

NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

VOTE 2024

YOUR VOTE MATTERS IN EVERY ELECTION!

The November 5, 2024, General Election will decide who represents you. The candidate information in this Voter Guide was obtained by means of a questionnaire sent to all the candidates. Their unedited responses have been printed exactly as submitted — up to the word limit for each response.

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HOW TO VOTE IN SANTA FE COUNTY

REGISTER to vote OR confirm you are already registered by going to SantaFe.vote.

You can do same-day registration and vote up to and including Election Day, November 5.

TO VOTE EARLY (before November 5):

Option 1. Request an Absentee Ballot before October 22 at SantaFe.vote. Ballots mailed starting the second week in October; return in drop boxes (See list of locations) or mail to County Clerk's Office, 240 Grant Avenue Santa Fe 87501.

Option 2. Same-day registration and early in-person voting at the County Clerk's Office (240 Grant Avenue) October 8-November 2 For hours go to SantaFe.vote.

Option 3. Alternative Voting Sites — same-day registration and early voting October 19-November 2. For a list of locations go to SantaFe.vote.

TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, November 5:

Sample ballot and polling places can be found at SantaFe.vote.

Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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El 5 de noviembre de 2024 en la Elecciones Generales se decidirá quién nos va a representar. La información dada por los candidatos fue obtenida mediante un cuestionario enviado a todos ellos. Sus respuestas fueron impresas, sin editarlas, exactamente como las enviaron, hasta el límite de palabras para cada respuesta.

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CÓMO VOTAR EN EL CONDADO DE SANTA FE

REGÍSTRATE para votar, O confirma si estás registrado yendo al sitio web de SantaFe.vote.

Puedes empadronarte y votar hasta el día mismo de las elecciones, el 5 de noviembre.

PARA VOTAR TEMPRANO (antes del 5 de noviembre):

Opción 1. Solicita tu boleta para votar por correo antes del 22 de octubre en SantaFe.vote. Las boletas enviadas por correo a partir del segunda semana de octubre después de llenarse se pueden, o depositar en los buzones especiales para la elección o mandar por correo a la oficina del secretario del condado (County Clerk's Office) en 240 Grant Avenue 87501

Opción 2. Para registrarse y votar temprano el mismo día y en persona, en la oficina del secretario del condado (County Clerk's Office) de 8 de octubre al 2 de noviembre. Para los horarios de

la oficina, visita el sitio web: SantaFe.vote.

Opción 3. Sitios de votación alternativos: registro del mismo día y votación temprana. 19 de octubre al 2 de noviembre.

PARA VOTAR EL 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES:

Las boletas de muestra y los lugares de votación se pueden encontrar en SantaFe.vote. Horarios: de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

EARLY VOTING SITES/SITIOS PARA VOTAR TEMPRANO

(drop boxes at Early Voting Sites)/(buzones especiales para votar en los Sitios de Votación Temprana)

October 19 to November 2 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

19 de octubre al 2 de noviembre de 11 a.m a 7 p.m. (de martes a viernes) y de 10 a.m. a 6 p.m. (sábados)

Santa Cruz Abedon Lopez Annex (next to normal building) 155B Camino De Quintana

Santa Fe Nancy Rodriguez Community Center 1 Prairie Dog Loop

Santa Fe Christian Life Church 121 Siringo Road

Santa Fe Community College 6401 Richards Ave.

Santa Fe County Fair Building 3229 Rodeo Road

Santa Fe Southside Branch Library 6599 Jaguar Drive

Eldorado Max Coll Corridor Community Center 16 Avenida Torreon

Edgewood Fire station 70 1 Municipal Way

Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza Pojoaque County Extension 5 W. Gutierrez, Ste. 9

24-HR DROP BOXES/BUZONES ESPECIALES PARA VOTAR LAS 24 HR

(available day and night)/(disponibles día y noche):

Santa Fe Santa Fe Community Convention Center 119 S. Federal St.

Nancy Rodriguez Center 1 Prairie Dog Loop
La Cienega Community Center 136 Camino San Jose

Southside Branch Library 6599 Jaguar Drive

Edgewood SFC Edgewood Satellite 114 Quail Trail

Eldorado Max Coll Community Center 16 Avenida Torreon

Pojoaque Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza Pojoaque County Extension 5 W. Gutierrez, Ste. 9



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION, GO TO:

Vote411.org: Online expanded Voter guide and general voting information

LWVSFC.org: Link to Voter Guide and other voting information

LWV Santa Fe County Help Line: 505.982.9766

UNITED STATES SENATOR

This person represents New Mexico in the United States Senate. The Senate 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. Senators are elected statewide for staggered six-year terms. One New Mexico seat is up for election in 2024.

The League asked:

Why do you want to run for this seat?

What are the most important issues facing Congress in the next two years?

How would you address them?

What actions, if any, should Congress take regarding immigration?



Martin Heinrich
Democrat
www.martinheinrich.com

As your Senator, we've passed legislation to deliver unprecedented investments for our children, our working families, and our seniors in New Mexico. Because of these investments, we've begun to see costs for things like groceries and prescription drugs go down and our economy grow, I'm running for reelection to the Senate because we still have more work to do, from tackling climate change to expanding access to health care to ensure that every New Mexican has the opportunity to thrive.

If reelected, my priorities will be to grow rural economies, reduce costs for New Mexico families, raise workers' wages, expand access to health care, protect the rights of workers, and tackle climate change while creating high-quality jobs.

We should build on the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Law, and CHIPS and Science Act that we've passed into law and New Mexico is starting to feel the impacts of. The Inflation Reduction Act is bringing jobs to rural New Mexico, especially in clean energy manufacturing. The Inflation Reduction Act also lowered costs for prescriptions for seniors on Medicare and is making health insurance more affordable. The Infrastructure Law is bringing billions of dollars to New Mexico to rebuild roads, bridges, and energy infrastructure, and the CHIPS Act is bringing thousands of good paying jobs to expand manufacturing and strengthen our national security. Now it's time to ensure every New Mexican can access the benefits of these historic laws.

We need solutions, not political stunts. We need to tackle the huge backlog of lawful immigration, so it doesn't take years for a person's paperwork to be processed. And we need to invest in smart border security technology that detects and stops drugs like fentanyl before they get into our communities. We need to staff and support the law enforcement agencies at our border that are helping to maintain our national security and efficiently process cross-border trade with our largest trade partner, Mexico. We need more pathways for skilled immigrants eager to fill labor shortages in industries with severe workforce shortages, like agriculture and health care. And we need to finally ensure DREAMers have a swift path to full citizenship.

Nella Louise Domenici
Republican

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

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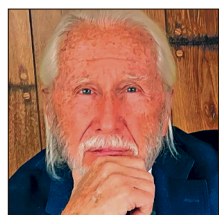
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Steve Jones
Republican
www.steviejones4nm.com

To use my financial accounting background to prevent the bankruptcy of the US government.

Spending & debt control. Navigating the dangerous geopolitical conflicts.

Propose legislation; Limit debt to a percentage of GDP and Participate in congressional delegations to stabilize our position.

Create a document to compare and contrast our immigration policies with Mexico and insist on uniformity. Mexico is the key to meeting the desire for economic opportunity for immigrants within Mexico.



Melanie Ann Stansbury
Democrat
www.melanieformm.com

I am running to continue serving New Mexico in Congress because as a New Mexican that has spent my life working on land, water, and community issues—I am committed to serving our state and ensuring our communities' voices are heard in Congress. Every day, we are working to tackle our biggest challenges and working to build a more equitable and sustainable future. This means building our economy and jobs and investing in roads, broadband, and water. It means investing in rural healthcare and behavioral health, education, and public safety. It means protecting our lands and waters, showing up for our communities, respecting and caring for our veterans, elders, and children, and ensuring every New Mexican can live with dignity and opportunity.



In the next two years Congress must tackle the urgent issues of: (1) cost of living in housing, food, healthcare, and education, (2) protecting of our democracy and rights, and (3) tackling climate change and opportunity. On costs—we must tackle the housing crisis, lower the costs of food and energy, and ensure everyone can access healthcare and education. On protecting our rights—we must protect a woman's right to choose, voting rights, and other rights impacted by the courts, address corruption in government, and restore faith in our democracy. For our future—we must ensure historic investments we passed over the last three years continue to transform local economies and create new jobs and opportunities for our children.

Every day my office is working to achieve these goals by: 1. Building our economy—delivering millions in infrastructure, creating new jobs, and investing in our ag, science and tech, and rural economies. 2. Investing in our people—delivering millions for public safety, fire, housing and homelessness, fentanyl and addiction programs, rebuilding schools and healthcare clinics, and services for veterans. 3. Protecting our lands and waters—with legislation for tribal, acequia, land grant and public lands and investments in climate and clean energy. 4. Reforming government—with bills to reform the courts and ensure transparency. 5. Celebrating and lifting up New Mexicans—by celebrating our histories, cultures, traditions and ways of life.

We need bipartisan immigration reform. For decades Congress has failed to act, including last year when GOP leadership killed a bipartisan immigration package that would have invested millions in manpower and technology to address border and fentanyl issues. While there was bi-partisan support for the bill, it was killed for political and not substantive reasons. With millions of lives on the line, the political games must stop. We must pass comprehensive reform to address border security issues and to provide a clear pathway to citizenship, to protect Dreamers, reform our asylum system, and ensure our policies respect human dignity and reflect our values as a nation. As a nation, our diversity is our strength.

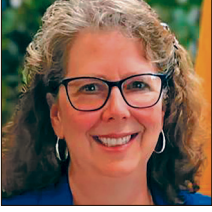
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3

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The League asked:	Why do you want to run for this seat?	What are the most important issues facing Congress in the next two years?	How would you address them?	What actions, if any, should Congress take regarding immigration?
 <p>Teresa Leger Fernandez Democrat teresalegerfernandez.com</p>	<p>Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God's plan is for us to prosper, have hope and a future. My job in Congress is to help create that prosperity, hope and future for NM by creating opportunity and investing in hard-working families. I'm running for reelection because I want to continue to fight for our communities. In Congress, I have secured billions in funding for infrastructure, broadband, manufacturing; millions for community projects, including clean water projects; invested the most in rural America since the New Deal; passed the largest climate investments in U.S. history, and lowered prescription drug prices. I represent New Mexicans, regardless of party, and I know that together we can build a prosperous, hopeful future for us all.</p>	<p>We must expand access and bring down energy and health care costs. We must address income inequality where the wealthiest CEOs and corporations don't pay their fair share. We must make housing affordable so our families can live in the communities they love. We also face a grave threat to our democracy as the Republican presidential candidate has denied election results, proclaimed he would be a dictator on day one, and would seek revenge on political opponents. We must protect women's freedom to reproductive health care. Women need health care, not handcuffs. We must also address Social Security to ensure the promise we have made to working Americans who have paid into the system is kept for generations to come.</p>	<p>I'd lower healthcare costs by expanding prescription drug caps, increasing access to healthcare in rural NM, and strengthening the Affordable Care Act. The wealthiest and corporations must pay their fair share and we must make the Child Tax Credit permanent. I've introduced a Home Of Your Own Act and funded homeownership programs for NM. To protect democracy and voting rights we must pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the key provisions in it I authored for tribal voters. I cosponsored the Women's Health Protection Act and will fight Republicans' attempt to enact a federal abortion ban. I cosponsored Social Security 2100, which would have the wealthiest pay Social Security taxes, increase benefits, and keep the program solvent.</p>	<p>We need to reform our broken immigration system, which includes strengthening the security of our borders and providing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and law-abiding undocumented workers currently in our country. Reforming our immigration system would be a \$1.3 trillion dollar benefit to the US economy. My first year in Congress the House passed on a bipartisan basis the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Worker Modernization Act, and the No Ban Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion. Sadly, extreme Republicans blocked these bipartisan measures and recently House Republicans and Trump killed another bipartisan border deal. We need solutions not political maneuvering on this important issue.</p>
 <p>Sharon E. Clahchischillia Republican sharonform.com</p>	<p>There is a lack of representation in preserving the voice and livelihood of New Mexico constituents from out of touch politicians and failed leadership.</p>	<p>Inflation, over regulation, decline of quality education, affordable and available health services, effective land management, water and agricultural advocacy and the funnel orchestrated by the progressive agenda, at the border.</p>	<p>Advocate for minimizing over regulation, shutting down the border, and only allowing for strict, vetted legal immigration. This will stop illegal human and drug trafficking that are destroying New Mexico's communities.</p>	<p>Address the laws regarding the border and enforce them.</p>


STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 <p>Linda M. Trujillo Democrat lindatrujilloform.com</p>	<p>I am a licensed attorney with a background in education and public administration. I served two terms as President of the Santa Fe Public School Board, two terms as State Representative and most recently as Superintendent of the Regulation and Licensing Department. My career includes expanding early education programs, increasing access to career and technical education, protecting reproductive rights, and building the regulatory framework for adult-use cannabis while reducing unnecessary red-tape for professional licensing. These successes demonstrate my ability to collaborate effectively with community stakeholders and policy makers and my experience uniquely positions me to tackle the challenges in the State Senate.</p>	<p>I'm running to be a voice for our community and enact positive change. I will advocate for early learning, k-12 public education and career and technical education; support access to healthcare and protect reproductive rights; and incentivize high-wage jobs and green energy. These issues are important to me because I've lived with financial uncertainty and depended on food stamps. I've had to choose between healthcare and housing. My life changed because a few amazing women helped me access educational opportunities. Every person has the right to a life with dignity, including food, housing and medical care. I will work tirelessly to address the issues facing our community to ensure a brighter future for generations to come.</p>	<p>Affordable Housing and Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand incentives to build affordable housing. Fund construction workforce development. Early Childhood through Higher Education Professionalize early education workforce. Invest in community schools. <p>Reproductive Rights & Access to Healthcare Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase loan repayment and scholarships for healthcare professionals. Establish a healthcare fund for recruitment, retention and rate stabilization. <p>Environmental Conservation & Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund clean-up of legacy mining pollution. Fund regional water infrastructure modernization. <p>Entrepreneurs & Cannabis Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentivize research and development. Fund access to capital and eliminate barriers for underrepresented communities. 	<p>I would consider expanding and extending tax incentives to promote job creation and support specific industries that align with the state's priorities. For example, I would consider expanding incentives to purchase electric vehicles and to make residential and commercial buildings more energy-efficient. These tax adjustments could create financial incentives for individuals and businesses to transition to cleaner, more sustainable practices, helping to mitigate climate change and promote environmental conservation. It's important to note that while lowering tax rates can encourage transition to greener energy and energy efficient building, it's important to maintain revenue streams to fund essential public services.</p>


STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 25

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 <p>Peter Wirth Democrat senatorpeterwirth.com</p>	<p>Twenty years in the Legislature. Four years in the state House representing HD 47. Sixteen years in the state Senate representing SD 25. Senate Majority Leader since 2017.</p>	<p>To give Santa Fe a strong voice in the Legislature and to continue my pragmatic leadership for our state.</p>	<p>Water, tax reform and informed fiscal insight and responsibility.</p>	<p>Continue to close tax loopholes and work for more progressivity in the tax code.</p>

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 39

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 <p>Elizabeth Liz Stefanics Democrat senatorlizstefanics.com</p>	<p>Liz Stefanics is serving in her 3rd four year term as a NM State Senator. Her district is primarily rural and covers parts of 6 counties. She served 8 years as a Santa Fe County Commissioner. She has experience in state government at the Human Services Department, the Risk Management Division, the Health Policy Commission; as Higher Education faculty; and in nonprofit management.</p>	<p>I am running for this office to continue serving my constituents and the state of New Mexico. I believe that the experience I bring to the position allows further dialogue about the issues. No issue is black and white. While I can support an initial position, there are issues which can be successful with negotiation.</p>	<p>I have several issues that I will work on for my constituents - health care accessibility, reduced pharmacy costs, tax benefits, environmental protections, renewable energy, water protections/planning, and many more.</p>	<p>I continue to support working family tax credits, and the child tax credit. I would support changes to the tobacco and alcohol taxes. Protections for low income working and for middle income individuals and families.</p>

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CANDIDATE FORUMS

State Representative District 50



Candidates: Matthew McQueen and Kenneth Donald Brennan
When: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. September 30
Where: Vista Grande Public Library, 14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe
Available to view at youtube.com/c/santafenewmexican

U.S. Representative District 3

Candidates: Teresa Leger Fernandez and Sharon Clahchischillia
When: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. October 7
Where: Santa Fe Preparatory School, 1101 Camino De Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe.


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22

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The League asked:	What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?	What is your top priority, and how do you plan to address it?	What additional water policies and actions, if any, are needed in New Mexico?	What programs or actions, if any, would you support to provide more affordable housing?
 Stefani Lord Republican www.lord22.com	In 2024, I funded over 35 projects and invested \$2,500,000 into our community, including road repairs and paving in the East Mountains. I ensured that Bernalillo and Torrance County law enforcement and firefighters received vehicle and facility improvement funding. Other funded projects include drain improvement, stormwater construction, updated water and sewer systems, open spaces, East Mountain Baseball Complex, EM Food Pantry, the Vallecitos Senior Center, and more.	Crime, Border Security, Constitutional Rights/ Second Amendment, CYFD. Bills I Presented: HB 44 - Pretrial Detention Presumption to keep the worst of the worst in jail, HB 111 - New Mexico Border Barrier to address human trafficking, drug smuggling, the fentanyl crisis, and guns crossing the border, HJR 3 - Requirements for Bail Denial, and I supported HB 193 for Law Enforcement Retention. My bill, HM 3 - Prenatal Substance Abuse Task Force, was passed and signed.	New Mexico has historically experienced water shortages, some more severe and prolonged than others. There has been a long legislative history of Water Conservation to oversee water rights, ensure new water sources, and explore ways to reduce demand. As elected officials, our top priority should be to protect and conserve our limited water resources.	Retain and recruit law enforcement and ensure they are adequately funded. Hold criminals accountable and keep them off the streets. Address the fentanyl crisis. Secure the border.
 Fred Ponzlov Democrat electfredponzlov.com	The ability to work with others who may have different views than my own. I'm a strong proponent of listening to others and compromising with those I disagree with.	Providing better access to healthcare for everyone, especially those residing in rural areas. There is a worldwide shortage of healthcare professionals, and New Mexico is not exempt from that shortage's impact. HD22 has fewer healthcare facilities, per capita, than most of the state.	We need to expand on the concept of sharing vital water resources through local boards to ensure that every New Mexican has a sufficient supply. Grant assistance for farmers to use less wasteful below-ground irrigation instead of spraying into the air, which results in more evaporation.	Tiny home villages to address the issues of homelessness that include a path to home ownership. Support of organizations like Habitat for Humanity.
Zachary P Withers Decline to State (No Party)	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 41

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 Susan K. Herrera Democrat susanherrera.com	Susan's legislative achievements in six years are remarkable. After four years, she was appointed Chair of the Agriculture, Acequias & Natural Resources Committee. Susan is a key leader of Water law in the House and has worked to pass several bills allowing small towns and villages to access state and federal funds for public water projects. In 2024, the state funding for water projects in District 41 is authorized at \$30 million. As a member of the Education Committee, she worked to raise salaries for teachers & legislative assistants. She helped create the Rural Library Endowment Fund, now at \$30.5 million. Susan ended a 20-year legislative battle to pass HR 132, reducing predatory commercial lending rates in NM from 175% to 36%.	I decided to run for office the morning Donald Trump was elected. I knew we would need strong Democratic state legislatures to combat upcoming policies. We are at a turning point again this year, and the imperative is to elect President Joe Biden. After six years in office, I've learned to successfully steer key legislation through the legislative process. However, much work remains to be done. Water, drought, and climate change are the top priorities in my district and we must continue creating policy that changes our landscape. The underlying issue for most problems in my district and the state is poverty. And it will take thoughtful and carefully crafted legislation to bring about change.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To increase state funding for clean & reliable drinking water for all citizens. To increase waste-water systems to protect aquifers. Address drug abuse and chronic behavioral health issues that destroy families. To assist grandparents raising grandchildren. School bus drivers, secretaries, cooks, and janitors work for a minimum wage of \$12 an hour. These guardians of our children are an integral part of the education system and need our support. Paid Family Leave. We must protect our most vulnerable workers with a state paid family leave policy. Legislative modernization: salaried legislators, salaried staff and longer sessions. This constitutional amendment will create a stronger future for all New Mexicans. 	I think our film tax credit is too high and needs to be reduced. The gross receipts tax is outdated and needs to be revamped so that it is equitable and fair for all cities and counties, especially small rural towns and counties. The most successful tax reform for reducing poverty is the Child Tax Credit. I hope to co-sponsor legislation that increases the tax credit for our poorest families.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 43

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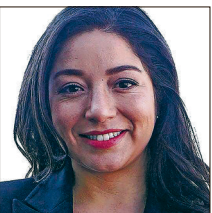
The League asked:	How can New Mexico improve access to physical and mental health care services?	What legislation would you support to reduce violent crime and improve public safety?	How can we protect New Mexico's economic future considering the reduced availability of water?	Do you support a paid Legislature and/or longer legislative sessions? Why or why not?
 Christine Chandler Democrat christine4statehouse.com	Long-standing challenges require multi-pronged, coordinated policy initiatives. The legislature is addressing the provider shortage, but more needs to be done. Implementing measures that include: student loan forgiveness programs that encourage providers to locate in areas with the most need; expanded tax credits for critically needed providers; expanded educational programs to increase the number of New Mexicans training for all medical professions. Incentive and retention strategies are key.	Improve Extreme Risk Protection Order law and train police on its effective use. Enact other gun safety laws shown to reduce gun violence. Prioritize incarceration of the truly dangerous and implement alternate sentencing and diversion programs that provide drug and behavioral health treatment, and job training. Focus on programs that are evidence-based and data driven. The data and evidence have shown us that the so-called tough on crime proposals fail us time and time again.	Enact laws that regulate and minimize access to and use of excessively large quantities of fresh water by industrial users by encouraging alternatives. This could include desalination initiatives and produced water reuse in the oil fields. Complete an assessment of water availability and implement regional water plans that address water use on a regional basis and tied to the conditions relevant to the area. The state is acting on inadequate data which hampers its ability to plan effectively.	Yes. New Mexico is the only state in the country with an unpaid, volunteer legislature. Many citizens cannot afford to leave their jobs for extended periods to serve. As a result, we lack an elected body that reflects the economic and ethnic diversity that would include many more perspectives and life experiences. Longer sessions will improve the legislature's ability to study and debate legislation. We need to eliminate the governor's exclusive role in setting the short session agenda.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 45

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Linda Michelle Serrato Democrat	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 46

The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 Andrea D. Romero Democrat andrearomero.com	I'm a daughter of Northern New Mexico, with ancestors choosing to be here for generations. I'm a proud scholar and graduate of Santa Fe High, Stanford University (B.A., Political Science), and UNM School of Law School (J.D.). The greatest lessons I've learned have been on the land and working in our communities with a plethora of multigenerational resources we have in abundance. I am thrilled to work for Avivar Capital, an SEC-registered impact investing firm, who supports the New Mexico Impact Investing Collaborative (NMIIC). As for my personal growth and tinkering curiosities, I have a patent in probiotic eggs and care about the future of our entrepreneurial ecosystem, farmers, ranchers, water, land and food-security future.	I have made the long-term commitment to do all I can to help serve our amazing, diverse communities and state. I have the honor of running for a fourth term to accomplish the goals yet accomplished to create a vibrant future our children and families that is rooted in our values. We must do more to diversify our economy, strengthen our school systems, protect our environment, and to keep us safe. I am committed to finding the ways in which we can all prosper for future for generations to come.	New Mexico stands at a pivotal moment, poised to chart a course toward a prosperous future that uplifts all its residents. To achieve this vision, the state must prioritize several key initiatives that address both immediate challenges and long-term opportunities. We must continue to diversify our economy, invest in education and infrastructure, manage natural resources responsibly, support small businesses, ensure healthcare access, find ways to promote a strong and vibrant business community, and prioritize social equity to ensure a prosperous future for all residents.	Our tax structure must prioritize New Mexico families and encourage small business growth. With that focus, the state must simply our GRT tax structure for small businesses, we need to continue to adjust income tax brackets to benefit families, offer tax incentives for small business growth, provide additional startup support, offer workforce training credits, create culturally and environmentally appropriate investment incentives, and review corporate tax rates. These measures would create a tax environment that supports families, stimulates entrepreneurship, and fosters a thriving small business ecosystem, driving economic growth statewide.


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 47

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 <p>Reena C. Szczepanski Democrat ReenaForNewMexico.com</p>	<p>For nearly 20 years I have worked in public policy in our state – first as an advocate for public health and drug policy reform, then as leader of an organization that trains women to run for office, and as the Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House. Just an importantly, I am the daughter of immigrants from India, I grew up in a working-class family, and graduated from Brown University with a degree in community health. I am a mother, a sister, and a wife. My work in the legislature has contributed to major victories for working families, our environment, women, and children. I know how to get things done in the Roundhouse, and I have shown over the past two years that I will stand up for our community.</p>	<p>I am running to fight for a state where every New Mexican believes that they can reach their dreams. I am raising my children in Santa Fe, and hope that some day they will be able to raise their own children here. To get there, we need accessible healthcare, affordable housing, great job opportunities, and a vibrant economy. We are making great progress to tackle major challenges facing our state. When I see these challenges, I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work – that's what keeps me coming back to the Roundhouse year after year.</p>	<p>In my first term, I stood up for our community's values and focused on economic development, affordable healthcare, and climate change. While we've made progress in these areas, there is still so much work to do. I want to return to the Roundhouse to establish the Medicaid Forward program, expand our healthcare workforce, fully fund and implement the new Creative Industries Division, expand access to solar power in our local communities, increase access to behavioral health treatment and more.</p>	<p>I fully support our child tax credit and working families tax credit, and would support initiatives to strategically increase these proven poverty reduction measures. We need to ensure that large corporations are paying their fair share, while also taking a look at targeted incentives and tax relief for entrepreneurs and small businesses. We've done great work to make our personal income tax rates more fair, and as our economy grows we should be attentive to whether the current brackets are working as intended.</p>



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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 <p>Tara L. Lujan Democrat www.facebook.com/Tara4nm</p>	<p>I have been able to put all of my experiences towards bettering the lives of New Mexicans through science based policies by being raised by a community organizer as well as being one myself and being an environmental and behavioral health and education advocate. I continue to grow and participate in opportunities such as fellowships, opioid policy, collaborative behavioral health academies. And I continue to support the community by hosting policy conventions and symposiums with the youth, energy, and environmental local and national groups.</p>	<p>I am running for this position because I want to further the policy work that I have started to better protect our environment, our education systems, and our most vulnerable populations to ensure more equitable and just policies for our state.</p>	<p>My priorities will be continuing my work towards policy for a just energy transition, diversifying our economy, behavioral health competency in our courts, animal protection policy, and balancing our budget through just and equitable means. I want to make sure to engage with all stakeholders and ensure all voices are heard and integrated through the policies I sponsor.</p>	<p>I am supporting in restructuring our property taxes and working with others to reevaluate our pyramid type tax code, and to create better investment opportunities for renewable energy. And supporting other tax incentives for diversifying our economy.</p>


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 50

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 <p>Matthew McQueen Democrat mcqueenformn.com</p>	<p>I have degrees in law, business, and natural resources. I have been an attorney for over 30 years. I run my own business, am married, and have kids in public schools. I'm in my 10th year serving in the Legislature.</p>	<p>Public service.</p>	<p>I will continue to try to reform our State Game Commission and Department of Game and Fish into a modern wildlife agency. I will continue to pursue, as I have in the past, legislative reform, ethics, and transparency. And, as always, education and economic development are always priorities in the Legislature.</p>	<p>Our tax structure should be simple, fair, and progressive. I will continue to support legislation that enhances those characteristics.</p>
 <p>Kenneth Donald Brennan Republican kenformn.com</p>	<p>Retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer. 17 Years management in the Wind industry. 2 years Town of Edgewood Commissioner, 7 months as Edgewood NM Mayor</p>	<p>Current representation in the house does not represent or support all residents of the district, especially those in the districts southern communities like Edgewood. Our current Rep lacks respect and empathy for not only those that have opposing views but people in general. No elected official should use thier office to threaten and degrade a community. This is not how government should work and I plan on brining back understanding and respect to the office by working with all people on both sides. It is Ok to disagree but we all need to work together and find the middle ground for the betterment of our state.</p>	<p>Supporting displaced Veterans. Helping those that protected us get off the streets and back to being productive members of our communities. Address crime by supporting law enforcement & increasing the penalties that the courts can impose, especially when a weapon is used. Work with communities to reduce the number of families living on the streets by assisting in lodging and job placements and reducing drugs and other criminal activity that prey on those in a displaced status. Refocusing on education so tax monies go to the teachers and students and not administrations. Improving Rural communities access to proper medical facilities. Reversing the damage done to the medical providers by making it worthwhile to practice in New Mexico.</p>	<p>Reduce income tax on Military and first responders, both active and those receiving retirement pension. Reduce fuel taxes.</p>


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 70

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 <p>Anita Amalia Gonzales Democrat anita4newmexico.com</p>	<p>I am a mom, an education professional, an Acequia Commissioner, and a proud, multi-generational Norteña. For over 20 years, I have worked with STEM leaders, students, teachers, administrators, public school, industry partners, and higher education institutions to improve and change the lives of students from rural and small-town communities. I have committed my professional career to promoting educational equity and building meaningful collaborations throughout the state. I have always been involved in our community as a volunteer and board member. I completed most of my undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University and completed both my bachelor's degree and MBA at NM Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM.</p>	<p>I am running because we need real change. We need the kind of change that can be counted on to be there for our rural, small-town communities and everyday families struggling to make ends meet. The rising costs of groceries, gas, and housing coupled with the stagnation of wages are felt by all of us. With times as tough as they are, we need someone who helps our financial security. Instead, the incumbent has a record of voting against providing medical debt, against capping pay-day lending, and against reproductive rights. Right now, the well connected are taken care of, lobbyists with corporate clients have a trusted friend, and decisions are being made that hurt us. Northern New Mexico families need someone representing OUR interests.</p>	<p>My priorities are our families priorities. I will go to Santa Fe to support our working families to make ends meet—so it's easier for us to afford the necessities and have the security of Paid Family Medical Leave when they need it, as one example. I will work to fully invest in education and stand with our local small businesses so they have the tools they need to create new jobs, which we desperately need. Our communities need better healthcare and social services including mental health and addiction treatment programs. And finally, I will champion rural community needs like improved broadband and other infrastructure, and protect our natural resources like water for drinking and agricultural uses.</p>	<p>We should work towards a more progressive system which prioritizes families, small businesses, and our working class. We need to lessen our reliance on changing severance taxes from oil and gas; close corporate loopholes that do not directly relate to job growth; eliminate the many deductions and exemptions for special interests; and increase our capital gains tax. It is important to have a personal income tax system that ensures the wealthy pay their fair share, easing the burden on middle and lower income earners.</p>

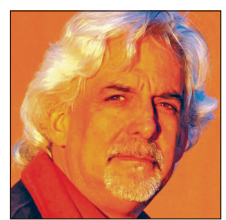
PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

The Public Education Commission is a ten-person commission that is advisory to the Secretary of Education. The Commission authorizes and monitors all state-chartered charter schools. Commissioners must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and reside in the district he/she represents. There are four-year staggered terms. Districts 1, 4, 8, 9 and 10 are up for election in 2024.

The League asked:	Why are charter schools necessary?	What experience do you have that gives you insight into whether to charter a new school or renew a charter school?	What criteria are most important in evaluating new or existing charter schools?
 <p>Rebekka Kay Burt Democrat</p>	<p>Charter schools offer families and students the freedom to choose the educational environment that best suits their needs, regardless of financial status or residential location. In New Mexico, all charters are tuition-free and public, ensuring accessibility to diverse educational programs not typically found in traditional neighborhood schools. This expands opportunities for students and promotes equity in education.</p>	<p>With experience as a middle school English teacher and working in the Public Education Department, I've gained firsthand insight into the positive impact of high expectations on student achievement. I've visited numerous schools across NM, distinguishing between successful and struggling institutions. This background equips me to assess whether to charter a new school or renew an existing one based on their potential to meet student needs and deliver quality education.</p>	<p>The most important criteria in evaluating new or existing charter schools include academic performance, student growth and achievement, adherence to educational standards, curriculum quality, teacher qualifications and retention, parent and community satisfaction, financial stability, and overall organizational effectiveness. These factors collectively ensure that charter schools are providing high-quality education and effectively serving their students and communities.</p>


PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 10

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The League asked:	What experience would you bring to this position?	What would be your two highest priorities?	What programs or approaches, if any, should be developed to raise the graduation rate in the state?	Should there be a cap on the number of charter schools in New Mexico? Please explain.
 <p>Steven J. Carrillo Democrat</p>	<p>Nine years on the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education - Proven success in leadership and the development and implementation of public school programs targeted at increasing student achievement. In the middle of my first term on the Public Education Commission - Completion of numerous education professional development programs. Collaborated with commissioners in increasing accountability standards for state authorized charter schools, updating policies and procedures, and making the PEC more transparent and accountable to all stakeholders. Santa Fe resident for 33 years. Son who attended public school and graduated from Santa Fe High.</p>	<p>Increasing student achievement in the core subjects Holding the adults accountable that have failed our kids by allowing them to skate by with Ds and get their diploma. Providing increased school choice - Opportunities for students and families to find their best fit for program and school culture. In doing so, ensuring that the process to open a state authorized charter school remains very rigorous. As well, providing the oversight to make sure schools are performing at their highest level and keeping their commitments to families, kids, and taxpayers. And where a school demonstrates consistent underperformance, be willing to revoke their charter.</p>	<p>It's NOT about graduation rates, It's about academic proficiency!</p>	<p>No. The market determines the cap. As long as there is the need for schools that better meet the demands of kids and families, there should be charters that meet these needs. The education landscape includes district schools, local and state authorized charters, privates, parochial schools, home schooling, and virtual schools. There is immense competition in the education marketplace to attract and retain both students and staff. Those entities that continue to live in the real world and meet these needs will continue to grow and achieve success.</p>

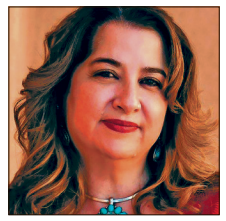
1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

New Mexico District Courts handle civil suits involving real estate or claims over \$10,000, juvenile cases, divorce and child custody, criminal felony cases, and appeals from lower courts. The 1st Judicial District of New Mexico includes Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties. District Attorneys serve a four-year term.

The League asked:	What are your qualifications for this position?	What are your highest priorities for this office?	How do you intend to accomplish them?	What, if any, alternatives to incarceration do you support for nonviolent crimes?
 <p>Mary Virginia Carmack-Altewies Democrat maryfordistrictattorney.com</p>	<p>I have had the honor of serving as New Mexico's First Judicial District Attorney since January 2021. With expertise in criminal law, I have seen both sides of the courtroom, working as a public defender and running my own practice. As DA, I carry a caseload and have prosecuted all kinds of cases. Since I took office, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won over 95% of our homicide and violent crime prosecutions, including cases against child abusers, sex offenders, and rapists. • Increased our DWI conviction rate to over 85%. When I took office, the DA's office had a DWI conviction rate of under 40%. • Cleared years-old backlogs in rape kit prosecutions, police-involved shootings, and homicides. <p>I am a graduate of University of New Mexico School of Law.</p>	<p>We have turned around the District Attorney's office in three years time, and I want to expand on the work we have started and develop new programs and processes to keep our community safe. We especially need to increase prosecution and sentencing for gun crimes and address mental health challenges. We've had such incredible success winning cases with our complex crime unit that we're expanding it to include a greater number of crimes. To combat crime at its root, we're starting a juvenile justice project that will give wraparound services to juveniles to keep them out of our criminal justice system as adults. True to my campaign promise in 2020, we've also expanded diversion programs and plan to continue their expansion and effectiveness.</p>	<p>We've cleaned up outdated systems and implemented modernized, effective systems that will enable us to accomplish the work we set out to do. I intend to continue to implement the most effective systems to ensure our work is impactful. I'm working to implement systems that also will allow us to integrate with our law enforcement and community partners. We need to fight violent crime by getting guns out of the hands of criminals and supporting common sense gun violence prevention. We must work with the legislature to secure more funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment. I am working to secure more funding to ensure we are paying attorneys and staff competitively to recruit and retain the best and brightest in the field.</p>	<p>First, to be clear: violent crimes must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to keep violent criminals off the streets. Non-violent crimes are often symptoms of societal issues like poverty, homelessness, behavioral health, and substance use. After I took office, we expanded diversion programs to pre-trial, pre-sentencing, and post-sentencing diversion and expanded our diversion partners. We will continue to pursue new partners for diversion and work to ensure diversion is used in all cases where it will be beneficial. As stated above, we need to work with the Legislature to secure more treatment for mental health and substance abuse. Treatment is not possible if no beds are available.</p>


SANTA FE COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE DIVISION 2

Four-year term. The 54 Magistrate Courts have limited jurisdiction, hearing cases with claims up to \$10,000 in tort, contract, and landlord/tenant civil cases, plus misdemeanor, DWI/DUI and other traffic violations. Magistrate Judges also conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases. There are 67 Magistrate Judges. Minimum qualifications: at least 18 years of age, resident of the district, high school graduation or equivalent.

The League asked:	What knowledge or experience has prepared you for this position?	Why do you want this position?	What should be done to improve the Magistrate Court system?	What laws would you like to see changed, if any?
 <p>Melissa Y. Mascarenas Democrat</p>	<p>I am proud to say that I have lived in Santa Fe County my entire life. I know my community. I have over 30 years of legal experience. I have a BBA from the College of Santa Fe. I have worked at the First Judicial District Court, NM Supreme Court and the NM Environment Dept. While employed I was involved in various types of hearings. I had daily interactions with the public, attorneys and law enforcement. I was very fortunate to have on the job training with some of the best possible mentors. I have sat at the table with Pueblo Governors, church and community leaders to solve difficult issues in our community. I was presented the 2019 Heritage Preservation Award from the City of Santa Fe</p>	<p>I am passionate about helping people. It has been a lifelong goal to become a Santa Fe Magistrate Judge. This court was developed to be a People's Court. Having the Executive branch make appointments to this position takes away from the community as a whole having a choice in who their Magistrate Judges are. It's important that people get out and vote to keep this position as it was intended to be, a People's Court. I volunteer in many organizations. Making a difference is one of my strong points. We face many problems, and I want to bring a positive change. I am asking for your support. Please VOTE and help me get from the Ballot to the Bench.</p>	<p>As a judge the most important thing to have is integrity. It's important to lead by example. The community needs to trust the system. People need to be held accountable for their actions. A Judge must take everything into consideration and be fair with their decision. Following the law and working hard to make sure that justice is being served. DWI, Domestic Violence and Drug addiction are serious problems in our community. I want to work with prosecutors, defense attorneys, case workers to continue with current programs but also try other types of programs such as the Taos Domestic Violence program and the Entrepreneurial Institute of Northern NM which recently launched in Santa Fe.</p>	<p>I would like to work with the current legislature and see if we can change the 5-401 Pretrial Release Rule also known as the "catch and release law". Too many people are getting released from jail and re-offending. Our community is concerned. We need to stop this revolving door. Safety of our community should be a priority. By setting a bond and conditions it helps to ensure that someone is not going to reoffend. This is another way of holding people accountable for their actions.</p>


SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the county from which elected. The Clerk is the ex-officio recorder of Santa Fe County and may legally record any document that is certified. The office also issues marriage and occupational licenses. The County Clerk's Bureau of Elections administers all elections in the county.

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	Why do you want this position?	What are the biggest challenges in the County Clerk's Office?	How would you handle them?
 <p>Katharine E. Clark Democrat katharineclark.com</p>	<p>As the current Santa Fe County Clerk, I've transformed our office with overdue changes: professionalizing our workforce and operations, reporting election results quickly, clearing real estate and months-long probate backlogs, and removing undemocratic barriers to voter registration. In the climate of election threats and modern government complexity. I rely on 15 years of experience as a technologist and executive manager, and a decade in public service to lead a team that measurably delivers for voters and provides improved customer service. As the only Certified County Clerk in Santa Fe County, it is my record of improvements that empower our constituents —through efficiency, accessibility, and inclusivity— that makes me most qualified.</p>	<p>Coming from a military family, I am passionate about protecting our democracy in service to my community. Election officials should ensure access to the ballot, defending a democratic process that accurately reflects our diversity. As Santa Fe County Clerk, I've implemented forward-thinking solutions for better voter engagement and security, including securing millions in funding for advanced election equipment and introducing ballot boxes and same-day registration. My commitment extends to modernizing our systems, increasing accessibility, and ensuring every vote is safe and every voice is heard. I seek to continue making meaningful impact, ensuring our democratic process remains fair, secure, and representative of all constituents.</p>	<p>Our biggest challenge is ensuring that our democratic process remains fair and equal in this era of threats, post-covid complications and new legislation. We must balance making our office accessible and customer friendly for the public, while still prioritizing the safety of our staff and the security of our ballots. The hard truth is that today, elections are under siege. We've had shutdowns due to death threats at our Clerk's office. The FBI has warned us that our election staff should open mail with narcans on hand due to fentanyl maliciously being sent through the mail. Every election, new laws and procedures have been introduced to which we must adapt, balancing security and access, and ensuring votes are protected and will count.</p>	<p>My 3rd day in office was Jan 6. I corrected the previous administration's security lapses to ensure the safety of staff and security of your vote while increasing public access. We now maintain a badged area in the office, GPS tracking for ballots, and created an election command center for rapid response. We enhanced services by overhauling our website, improving phone and email response, and allowing credit card payments. We expanded voting access by increasing polling sites and installed the most ballot drop boxes per capita. We put record research computers in our foyer, digitized 99% of real estate records, and put them online for 24/7 instant download. Whatever challenges we face, my staff and I will keep showing up to serve.</p>


SANTA FE COUNTY TREASURER

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the county from which elected. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting property taxes in Santa Fe County and for the supervision and investment of funds.

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	Why do you want this position?	What are the biggest challenges in the County Clerk's Office?	How would you handle them?
 <p>Jennifer Jenn Manzanares Democrat</p>	<p>I received my Bachelors Degree from the College of Santa Fe. I have a Political Science and Secondary Education degree. I also received a Associate's of Science in Criminal Justice from the Northern NM College.</p>	<p>My focus is to continue improving the technology in the office to better assist Property tax payers. I will make decisions regarding our Investment Portfolio that yields the most return possible.</p>	<p>The greatest challenge is resolving delinquent accounts that there is no contact information to prevent the account from going to the State of NM Property Tax Division.</p>	<p>We continue to use the most recent technology to contact property owners. We work with several individuals on establishing a payment plan to assure they are able to keep his/her property. Often times there has been a death in the family or a hardship our office can help get the account resolved.</p>


SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the district from which elected. The person in this office, together with other members of the County 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.

The League asked:	How have your education and experience prepared you for this position?	What would be your priorities for the county?	What public health policies need attention in the county?	How would you propose to balance growth with water needs in an increasingly arid county?
 <p>Lisa Cacari-Stone Democrat cacaristone district2.com</p>	<p>I bring to the role of Commissioner, 35 years of public service dedicated to improving the lives of all New Mexicans. My leadership work in government, public education, social service organizations and foundations has sharpened the skills that are needed for the job including: fiscal and grants management, strategic planning, civic engagement, and policy development. I attained a PhD from Brandeis University in social policy, completed my post doctorate at the Harvard School of Public Health and served as a policy analyst for the NM State Legislature and Congressional Fellow with Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy. My long-term roots in Santa Fe and commitment to community advocacy qualify me to be The People's Choice, The People's Voice.</p>	<p>My grandparents came from Mexico to work on the railroad, living in boxcars with no water or heat. My dad, a 48 year union member retired from John Deere and my mom waited tables. I cleaned office buildings to pay for college. I am running for all of us, who, like my family work tirelessly to make our world a better place. I will advocate for infrastructure investments including clean and safe water, parks and roads. I pledge to protect the environment and natural resources and foster partnerships to conserve our lands and waters. I will unify our city and county forces to find regional solutions to the rising costs of homes, high rents and homelessness. I will champion increased access to mental health and substance abuse services.</p>	<p>The county plays a critical role in promoting and protecting the safety and health of people and the communities in which we live, learn, work and play. The COVID-19 pandemic grabbed our attention to the stark reality that the job of saving lives falls on local health programs. As a public health policy leader, I would prioritize the county's preparedness to respond to emergencies like pandemics, natural disasters such as the devastating impacts of fires and threats to water related hazards and contamination. Our emergency responders, health workers, fire fighters, law enforcement and mobile command units need to be adequately resourced and trained. Our residents need to be informed, engaged and prepared to defend ourselves from harm.</p>	<p>I propose that our county and city governments increase cooperation in finding solutions regarding safe water supplies, land development, and tight public finances. On-going engagement with federal and state agencies, non-profits, faith based organizations, educational institutions, local business community and neighborhood groups and village water protectors is key to inclusive action. I endorse a co-leadership approach in governance and prioritizing the needs of our residents. I support short and long-term actions such as implementing comprehensive water conservation programs that promote water-saving technologies, investing in water reuse and recycling infrastructure and ensuring equitable allocation and management of water rights.</p>

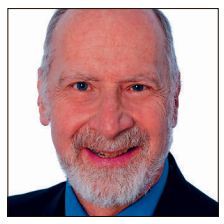
SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the district from which elected. The person in this office, together with other members of the County 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.

The League asked:	How have your education and experience prepared you for this position?	What would be your priorities for the county?	What public health policies need attention in the county?	How would you propose to balance growth with water needs in an increasingly arid county?
 <p>Adam Fulton Johnson Democrat adam4santafe.com</p>	<p>I grew up in Santa Fe and now raise my family here. Both my Masters (MIT) and PhD (Michigan) analyze New Mexico culture and history. I am currently director of a preservation nonprofit and lead programs in education, land use advocacy, and community service. My background in preservation makes me well versed in the responsibilities of local government and I will ensure our County continues to provide quality services. In addition to advocacy of affordable housing and short term rental limitations, I sit on the City's land code update committee, ensuring we develop our area in a smart, sustainable, and culturally-sensitive way. I have proven leadership on legislative and quality of life issues, and I'm running to keep Santa Fe special.</p>	<p>First, water sustainability through surface water acquisition at the County level and residential incentives like free rain barrels and gray water system credits. Second, fire and hazard mitigation and preparedness, including neighborhood plans supported by County staff. Third, a renewable energy economy, including bilingual training to access Inflation Reduction Act dollars. Fourth, affordable and water-friendly housing built along existing or planned infrastructure (not on wells), paired with sustainability incentives and "green" architectural design standards. Finally, cultural and natural heritage preservation through the protection of historic communities and long-standing traditions, sacred open spaces, and regional trail systems.</p>	<p>Policies that affect where we live, work, play, and find meaning will best address the County's public health issues: mental and behavioral health support, access to healthcare services, and the climate crisis. Access to adequate and safe housing is key to good health. For our low-income and housing insecure residents, prioritizing investments in affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing will improve overall well-being and mental health. Expansion and improvement of links between neighborhoods, bike paths, hiking trails, and public open spaces have health and climate benefits. We also must enhance the services and infrastructure that connect rural residents to healthcare and support county residents as they age.</p>	<p>We need to identify surface water resources, which (unlike wells) are renewable, and base our 50-year projected carrying capacity on these renewable resources. First, we need strong, diplomatic leadership to continue the City-County partnership on Buckman Direct Diversion, which delivers surface water to Santa Fe. Second, we need to expand our water infrastructure to deliver surface water to more homes, decreasing our reliance on groundwater, which is much more of an unknown. Third, we must bolster climate-smart agriculture and support our agricultural community in transitioning away from water-intensive farming. Finally, we need to incentivize residential sustainability through rebates on efficient appliances and free smart water meters.</p>


SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Four-year term. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the district from which elected. The person in this office, together with other members of the County 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.

The League asked:	How have your education and experience prepared you for this position?	What would be your priorities for the county?	What public health policies need attention in the county?	How would you propose to balance growth with water needs in an increasingly arid county?
 <p>Hank Hughes Democrat hank4santafe.com</p>	<p>I am currently the County Commissioner for District 5. I have a Masters of Environmental Engineering. My experience includes working as a water resource specialist. I was also the Executive Director of St. Elizabeth homeless shelter and most recently Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness.</p>	<p>1. Repair roads 2. Affordable housing 3. Safely switch to renewable energy 4. Respond to constituents</p>	<p>1. Clean air 2. Clean water 3. Address drug addiction 4. Address mental health</p>	<p>Make sure water rights are already purchased before development. Build an additional river intake and wells. Work with state to permanently reduce water rights to what is actually available.</p>


RETENTION: SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

There are five justices on the New Mexico Supreme Court, the highest court in the State. It is the court of last resort and has supervisory control over all lesser courts and attorneys licensed in the state. The Court is 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. The Court 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. Candidates must be at least 35 years old, have practiced law for ten years and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Justices are elected statewide for eight-year terms. 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. The Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee's website, www.nmjpec.org, includes evaluations and information about judicial retention candidates.


The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Supreme Court practices and why?	What improvements, if any, are needed in the Supreme Court?
 <p>Briana H. Zamora Nonpartisan</p>	<p>As a judge, I have served at all levels of the judiciary from the Metropolitan Court to the Supreme Court. I have presided in thousands of cases and well over a hundred jury trials. New Mexicans deserve experienced judges who are independent and have integrity. I have a wealth of judicial experience and a reputation of integrity and fairness. I hope to continue my service to New Mexico as a Supreme Court Justice.</p>	<p>The Supreme Court oversees every court and judicial program in New Mexico. Overall, the judiciary in New Mexico is first rate. However, there are two areas I hope to improve. First, improving the efficacy and efficiency in how the judiciary implements its behavioral health programs would benefit the entire state. Second, working to ensure there is access to legal representation for all New Mexicans, particularly individuals in our rural communities.</p>	<p>The Supreme Court and its employees work tirelessly to issue opinions that are accurate, fair and timely. Lack of resources is our greatest challenge. The Court needs additional attorneys and paralegals to assist the Court in more efficiently issuing the Court's opinions, orders and Supreme Court Rules.</p>

RETENTION: COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE POSITION 1


There are ten judges on the New Mexico Court of Appeals. It is the intermediate court between the district courts and the Supreme Court. Judges sit in panels of three. The 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. Judges must be at least 35 years old, have practiced law for ten years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Judges are elected statewide for eight-year terms. 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 retention election. 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. The Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee’s website, www.nmjpec.org, includes evaluations and information about judicial retention candidates.

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Court of Appeals practices and why?	What improvements, if any, are needed in the Court of Appeals?
 <p>Jennifer Attrep Nonpartisan</p>	<p>I have nearly two decades of experience on the bench and in private practice. I have served as a Court of Appeals Judge since 2018 and currently serve as the Chief Judge. As an appellate judge, I have resolved hundreds of appeals in all areas of the law and assisted with Court administration. I previously was a trial judge in Northern New Mexico where I managed a varied docket, presided over thousands of cases, and held over 50 trials. Prior to joining the bench, I served as an appellate attorney and litigator in a variety of civil and criminal cases and clerked for a federal trial judge.</p>	<p>The Court of Appeals is responsible for resolving the vast majority of appeals in New Mexico and, as a result, has a busy and heavy docket. The Court has made significant progress in resolving cases more quickly. Through the tireless efforts of staff and judges, the Court has cleared its backlog that had previously been amassed due to judicial turnover. The Court is dedicated to building on this progress and has adopted programs to increase efficiencies. The Court piloted a program that streamlines the appeal process, and recently implemented a program that provides free mediation services to more expeditiously resolve appeals. We are working to expand these programs and continue to explore other ways to better serve New Mexicans.</p>	<p>The Court of Appeals is focused on expanding public access and improving Court administration. During the pandemic, the Court began allowing unrepresented parties to electronically file court documents; and we are working to expand electronic access for unrepresented parties. The Court will be publishing self-help materials that explain the appellate process and assist unrepresented parties and attorneys in meeting their obligations on appeal. We will be rolling out live-streaming to increase access to our proceedings. The Court of Appeals also is working to obtain needed funding to build its administrative team, so the Court is more efficiently and effectively run. The current lack of staffing greatly overburdens our staff and judges.</p>

RETENTION: COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE POSITION 2


The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Court of Appeals practices and why?	What improvements, if any, are needed in the Court of Appeals?
 <p>Shammara Henderson Nonpartisan</p>	<p>I have been a judge on the NM Court of Appeals since my appointment by the Governor in 2020. In that time, I have gained valuable experience as an appellate judge. Prior to becoming a judge, I had a diverse career practicing in both criminal and civil law. I practiced in both state and federal court at the trial and appellate level. I have dedicated my career to ensuring diversity and equity in the judicial system.</p>	<p>We have worked hard the last several years to reduce the time it takes for us to rule on cases before our court. We currently have two pilot projects that have dramatically decreased the time to file opinions in our cases. One impacts our criminal cases, and we have seen our turnaround time dramatically improve. The other is our mediation program, which while new, has already helped with our civil cases. I am dedicated to continuing our efforts to reduce our caseload and find ways to ensure we are ruling on cases in a timely manner.</p>	<p>The main issue that our court has faced is a lack of resources. It has been a priority of mine to ensure that we have more resources. We have used these resources to rebuild our administrative staff and building maintenance. Our priority as judges should be to focus on our cases and to do so, we need the proper resources to ensure our court functions at the level expected by the parties who appear before us. We still have some improvements to make, but we have done a lot to rebuild the past several years.</p>

RETENTION: COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE POSITION 3


The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Court of Appeals practices and why?	What improvements, if any, are needed in the Court of Appeals?
 <p>Megan Duffy Nonpartisan</p>	<p>I have served as a judge on the Court of Appeals for nearly six years now and gained tremendous experience from working on hundreds of cases involving a broad range of legal issues. I take care with every case to show the parties that we have fully and fairly considered the issues, and to impartially explain what the law says about the issue so the parties understand our decision. Before joining the Court, I had 10 years of experience as an attorney. I began my legal career as a law clerk of Justice Richard Bosson at the New Mexico Supreme Court.</p>	<p>The Court of Appeals experienced tremendous judicial turnover from 2015-2022, which resulted in a backlog of hundreds of cases. My colleagues and I have worked hard for several years to clear that backlog and I'm happy to report that we have done so. Stability on the Court (no turnover in the last 2 years), was important to accomplishing this goal. In addition, we received some additional resources from the Legislature in the last few years, which allowed the Court to restart a mediation program, fill vacant positions, and work with retired appellate judges on a pro tem basis. That was a wonderful experience, and having a robust pro tem program could benefit courts, especially during periods of turnover.</p>	<p>While we are proud of our work in clearing the backlog, the Court still wants to move cases faster through the court. We have set a goal of resolving 95% of all cases within 720 days, or just under two years. We have made tremendous progress in our time-to-disposition, but still have work to do. We have been working to obtain the resources we need (both funding and personnel), and piloting programs that we hope will allow us to resolve cases quicker, including (1) a revamped mediation program, (2) a pilot project for criminal cases that produces briefing earlier in the case, and (3) a speech-to-text program that allows us to review trials and hearings more efficiently.</p>

RETENTION: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 3

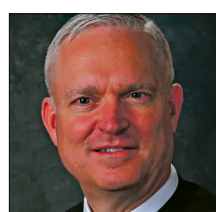
District courts hold jury trials in tort, contract, real property rights, estate cases and generally have exclusive jurisdiction over domestic relations and mental health cases. They also hear appeals for administrative agencies and lower courts, criminal appeals, and juvenile cases. To be eligible a person must be at least 35 years old, have practiced law for at least 6 years and reside in the district. Judges serve six-year terms. A retention election is a type of election where voters are asked whether a sitting judge should remain in office for another term. A sitting judge is listed on the ballot for a yes-no vote. New Mexico requires at least 57% of voters to vote “yes” for a judge to win a retention election. The Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee’s website, www.nmjpec.org, includes evaluations and information about judicial retention candidates.

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What alternatives to incarceration do you support for nonviolent crimes?	What can be done to reduce the backlogs of court cases?
 <p>Shannon Broderick Bulman Nonpartisan</p>	<p>I have been a licensed attorney in New Mexico for approximately 35 years, and I have served as a District Court Judge for approximately 4 ½ years. I am committed to continuing to diligently serve the residents of the First Judicial District in a thoughtful and fair manner.</p>	<p>My current docket primarily includes family court matters and does not include criminal cases. I see many parties, however, who have child custody, domestic violence, divorce or kinship guardianship cases, in addition to pending criminal charges. These individuals often struggle with substance use disorder and mental health challenges. Readily available treatment services for substance use disorder and mental health conditions would allow some individuals to stay out of the criminal justice system and better care for and support their children and families.</p>	<p>There is presently no backlog of court cases in my docket.</p>

RETENTION: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 6

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What alternatives to incarceration do you support for nonviolent crimes?	What can be done to reduce the backlogs of court cases?
 <p>Bryan Paul Biedscheid Nonpartisan</p>	<p>It has been my honor to serve as First Judicial District Judge for over five years and to serve as Chief Judge of the District for the past two and a half years. On the bench, I thoroughly prepare for every hearing and I listen carefully to the arguments of lawyers and self-represented parties alike. I try to thoughtfully communicate my rulings so that the parties, public, and reviewing courts are able to understand and consider their basis. I am a productive judge, in terms of adjudicating a full docket of cases while also serving as chief. In my administrative chief role, I work hard to secure and efficiently distribute resources to our magistrate and district courts. JPEC reviewed me as highly rated and recommends my retention.</p>	<p>The Magistrate and District courts are impressively committed to public safety and creating positive judicial outcomes. In some instances, incarceration imposes justice and maintains safety in this district, where I, my family, and all of my colleagues live. However, in many cases, incarceration does not address the root cause of criminal behavior and, by limiting treatment in the present and eliminating options in the future, actually adds to community burden. Wise use of incarceration alternatives begins with Pretrial Services before trial, identifying those who must remain in jail and the conditions on which others are released. When drug and/or mental health treatment addresses the cause, supervised diversion programs are effective.</p>	<p>The Magistrate and District judges in this district and our judicial staff work very hard to keep the continuous stream of cases moving through their courts. I am inspired by the commitment and tireless work of my colleagues who are also up for retention, Shannon Bulman and Matthew Wilson. I focus on reducing the time to disposition of my cases because that is what I can control. Resources are key to this goal: we are working to get new Magistrate Court facilities and office space in Santa Fe County and a new court facility in Rio Arriba County. Sufficient facilities will allow us to hold more trials. We are working, with respect for law enforcement and other stakeholders, to increase efficiency in criminal docket management.</p>

RETENTION: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 9

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	What alternatives to incarceration do you support for nonviolent crimes?	What can be done to reduce the backlogs of court cases?
 <p>Matthew Justin Wilson Nonpartisan</p>	<p>Having been a district court judge for 11 years, I have presided over all different types of cases including family law matters, criminal proceedings, and civil litigation. I practiced as a lawyer for 16 years before being appointed to the bench, work that included numerous jury trials. I recognize the importance of listening to the parties and giving each case the time and attention it deserves, knowing the great stress that the parties may be experiencing. With hard work and dedication, I have received solid judicial performance evaluations through the years. As a judge, I have always sought to be fair and impartial, while following the law in each case and trying to establish justice one case at a time.</p>	<p>One of the most difficult and demanding aspects of being a judge is deciding the appropriate sentence to impose on a person convicted of criminal conduct. For individuals convicted of a nonviolent crime, it is important to try to identify the underlying cause of the conduct so that the ultimate sentence will treat the fundamental reason for the behavior, in an effort to reduce recidivism rates and without compromising public safety. This can often be addressed by imposing a probationary sentence without incarceration that includes inpatient or outpatient substance abuse treatment. If appropriate, a judge can consider drug court or treatment court for individuals with substance abuse, mental health, or housing issues.</p>	<p>Besides increasing human resources to tackle rising caseloads, proper case management can reduce case backlogs. A judge should maintain time standards and deadlines by setting cases for trial and motions for hearing within reasonable timeframes. In addition, a judge should make decisions promptly, ideally from the bench at the conclusion of a hearing, to avoid the accumulation of unfinished work while also allowing the parties to move forward with their case. It is important for a judge to monitor the progress of cases on an ongoing basis by running frequent status reports to identify cases that need attention, as a means to reduce the time it takes to move a case from its initial opening to its final disposition or resolution.</p>

NEW MEXICO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

For arguments FOR and AGAINST these amendments, go to VOTE411.org

Constitutional Amendment 1: Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption Amendment

Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 15 of the constitution of New Mexico to extend a property tax exemption, currently only allowed for one hundred percent disabled veterans and their widows and widowers, to veterans with less than a one hundred percent disability and their widows and widowers and basing the amount of the exemption on a veteran's disability rating.

Proponiendo una enmienda al Artículo 8, Sección 15 de la Constitución de Nuevo México para extender una exención de impuestos sobre la propiedad, actualmente sólo permitida para veteranos discapacitados al cien por ciento y sus viudas y viudos, a veteranos con menos de un cien por ciento de discapacidad y sus viudas y viudos y basando la cantidad de la exención en la clasificación federal de discapacidad del veterano.

Constitutional Amendment 2: Increase Veteran Property Tax Exemption Amendment

Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico to increase a property tax exemption for honorably discharged members of the armed forces and their widows and widowers. This amendment would increase the property tax exemption for honorably discharged veterans and their widowed spouses from \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year. This amount will be annually adjusted for inflation.

Proponiendo una enmienda al Artículo 8, Sección 5 de la Constitución de Nuevo México para incrementar una exención de impuestos sobre la propiedad para miembros de las fuerzas armadas dados de baja honorablemente y sus viudas y viudos.

Constitutional Amendment 3: Judicial Nominating Commission

Proposing to amend Article 6, Section 35 of the constitution of New Mexico by allowing the dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law to appoint a designee to the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Proponiendo una enmienda al Artículo 6, Sección 35 de la Constitución de Nuevo México para permitir que el decano de la Escuela de Derecho de la Universidad de Nuevo México nombre a un designado para la Comisión de Nominaciones Judiciales.

Constitutional Amendment 4: County Officer Salaries

Proposing an amendment to Article 10, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide that the salaries of county officers shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners, remove references to the First Legislative Session and clarify that any fees collected by a county official shall be paid into the treasury of the county.

Proponiendo una enmienda al Artículo 10, Sección 1 de la Constitución de Nuevo México para proveer que los salarios de los oficiales del condado deberán ser establecidos por la Junta de Comisionados del Condado, remover referencias a la primera sesión legislativa y aclarar que cualquier cuota colectada por un oficial del condado deberá ser pagada a la tesorería del condado.

NEW MEXICO BOND ISSUES

Bond Question 1 – Aging and Long-Term Services Department

The 2024 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 thirty million seven hundred fifty-eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$30,758,100) 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?

Pregunta de Bono 1 – Departamento de Envejecimiento y Servicios de Largo Plazo El Acta de Bonos de Obligación General de Proyectos de Capital 2024 autoriza la emisión y venta de bonos para la mejora, construcción y adquisición de equipamiento de instalaciones para personas mayores. ¿Deberá autorizarse al estado a emitir bonos de obligación general por un monto que no exceda los treinta millones setecientos cincuenta y ocho mil cien dólares (\$30,758,100) para realizar gastos de capital para ciertos proyectos de mejora, construcción y adquisición de equipamiento de instalaciones para personas mayores y proveer la imposición y levy de un impuesto general a la propiedad para el pago del capital, los intereses y los gastos incurridos en conexión con la emisión de los bonos y la recolección del impuesto según lo permita la ley?

Bond Question 2 – Library Acquisitions

The 2024 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 nineteen million three hundred five thousand dollars (\$19,305,000) 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?

El Acta de Bonos de Obligación General de Proyectos de Capital 2024 autoriza la emisión y venta de bonos de adquisición de bibliotecas. ¿Deberá autorizarse al estado a emitir bonos de obligación general por un monto que no exceda los diecinueve millones trescientos cinco mil dólares (\$19,305,000) para realizar gastos de capital para adquisiciones de recursos académicos, de escuelas públicas, tribales y de bibliotecas públicas, y proveer la imposición y levy de un impuesto general a la propiedad para el pago del capital, los intereses y los gastos incurridos en conexión con la emisión de los bonos y la recolección del impuesto según lo permita la ley?

Bond Question 3 – Higher Education

The 2024 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 two hundred thirty million two hundred fifty-eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$230,258,400) 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?

El Acta de Bonos de Obligación General de Proyectos de Capital 2024 autoriza la emisión y venta de bonos de mejora y adquisición de capital para educación superior, escuelas especiales y escuelas tribales. ¿Deberá autorizarse al estado a emitir bonos de obligación general por un monto que no exceda los doscientos treinta millones doscientos cincuenta y ocho mil cuatrocientos dólares (\$230,258,400) para realizar gastos de capital para ciertas mejoras y adquisiciones de capital de educación superior, escuelas especiales y escuelas tribales y proveer la imposición y levy de un impuesto general a la propiedad para el pago del capital, los intereses y los gastos incurridos en conexión con la emisión de los bonos y la recolección del impuesto según lo permita la ley?

Bond Question 4 – Public Safety

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of public safety radio system improvement bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed ten million two hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,297,100) to make capital expenditures for public safety radio communications systems stabilization and modernization 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?

El Acta de Bonos de Obligación General de Proyectos de Capital 2024 autoriza la emisión y venta de bonos de mejora de los sistemas de radio-comunicaciones de seguridad pública. ¿Deberá autorizarse al estado a emitir bonos de obligación general por un monto que no exceda los diez millones doscientos noventa y siete mil cien dólares (\$10,297,100) para realizar gastos de capital para la estabilización y modernización de los sistemas de radiocomunicaciones de seguridad pública y proveer la imposición y levy de un impuesto general a la propiedad para el pago del capital, los intereses y los gastos incurridos en conexión con la emisión de los bonos y la recolección del impuesto según lo permita la ley?

S.F. COUNTY BOND ISSUES

General Obligation Bond Question 1

Shall Santa Fe County issue up to \$4,900,000 in general obligation bonds payable from general (ad valorem) taxes to acquire, construct, design, equip, and improve roads within the county?

¿Deberá el Condado de Santa Fe emitir hasta \$4,900,000 en bonos de obligación general pagaderos de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) para adquirir, construir, diseñar, equipar y mejorar las carreteras dentro del Condado?

General Obligation Bond Question 2

Shall Santa Fe County issue up to \$12,500,000 in general obligation bonds payable from general (ad valorem) taxes to acquire real property and necessary water rights for, and to construct, design, equip, rehabilitate, and improve, water and wastewater projects within the County?

¿Deberá el Condado de Santa Fe emitir hasta \$12,500,000 en bonos de obligación general pagaderos de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) para adquirir bienes inmuebles y derechos de agua necesarios para, y construir, diseñar, equipar, rehabilitar, y mejorar los proyectos de agua y aguas residuales del Condado?

General Obligation Bond Question 3

Shall Santa Fe County issue up to \$16,125,000 in general obligation bond payable from general (ad valorem) taxes to acquire, design, construct, improve, equip, and restore open space, trails and parks within the county?

¿Deberá el Condado de Santa Fe emitir hasta \$16,125,000 en bonos de obligación general pagaderos de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) para adquirir, diseñar, construir, mejorar, equipar, y restaurar los espacios abiertos, senderos y parques dentro del Condado?

CITY OF SANTA FE

General Obligation Roads And Streets Bonds

Shall the City of Santa Fe issue up to \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds, to be repaid from property taxes, to construct, design, equip and improve roads and streets within the city?

¿Debería la Ciudad de Santa Fe emitir hasta \$25,000,000 en bonos de obligación general, pagaderos con impuestos sobre la propiedad, con el objetivo de construir, diseñar, equipar y mejorar las carreteras y calles dentro de la ciudad?

SOIL & WATER DISTRICT

Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District

Shall the duly elected Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors establish a levy of up to 0.25 mills to: protect drinking water sources and the health of rivers and streams by improving stormwater and floodplain management; reduce the risk of wildfire for our communities by improving the health of our forests, including the Sandia and Manzano Forests; restore wildlife habitat, including along the Rio Grande; preserve agricultural land by partnering with local farmers to promote healthy soil practices; restore and conserve natural areas and open spaces to provide equitable access to the outdoors; and provide natural resources education for youth and adults, with all revenues and expenditures subject to an independent annual audit?

¿Deberá la Junta de Supervisores de Ciudad Distrito de Conservación del Suelo y el Agua, debidamente elegida, establecer un levy de hasta 0.25 mills para: proteger las fuentes de agua potable y la salud de los ríos y los riachuelos mediante la mejora del manejo de las aguas pluviales y las llanuras aluviales; reducir el riesgo de incendios forestales para nuestras comunidades mediante la mejora de la salud de nuestros bosques, incluidos los Bosques de Sandia y Manzano; restaurar el hábitat de la vida silvestre, incluyendo a lo largo del Río Grande; preservar las tierras agrícolas mediante la colaboración con los agricultores locales para promover prácticas saludables del suelo; restaurar y conservar las áreas naturales y los espacios abiertos para proporcionar un acceso equitativo al aire libre; y proveer educación sobre los recursos naturales para jóvenes y adultos, con todos los ingresos y gastos sujetos a una auditoría anual independiente?

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