County and its interests in all cases not otherwise provided for by law, and appoints election officials to fill vacancies. The Commission is responsible for County government budget, county ordinances and resolutions, and zoning and business regulation in unincorporated areas, and sets policy for the operations of county government. Salary: \$39,106 maximum.

What qualifies you to be a County Commissioner? (75 Words)

If elected, what are your two highest priorities for your district and the county? What specific actions will you take to address them? (75 Words)

How would you balance the demands for economic growth with concern for the environment and our limited resources? (75 Words)

How would you manage development to ensure that adequate infrastructure and services, including roads and transportation systems are available, while maintaining public safety? (75 words)

DISTRICT 1

Katherine A BRUCH

Democrat



I believe that we are all qualified and should participate in our representative democracy by voting and by serving our communities. I have been a volunteer and active member of my community since moving to New Mexico in 2011. With over 30 years of experience as a small business owner, my work history has also extended to Fortune 500 companies in capacities ranging from operations management to training and human resources.

The health and safety of all our residents is my highest priority. Ensuring that our water is protected today and for future generations is number one. A strong oil and gas ordinance that is tied to strict environmental controls and monitoring is critical. Access to emergency services through improved communication systems will also be a priority. My actions as a County Commissioner will be guided by how I will listen and engage with my constituents.

The health of our communities comes first. Economic growth without solid cost benefit analysis, including hidden costs, is unsustainable. Water is our most crucial resource and all development requires long range water usage planning. The carbon footprint for our economic development warrants additional consideration. Economic development begins with asking local businesses what the barriers are for success and expansion. Repairing and restoring infrastructure along with improving connectivity are how we should invest our resources.

Providing public safety services is the priority, we cannot accomplish this in our large county without maintaining our roads and emergency communication systems. Managing development will continue to be a challenge as we work to protect our resources and balance the reward expansion brings us. Encouraging business growth is often about making our interaction with government more efficient. The health and safety of our residents is always the highest priority.

James F HOLDEN-RHODES

Republican



I am a leader. I have had a very successful year as County Commissioner for District 1. I have been able to draw on my extensive Leadership Experience as a U.S. Marine Corps Officer to identify problem areas, draw up plans and options to address them and then execute my plan. I have corporate experience with BAH, BDM, CSC, AFRL. I hold a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a Ph.D in Public Policy.

My first and most important priority – which I have been working on for the past year – is the protection of our aquifer and source water. I created the Citizens Working Group that was directed to craft the Aquifer/Source Water Protection Oil&Gas Ordinance. Next, is the fight to insure that District 1 gets its' fair share of County resources. That has not been the case to date. D-1 has been forgotten by Sandoval County.

Any economic growth must be evaluated on its' impact on our aquifer/source waters. Economic development efforts to date have been directed toward Rio Rancho. We must look toward small-scale, environmentally sound, agriculture oriented, alternative energy source growth in D-1. The real magic for economic growth is an educated citizenry. We must look to our schools to turn out citizens that can read, write, and be creative and look to their own economic well-being.

D-1 has been forgotten for 15 years. It will be years before many of the roads are repaired. Fire safety is substandard. Law enforcement in northern and eastern D-1 is not adequate. I have successfully forced the creation of a GO Bond that will pay for increased public safety with no increase in taxes. It is going to take courage to fight for D-1. I Will continue to do this in the future.

DISTRICT 3

Michael MEEK

Republican



As Fire Chief I developed a skill set that is crucial to accomplishing goals. I am able to analyze a challenge, determine its viability, attach an accurate budget to the project, and finally (and most importantly) set the priority of the goal versus other goals being looked at. In addition, I have twelve consecutive years collaborating with mayors, councilors, city managers and department heads to accomplish the identified mission of the organization.

My highest priority will be economic development. The SEA has commissioned a study of who the best candidates are to open business in the County. I will be a champion of this alliance and advocate to keep this plan on track and try to secure more funding. I will use my skills acquired at the City to search for grants and other funding mechanisms to ensure the success of this program.

Economic vitality is critical for growth and protecting the environment is critical for sustainability. The limited resources in the County leads to making hard decisions regarding what top priorities can be successfully completed. Success should be judged by achieving identified goals that can be completed and allow the County to move forward. The balance required for success is the unbiased assessment of facts that can minimize gridlock and allow the County grow.

Development requires providing services and infrastructure to court new business into the County. This needs to be balanced against maintaining the delivery of existing services and keeping current infrastructure in good condition. It is important to analyze existing conditions on a regular basis. Any duplication should be elevated and minimized so the County and City relationship is symbiotic and the entities are not competing against each other with like resources.

SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSIONER (continued)

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How would you manage development to ensure that adequate infrastructure and services, including roads and transportation systems are available, while maintaining public safety? (75 words)

DISTRICT 3 (continued)

Kathleen M COLLEY

DTS



I served as a Rio Rancho City Councilor from 2008-2012. During my term, I was Deputy Mayor for two years. I am a past member of the Mid-Region Council of Governments Executive Board, the Rio Metro Board and since 2011, I continue to serve on the Community Advisory Board of Presbyterian Rust Medical Center. I earned my Certified Municipal Officer designation from the NM Municipal League. As an Independent, I will put people before party.

Sandoval County is only 20% developed, a priority will be to address the needs of the underserved areas. There are funding mechanisms available – County Development Funds, IRBs, TIDDs, PIDs, etc. Utilizing these can bring jobs to Sandoval County's remote areas. Priority two will be to ensure that all County communities have an open forum to discuss how they can work together for a more prosperous county that serves the needs of all residents.

I am hoping to bring broad based consensus back to the commission. Drilling and fracking will continue to be an issue in Sandoval County. I believe that through communication and concessions from everyone, a middle ground can be reached. It is in the best interest of all to find that center. Solar and wind energy are vital assets that can bring economic growth to the county, if all commissioners work together for the solution.

Smart development of land around US 550 is a priority. I will encourage the commission to work with the Mid-Region Council of Governments, Sandoval Economic Alliance, governments of Native lands and other consensus builders and use this road as a "jumping off" point for new infrastructure. As a former City Councilor, I'm experienced with coordinating the agencies that are already working on solutions for transportation, workforce development, employment growth, land-use, water, and economic development.

SANDOVAL COUNTY ASSESSOR

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a legal elector and resident of New Mexico. Among other duties, the County Assessor is responsible for the tax related valuation of all county property, with certain exceptions, and prepares a periodic property tax schedule. Salary: \$86,626 annually.

Describe the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for the office of County Assessor. (75 words)

What steps would you take as County Assessor to assure that property values are current and correct? (75 words)

What is the biggest challenge for the County Assessor's office and how would you address it? (75 words)

Linda P GALLEGOS Democrat



30 Years of Banking, Managing and Investment experience. I have been a Title Director, Escrow Officer, Mortgage Loan Officer, Branch Manager, Private Banker, Underwriter, Loan Committee Member, mom, athlete, coach, referee and a Volunteer. I have been a CFO for a business with 4 locations and 82 employees. I have lived in Sandoval County for 40 years, have been a taxpayer for 25 years and am proud to be the current Deputy Treasurer.

First, I will listen to the staff and investigate current issues. We will identify and eliminate wasteful spending and use those funds towards critical needs, such as updated software. We will have stated goals and work together to attain them. We will adhere to state property tax codes to assure equal and fair assessments. There will be continued training and a productive and healthy teamwork environment. I will also continue to cooperate with other offices.

By far, the biggest challenge is lack of leadership. This office has a team of qualified professionals with decades of experience. They know their jobs but they need a leader and advocate. I have the experience and proven leadership necessary to oversee the Assessor's Office and a willingness to serve. I will also improve our data availability to benefit taxpayers and customer service standards. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.

Christie L HUMPHREY Republican





The Current Chief Deputy Assessor in Sandoval County with over 7 1/2 year experience. Over 25 years of experience in Real Estate and small business owner. I have title, mortgage, income tax and property tax protest experience. Bachelor's degree in Accounting from UNM, New Mexico Certified Appraiser, Vice Chair Assessor's Affiliate, Chair Legislative Assessor's Affiliate, President IAAO NM Chapter, NMSU Instructor Edge Assessor courses and Mother of three boys which taught me perseverance and multi-tasking.

I oversaw the first Sandoval County reappraisal in decades. Over 90% of the account data was inaccurate. We found over 60 homes that were not currently being assessed which shifted the tax burden onto other taxpayers. This project led to the most complete & accurate assessments records in Sandoval County history. Most residents of Sandoval County paid less taxes due to this reassessment. New technology, workflows for accountability & continued reappraisal leads to accurate values.

We must keep moving the office into the future & not allow it to slide back into the inadequate practices of the past. Due to decades of neglect in the Assessor's office there have been a lot of changes but there is still work to be done. I have instituted policies to ensure accountability, installed technology that allows appraisal in the most efficient & effective way possible & developed a website to access records &...

SANDOVAL COUNTY SHERIFF


Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age and a legal resident and elector of New Mexico. The Sheriff enforces the provisions of all county ordinances; aids in the arrest and detention of escaped prisoners; and serves and executes all process, writs, and orders directed to him/her by magistrate judges and certain others directed by municipal judges. Salary: \$78,555 yearly.

	<i>Describe the specific experience and abilities you have that prepare you for the office of County Sheriff. (75 words)</i>	<i>Given recent events in New Mexico and across the nation, what would you do to address gun violence? (75 words)</i>	<i>What do you see as the two most critical problems facing the Sheriff's Department and what do you plan to do about them? (75 words)</i>
<p>Jesse James CAS AUS Democrat</p> 	<p>My career in law enforcement began after college. I have worked in law enforcement eighteen years, gaining extensive knowledge and practical experience. I was born in Bernalillo and Sandoval County is my home. Ten years of my career have been in Sandoval County. The training and experience there have given me good insight into the issues and the ability to effect positive changes for people, county, and the office. Professionalism will be restored to the ...</p>	<p>Gun violence is complex. While the federal government is working on these issues, Sandoval County must address this now. Deputies require additional training. A summit of law enforcement officials, school officials, parents, students, and citizens must be assembled. Action to protect our children and citizens must result from this summit. Open communication is paramount to identify the problems with background checks, mental health needs, and critical incident recognition.</p>	<p>The Sheriff's Office has a lack of man power. This is unacceptable and unsafe for the deputies and the citizens of the county. A comprehensive plan is needed to recruit and retain the most qualified law enforcement officers. This would also address poor response times. The Sheriff's Office has a lack of supervision. The office is top heavy with administrators. The patrol division is lacking supervision. Staffing levels must be adjusted.</p>
<p>Darrell K ELDER Republican</p> 	<p>My professional and leadership experience is quiet diverse and makes me an exceptional candidate for Sheriff. I have 34 years of direct law enforcement experience starting with the NM State Police. I retired from the State Police as a Sergeant. I continued my law enforcement career with Sandoval County Sheriff's Office. I have served as a deputy, detective, patrol commander, court services commander, investigations commander, and I currently serve as an Administrative Lieutenant.</p>	<p>I would network with state and local agencies effectively to combat gun violence in our county through early intervention and investigation. We need to help people obtain the services that mitigate the root of the problem. As Sheriff, I would promote education to organizations and businesses that prepare them for active shooter situations.</p>	<p>The first critical problem is filling the open deputy positions. We will continually recruit for professional, high quality career minded applicants that have the safety of the citizens of our county at heart. The second critical problem is keeping up with technological advances by continually evaluating and purchasing high tech equipment that best serves the deputies.</p>

SANDOVAL COUNTY MAGISTRATE

Four-year term. Each Magistrate shall be a qualified elector and resident of the district for which he/she is elected. No person is eligible for election or appointment to the office of Magistrate unless he/she has graduated from high school or has attained the equivalent education as indicated by equivalency certification issued by the state department of public education. Salary: \$89,898

DIVISION 1

<i>Describe the specific abilities and knowledge of the Magistrate Court that prepare you to be a Magistrate Judge. (75 words)</i>	<i>What programs or changes would you implement to improve the Magistrate Court System? (75 words)</i>
<p>Ann Marie MAXWELL-CHAVEZ Democrat</p>  <p>As a Magistrate Court Clerk I had the opportunity to work side by side with the Magistrate Court Judges in the courtroom. I have extensive knowledge with warrants, preparing court pleadings with regards to traffic, domestic violence DWI, and felony cases. My Clerk position with District Court has provided me with experience in documentation of criminal, civil, family and probate cases. I also assist the public with their court documentation and questions regarding court protocol.</p>	<p>Due to lack of funding we are unable to implement new programs at this time, therefore I would ensure that we are taking advantage of programs currently available. However, I would work towards increasing the number of organizations who participate in the community service program, as funding is not required. I would also reach out to magistrate courts around the state for shared learnings and optimization of programs that would benefit all of us.</p>

SANDOVAL COUNTY MAGISTRATE (continued)

DIVISION 1 (continued)

Describe the specific abilities and knowledge of the Magistrate Court that prepare you to be a Magistrate Judge. (75 words)

What programs or changes would you implement to improve the Magistrate Court System? (75 words)

Daniel J STODDARD
Republican



Having studied Magistrate Court cases, from felony preliminary hearings to DWI/DUI, I believe common sense and life experience are necessary to arrive at the best solutions for those involved. My business and public service include owning an Assisted Living business in NM, serving as a city and county commissioner in NM, on the boards of the NM Association of Counties and the NM Municipal League. These experiences have prepared me to be the best candidate.

I will institute a video arraignment system which will save taxpayers' money by avoiding the unnecessary transport of criminals to other locations for in-person hearings. I will support Veterans in a manner they deserve by creating a Veteran's Court. This court will utilize existing VA treatment plans to address the underlying causes of Veteran's behavioral and substance abuse issues. My objective: closing the revolving door on criminals and keeping Sandoval County and its residents safe.

DIVISION 2

Bill M MAST
Democrat

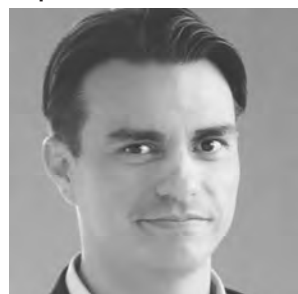
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DIVISION 3

Delilah M MONTANO-BACA
Democrat

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Justin L GARCIA
Republican



In 2004, I made a solemn promise to serve and protect the citizens of Sandoval County as a Law Enforcement Officer. I've faithfully and honorably protected the families of Sandoval County both as a Deputy Sheriff and a Police Corporal in Rio Rancho. These positions work with and through the court system every day. I have testified, completed and filed search warrants, arrest warrants, affidavits, criminal complaints, presented evidence, filed motions, and worked effectively with

As your Magistrate Judge, I would like to implement a first offender program for both juveniles and adults. This program would provide first offenders the opportunity to truly learn from their mistakes and empower individuals through this educational process as well as reduce the recidivism rates in the court. Another wonderful program that I have found has been very effective in Rio Rancho, is the Driver Improvement school. Traffic offenses heard at the Magistrate level

SANDOVAL COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age and a resident of the county where elected. Probate Judge serves the public in exercising jurisdiction over cases of informal probate necessary to the proper settlement of estates of deceased persons. Salary: \$89,898.

Describe the specific legal training and knowledge of New Mexico probate law that prepare you for the office of probate judge. (75 words)

What new programs or changes to existing programs would you recommend to improve the probate court process? (75 words)

What is the most important information New Mexicans need to know about the probate process? (75 words)

**Charles J
AGUILAR**
Democrat



Having served as Probate Judge for Sandoval County for a total of six years I have the experience in processing probate cases. The league of counties provides training for all incoming judges at the beginning of each term.

The probate process is pretty cut and dry. The probate court appoints the personal representative for the estate brought forth for probate, changes to the process would mean changes to the state statute.

The most important information New Mexicans need to know about the probate process are the documents required for filing for probate. Families should be familiar with the documents such as will, the titles to properties and names of all heirs. The probate can be done with a will or without a will.

**Sandra Jean
ATWOOD**
Republican



The office of Sandoval County Probate Judge does not require legal training or background. This position is largely administrative with the privilege of performing marriages. My background as a small business owner prepares me for the administrative requirements. I have 17 years of experience guiding clients to prepare for their families by having a will and/or trust. My 45 years of serving my communities and beyond as a volunteer prepare me to serve Sandoval County.

The process needs updated with more online accessibility and functions. Sandoval County is 3716 sq. miles, stretching from Albuquerque to Cuba with a population of 142,000 including 10 Pueblos. Everyone deserves the services of the Probate Judge, so the Judge must be willing to travel when needed. I am also excited about the opportunity to educate the public on how to prepare ahead so families can avoid stress and uncertainty at an already difficult time.

Get informed and have your business in order. Should the services of the Probate Judge be necessary, having a competent, full time, dedicated public servant, will make the process easier. I believe I am the best candidate, and would be honored to serve the people of Sandoval County. My full resume and more information can be found at sandraatwood.com, at Sandra Atwood on LinkedIn and on Facebook at Sandra Atwood for Sandoval County Probate Judge.


JUDICIAL RETENTION

THE NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS

Serves as one of ten judges on the intermediate court between the district courts and the Supreme Court. Judges sit in panels of three. Court reviews appeals in all cases, except criminal cases involving sentences of death or life imprisonment, appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, and cases involving habeas corpus. Must be 35 years old, have practiced law for 10 years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Elected statewide for eight-year term. Salary: Chief Judge, \$134,727; Judge, \$132,827.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS - Retention

Voters at a retention election may vote either "yes" or "no" for each individual judge for retention. To retain the office, a judge standing for retention must receive 57% "yes" votes of all the votes cast on the question of retention.

	<i>How have your training, professional experience and interests prepared you to serve on this court? (65 words)</i>	<i>What policies are critical to keep the judiciary independent from political influence? (65 words)</i>	<i>What improvements in the Court of Appeals would you seek to make if elected? (65 words)</i>
<p>J. Miles HANISEE</p> 	<p>My twenty-four years of legal experience include being a Judge on the Court of Appeals since 2011, a federal prosecutor, and a lawyer representing New Mexicans. Since my family moved to Taos in 1986, my love of our state's outdoors, culture, people, diversity, and cuisine have contributed to my understanding of public service and the need for a fair, efficient, and independent judiciary.</p>	<p>Most voters agree that politics and judicial service are functionally incompatible. Yet except in retention elections such as mine this year, our state still opts to identify judicial candidates by political party affiliation. That should change, as it has in most other states. During my seven years as an appellate judge, I have advocated loudly for non-partisan judicial elections, as yet to no avail.</p>	<p>Six of our ten appellate judges have retired in the past four years. Afterward, my senior colleagues and I noticed an accompanying opportunity to modernize court processes. I hope to continue my contribution to this effort, which combines staffing revisions, technology upgrades, improved training, and changes to our use of limited financial resources to attain speedier, correct, and more publicly accessible rulings.</p>

BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT

Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years old and a member of the New Mexico Bar engaged in actual practice in the state for three years. The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court is part of the statewide Magistrate Court System and is state funded. This court has jurisdiction over civil actions under \$10,000, felony first appearances, misdemeanors, misdemeanor DWI/DUI, misdemeanor domestic violence and traffic violations. Yearly salary: \$119,870.

BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT - Retention

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DIVISION 1

Victor E VALDEZ

DIVISION 2

Christine Eve RODRIGUEZ

DIVISION 3

Renee TORRES

DIVISION 4

Courtney Bryn WEAKS

DIVISION 5

Frank A SEDILLO

JUDICIAL RETENTION (continued)

BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT (continued)

DIVISION 6

**Maria I
DOMINGUEZ**

DIVISION 7

**Rosemary
COSGROVE-AGUILAR**

DIVISION 8

**Jill M
MARTINEZ**

DIVISION 9

**Yvette K
GONZALES**

DIVISION 10

**Edward L
BENAVIDEZ**

DIVISION 11

**Sandra
ENGEL**

DIVISION 12

**Daniel E
RAMCZYK**

DIVISION 13

**Michelle Castillo
DOWLER**

DIVISION 14

**Vidalia G
CHAVEZ**

DIVISION 15

**Kenny C
MONTOYA**

DIVISION 17

**Henry A
ALANIZ**

DIVISION 18

**Rosie Lazcano
ALLRED**

DIVISION 19

**Linda S
ROGERS**



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The NM Legislature is asking voters to approve two amendments to the NM Constitution that they passed through joint resolutions this spring. The League has condensed the material provided by the NM Legislative Council Service (LCS) staff, which has no opinion on the proposals. Below are summaries of each proposed amendment and some of the possible arguments for and against. The LCS makes no claim for the validity or consistency of the arguments presented, nor does the League. Find the full LCS analysis here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/New_Mexico_State_Government/Constitutional_Amendment/Constitutional_Amendments_2018.pdf

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

“PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO GIVE THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR APPELLATE JURISDICTION BY STATUTE.”

Constitutional Amendment 1 proposes to allow the legislature to change the processes of appealing court decisions by enactment of a state statute. Currently the NM Constitution requires appeals of probate, magistrate and metropolitan court rulings to be decided initially by a district court before going to the court of appeals. A constitutional amendment would be needed to currently change that appeals process.

ARGUMENTS FOR

1. Could save both time and money for parties involved in appeals. Appeals of some lower court decisions would go directly to the court of appeals instead of first going to district courts for intermediate rulings.
2. Could reduce caseloads in district courts. District courts would benefit from having fewer cases. The public could benefit if district courts resolved cases more quickly by having a reduced caseload.
3. Would reduce unnecessary layers of appeal conducted at public expense. Currently, some decisions have up to three levels of review, while other

decisions with more serious penalties have up to two levels of review. Appeals of lower court decisions on traffic violations and other relatively minor offenses have new trials in district courts before they are allowed in the court of appeals and possibly supreme court. In contrast, appeals of felony criminal cases and other serious offenses go from district court to the court of appeals and possibly the supreme court.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

1. May increase the number of cases in the appellate courts. Adding appeals from lower courts could mean that traditional cases would get less time and fewer resources. Changing the process might not benefit litigants.
2. May not result in greater court efficiencies and related cost-savings. Lawyers, judges, and court staff would have to learn a new process. The courts of appeals may need more money to handle the increased caseloads.
3. District courts may be best suited to establish a record for review. Probate judges and magistrate judges in 31 of 33 counties are not required to be licensed attorneys. A case appealed from one of these courts may benefit from a new trial in a district court presided by a judge with more experience and training. (District court judges must be at least 35 years old and have practiced law for at least six years.)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

“PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT STATE ETHICS COMMISSION WITH JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE, ADJUDICATE AND ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS CONCERNING CIVIL VIOLATIONS OF LAWS GOVERNING ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.”

ANALYSIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT STATE ETHICS COMMISSION WITH JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE, ADJUDICATE AND ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS CONCERNING CIVIL VIOLATIONS OF LAWS GOVERNING ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

“A. The “state ethics commission” is established as an independent state agency under the direction of seven commissioners, no more than three of whom may be members of the same political party, whose terms and qualifications shall be as provided by law. The governor shall appoint one commissioner. One commissioner each shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, the minority floor leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority floor leader of the house of

representatives, all as certified by the chief clerks of the respective chambers. Two commissioners, who shall not be members of the same political party, shall be appointed by the four legislatively appointed commissioners.

B. The state ethics commission may initiate, receive, investigate and adjudicate complaints alleging violations of, and issue advisory opinions concerning, standards of ethical conduct and other standards of conduct and reporting requirements, as may be provided by law, for state officers and employees of the executive and legislative branches of government, candidates or other participants in elections, lobbyists or government contractors or seekers of government contracts and have such other jurisdiction as provided by law.

C. The state ethics commission may require the attendance of witnesses or the production of records and other evidence relevant to an investigation by subpoena as provided by law and shall have such other powers and duties and administer or enforce such other acts as further provided by law.”

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

Constitutional Amendment 2 proposes establishing a state ethics commission with authority as provided by law over state officers and employees of the executive and legislative branches; candidates and other participants in elections; lobbyists; government contractors or seekers of government contracts, and possibly other areas. The commission would be empowered to require witnesses to appear or individuals to submit records and relevant evidence. The seven-member commission would also issue advisory opinions concerning standards of ethical conduct.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

ARGUMENTS FOR

1. New Mexico's ethics laws are not coordinated now and are inconsistent across agencies. Establishment of a state ethics commission could result in a review of existing laws governing ethics and help develop more consistent interpretations and more efficient enforcement of those laws.
2. NM is one of only 6 states without a state ethics commission. Voters and legislators in New Mexico and across the nation recognize the need for a commission dedicated to investigating complaints alleging violations of ethical conduct. The agency could prevent ethical misconduct by providing information and issuing advisory opinions. The legislature would determine how the commission receives and investigates complaints of unethical conduct and the qualifications and duties of the commissioners.
3. Establishing an ethics commission in the Constitution of New Mexico makes it more permanent than if it were created in statute. Many previous attempts by the legislature to establish a state ethics commission by law have failed because of political differences. Once an ethics commission is approved by voters to be in the Constitution, it would take another constitutional amendment to eliminate it.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

1. A constitutional amendment is not necessary to create a state ethics commission. Under existing law, multiple state agencies already have oversight over ethics matters affecting their respective branches of government. Broadening or amending those agencies' powers or duties to meet any unmet needs might be more efficient than creating another oversight entity.
2. Before the commission could function, the legislature would first have to pass laws granting the commission its powers and duties and setting the qualifications and terms of the commissioners.
3. A state ethics commission could duplicate efforts to combat unethical behavior already prohibited in law and could be costly. There have been several successful prosecutions of public officers and employees for violating laws governing ethical conduct. Improving current laws and enforcement procedures could be accomplished without the expense of creating a whole new agency.

STATE BOND QUESTIONS

2018 General Obligation Bonds and Taxes

A bond represents a debt for money borrowed by a government to finance capital improvement projects. The State of New Mexico promises to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest, over a period of time for each General Obligation bond that is approved by voters. The bonds are called "General Obligation" because payment of the debt service (principal plus interest) is a general obligation of the of the State and its property owners through property taxation. According to the Board of Finance Division of the NM Department of Finance and Administration, the specific amount of property taxes collected in a given year is attributable to a number of factors, including the amount of debt service required for existing general obligation bonds, the projected debt service required for the new bond issue, the latest assessed valuation of net taxable property, cash balances in bond debt service accounts, the date of issuance, and the actual interest rate obtained on the bond sale.

Based on the assumption that all four bond issues will be passed by voters, the property tax year 2018 mil levy has been set at 1.36 mils, which is the same as the 2016 and 2017 rates. The State Board of Finance estimates that over a ten-year period, the four issues on the ballot would cost approximately \$8.91 per \$100,000 of asset value. Of the annual average \$8.91, Bond Issue A accounts for \$0.58, Bond Issue B accounts for \$0.69, Bond Issue C accounts for \$0.33, and Bond Issue D accounts for \$7.31.

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STATE BOND QUESTIONS

2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act

The New Mexico Legislature passed the 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act detailing projects that would be funded by these bonds. No bonds will be issued or sold under the act until the state's registered voters have voted upon and approved the bonds. Each bond is voted upon separately with a "For" or "Against" question.

Summary: The four 2018 bond issues ask for voter approval to issue general obligation bonds as follows:

Bond Issue A, in an amount not to exceed \$10,770,000 to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvements, construction, and equipment acquisition projects;

Bond Issue B, in an amount not to exceed \$12,876,000 to make capital expenditures for academic, public school, tribal, and public library resource acquisitions;

Bond Issue C, in an amount not to exceed \$6,137,000 to make capital expenditures for the purchase of school buses; and

Bond Issue D, in an amount not to exceed \$136,230,000 to make capital expenditures for certain higher education, special schools and tribal schools capital improvements and acquisitions.

The total for all four questions, including bond issuance costs, is \$166,013,000. A complete breakdown of the designated projects under each bond issue can be found on the New Mexico Legislature's website: <https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/18%20Regular/final/SB0094.pdf>

Bond Question A – Aging and Long-Term Services Department

The 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of senior citizen facility improvement, construction and equipment acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed ten million seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$10,770,000) to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvement, construction and equipment acquisition projects and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For _____ Against _____

Bond Question B – Library Acquisitions

The 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of library acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed twelve million eight hundred seventy-six thousand dollars (\$12,876,000) to make capital expenditures for academic, public school, tribal and public library resource acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For _____ Against _____

Bond Question C – School Buses

The 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of bonds for the purchase of school buses. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed six million one hundred thirty- seven thousand dollars (\$6,137,000) to make capital expenditures for the purchase of school buses and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For _____ Against _____

Bond Question D – Higher Education Facilities

The 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of higher education, special schools and tribal schools capital improvement and acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed one hundred thirty-six million two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$136,230,000) to make capital expenditures for certain higher education, special schools and tribal schools capital improvements and acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For _____ Against _____

Each question set forth in this section includes a specific work or object to be financed by the bonds. If any such question is not approved by a majority vote of the electorate at the state's 2018 general election, the issuance of bonds for the work or object specified by the question shall be excluded from and shall not be part of the 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act. The failure of a question to be approved by the electorate at the 2018 general election shall not affect those questions that are approved at the election.

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOND QUESTIONS

Bernalillo County will ask voters to authorize the issuance of General Obligation bonds for the 2018 bond cycle (years 2019-2020) totaling \$38,700,000. The projects have been grouped according to their general purposes into six ballot questions. General Obligation Bonds are grouped by purpose so that voters have the option of approving one purpose and not another. Once approved, the bond funds must be used for the approved purpose only.

General Obligation (GO) Bonds and Taxes

A bond represents a debt of money borrowed by a government to generate revenue for and fund capital improvement projects. The government promises to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest, over a period of time. The bonds are called "General Obligation" because payment of the debt service (principal plus interest) is a general obligation of the county and its property owners.

GO bonds require approval by the voters and are repaid from a portion of the property taxes. GO bonds must be sold within three years of voter approval, and must be fully spent on capital (bricks and mortar) projects, not on daily operations or maintenance, within four years of the bond sale. All projects slated for GO bond funding are included in Bernalillo County's six-year Capital Improvement Plan. Because old bonds are retired as the new bonds are requested, passage of the bonds will generally not result in a property tax increase.

Bond Question No. 1. LIBRARY BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,750,000 for the purpose of purchasing library materials and resources for the libraries within Bernalillo County, New Mexico, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Purchase materials for the City/County library branches \$1,750,000

Bond Question No. 2. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES AND OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$16,750,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, planning, designing, upgrading, constructing, remodeling, equipping and otherwise improving, County facilities and fleet, including but not limited to health and public safety facilities, fire station and law enforcement facilities, youth and visitors centers, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Youth Service Center Facility - Remodel \$1,400,000
 Alvarado Square - Chambers \$3,500,000
 Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and Bernalillo County Fire Department, and Metropolitan Detention Center training facility and/or Helicopter Hangar & Air Support Facility - Purchase land for and design a combined / integrated training academy facility for BCSO and BCFD, including air support facilities for the BCSO helicopter. \$4,500,000
 Public Building Upgrades - Systems and ADA - Replace aging building systems in various County buildings \$3,600,000
 Bernalillo County General Fleet Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Fleet Replacement. \$1,500,000
 Fire Station Remodel - Station TBD \$1,000,000
 Rt. 66 Visitors Center on West Central \$750,000
 Emergency Mobile Radio System (Old name; Land Mobile Radio; Interoperable Radio / Communications System) - Either fix or replace the entire system, infrastructure, and equipment for emergency communications between public safety agencies of different jurisdictions. \$500,000

Bond Question No. 3. PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,950,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, planning, designing, upgrading, constructing, equipping and otherwise improving park and recreational facilities within the County, including but not limited to parks, playgrounds, open space, cultural facilities, community recreation centers, pools, and necessary redevelopment of facilities, construction and improvements required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Paradise Hills Community Center and Annex - Building and Site Improvements - Expanded parking and improved circulation among several recreation sites along corridor \$500,000
 Swede Scholar Mesa del Sol Regional Indoor Sports Complex Facility \$250,000

Aquatic Redevelopment - Upgrades to existing pools \$100,000
 Ball Field Redevelopment - Ball Field Redevelopment countywide. \$600,000
 Park Redevelopment - Improve various County parks. \$100,000
 Playground Redevelopment - Improve playgrounds in response to annual audit findings \$200,000
 ADA Audit Upgrades for Parks and Rec - per 2013 ADA audit of Bernalillo County Parks and Rec facilities \$100,000
 Tom Tenorio Park Improvements - Ballfield redevelopment \$1,700,000
 South Valley Aquatics Facility - Redevelop entire pool and support structures \$500,000
 Mid-North Valley Recreational Facility - Design and construct a new regional facility. \$200,000
 Loma Linda Community Center Gym - To plan, design, construct and equip facility improvements to the Loma Linda Community Center. \$500,000
 Crestview Bluff Open Space - COA \$100,000
 Wells Park Land Purchase - COA \$100,000

Bond Question No. 4. TRANSPORTATION BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$8,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, planning, designing, upgrading, constructing, equipping, repairing and otherwise improving transportation facilities within the County, including but not limited to roads and related non-motor vehicle pathways, bridges, traffic calming, guardrails, bike lanes, sidewalks, paving, landscaping, traffic signals and other street improvements and necessary construction and improvements required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Districts 1, 4, and 5 Road Paving and Rehab - Place asphalt pavement on unincorporated area dirt and graveled roadways or the replacement of substantially deteriorated paved roadways. \$2,500,000
 Sunport Extension - Broadway Blvd to I-25 - Extend Sunport Blvd from Broadway Blvd to I-25 \$500,000
 Bridge Blvd Redevelopment - Reconstruct Bridge Blvd from Coors to Isleta Blvd. \$1,200,000
 Roadway Striping, Traffic Calming, and Guardrails - Replace roadway striping, traffic calming, pavement markings, and guardrails as needed \$450,000
 2nd Street SW Roadway south of Rio Bravo to Salida Sandia - Design and construct roadway improvements \$375,000
 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Bikelanes and Trails, Sidewalks, ADA and Transit Improvements - Develop bikelanes or trails by Commission District. Funding includes 5% trail monies \$1,500,000
 County Arterial Program - CAP-COOP-School Bus program must comply with Department of Transportation (DOT) arterial road program. County must match \$0.25 for every \$0.75 granted by NMDOT \$300,000
 Atrisco Vista Boulevard - Reconstruct the section between Double Eagle and Paseo Del Norte (2 miles) as a two-lane with bike lanes. Purchase right of way for section between Paseo Del Norte and Southern Blvd does not exist (2 miles to county line and 1.5 miles to Southern Blvd). Construct two-lane roadway with bike lanes \$500,000
 Rio Bravo Adaptive Signals - Rio Bravo Blvd - Coors Blvd to University Blvd \$175,000
 Rio Bravo Blvd and Prince St Intersection - Add crosswalk, install pedestrian signals, ADA ramps, lighting \$500,000
 Unser Sound Wall \$500,000

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOND QUESTIONS

Bond Question No. 5. STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, designing, upgrading, constructing, equipping, repairing and otherwise improving utility infrastructure, including but not limited to storm sewer, wastewater, water, drainage and fiber optic systems and facilities within Bernalillo County, New Mexico, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Browning Street Drainage Improvement Project - Design of road improvements and drainage structures along Browning from Anaheim Avenue to Modesto Avenue	\$900,000
Barcelona-Flora Vista-Isleta-Shadyside-Valverde to Armijo Drain Storm Drains - Component of the South Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project ID #2173	\$2,850,000
Garduño Road Storm Drain - Construct storm drain on Garduño Rd both east & west of 4th St. Construct outfalls to the Paseo Del Norte ponds. Will partially remove floodplain.	\$1,450,000
Fiber Optics Design and Installation - Fiber Optic as an essential County utility and incorporate its installation with other utility work when possible	\$300,000

Bond Question No. 6. PUBLIC HOUSING BONDS

Shall Bernalillo County, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, designing, upgrading, planning, constructing and equipping housing facilities within the County, including but not limited to energy efficiency and other improvements for multifamily housing units for low-income, homeless, senior and disabled populations, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners may determine and as permitted by law?

Senior and Disabled Multifamily Units - Modernize multifamily rental units	\$500,000
Publicly Owned Housing for the Homeless - Tiny house project in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque and nonprofit organizations	\$750,000

Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA)

Shall the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in principal amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 for the extension, betterment, alteration, reconstruction, repair and other improvements of the Authority's flood control system?

The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) is the local governmental agency responsible for planning, construction and maintenance of the major flood control facilities within its boundaries, which include most of the developed area of Bernalillo County, except the East Mountain area. AMAFCA was created in 1963 by the state Legislature with specific responsibility to build and maintain flood control structures that help alleviate flooding problems. AMAFCA's purpose is to prevent injury or loss of life, and to eliminate or minimize property damage.

AMAFCA, governed by a publicly-elected five-member board of directors, has taxing authority and its capital program is funded through its mill levy assessment on property tax bills. The current tax (mill levy) for AMAFCA general bond obligation is 67.5 cents per thousand on debt service for AMAFCA. An owner of property assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$22.50 in debt service on these bonds. Because old bonds are retired as the new bonds are requested, passage of the bonds does not result in a property tax increase.

This election, a \$25,000,000 bond authorization is sought to fund construction of flood control and storm water quality projects within AMAFCA's boundaries. For specific projects to be funded by this bond issue see www.amafca.org

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SANDOVAL COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS

Sandoval County General Obligation Bond Questions

A bond represents a debt of money borrowed by a government to finance capital improvement projects. The government promises to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest, over a period of time. The bonds are called "General Obligation" because payment of the debt service (principal plus interest) is a general obligation of the county and its property owners. General Obligation bonds require approval by the voters. Because old bonds are retired as the new bonds are requested, passage of the bonds will generally not result in a property tax increase.

Bond Question 1 - Library Bonds

Shall Sandoval County be authorized to issue up to \$3,285,000 of general obligation bonds, to be paid from property taxes, for the purpose of purchasing library books and resources, including equipment, upgrades, and improvements for libraries?

Bond Question 2 - County Public Safety and Telecommunication Equipment Bonds

Shall Sandoval County be authorized to issue up to \$5,200,000 of general obligation bonds, to be paid from property taxes, for the purpose of designing, engineering, acquiring and installing County public safety and government telecommunication systems equipment?

Bond Question 3 - Public Safety Project Bonds

Shall Sandoval County be authorized to issue up to \$4,850,000 of general obligation bonds, to be paid from property taxes, for the purpose of designing, expanding, equipping, furnishing, and otherwise improving public safety projects?

Sandoval County Hospital Property Tax Levy Question

For the purpose of providing operating revenues for medical services including new substance abuse treatment and trauma care, and a return of behavioral health services, shall Sandoval County, New Mexico impose a mill levy of one and ninety hundredths (1.90) mills each year for eight (8) years on each dollar of net taxable value of property in Sandoval County, to pay to Sandoval Regional Medical Center in accordance with a health care facilities contract with Sandoval County?

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