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2024 NONPARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

New Mexico General Election ★ Tuesday, November 5, 2024



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YOU CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION IF:

- you are a citizen of the United States,
- you are 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- you are resident of Doña Ana County,
- you are registered to vote in Doña Ana County.

If you have a question concerning the election, please contact the Doña Ana County Clerk's office at (575) 647-7428 or online www.donaanacountyelections.com.

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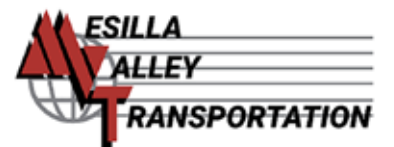
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- OCTOBER 8:**
- Mail and Online Voter Registration Ends
 - Same Day Registration Begins
 - Absentee Ballots Begin Mailing
 - Early Voting Begins at Doña Ana County Government Center

- OCTOBER 19:**
- Expanded Early Voting Begins at 8 Additional Sites

- OCTOBER 22:**
- Last Day to Submit Application for Mail-in Absentee Ballot

- NOVEMBER 2:**
- Early Voting Ends

- NOVEMBER 5:**
- ELECTION DAY
 - Last Day for Same Day Registration
 - All Absentee Ballots Must Be Received by 7:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

ANTHONY: Anthony Public Library - 750 Landers, Anthony, NM 88021

CHAPARRAL: DACC Chaparral - 755 Prescott Anthony Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081

LAS CRUCES: City Hall - 700 N. Main Street, Las Cruces, NM

LAS CRUCES: Corbett Center Student Union - NMSU - 1600 International Mall, Las Cruces, NM 88003

LAS CRUCES: Doña Ana County Government Center - 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007
Note that the Doña Ana County Government Center is open from Oct. 8th, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LAS CRUCES: DACC East Mesa - 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011

HATCH: Hatch Valley Public Schools Student Services/ Training Center - 401 Main St., Hatch, NM 87937

MESILLA: Mesilla Town Hall - 2231 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, NM 88046

SUNLAND PARK: DACC Sunland Park - 3365 McNutt Rd., Sunland Park, NM 88063

42 VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY

- Open November 5 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Visit www.donaanacountyelections.com/locations/ or scan the code for a complete list of Voting Convenience Centers.






- REGISTER TO VOTE
- REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Candidate Responses

The League requested that all candidates answer the following questions in English for the English-language guide. Candidates were also informed that answers were not edited in any way. The statement "No Response Received" means the candidate did not answer the questions.

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FEDERAL UOCAVA (Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ASSISTANCE

- UOCAVA voter registration must be postmarked by October 8 or received by email or fax day by Oct. 8, 2024.
- UOCAVA requests for mailed absentee ballots are due October 22, 2024, by end of the business day (5 p.m.).
- UOCAVA requests for emailed ballots are due by November 2, by midnight.
- Ballots must be returned by November 5, 7:00 p.m.

ON THE BALLOT – Federal

All General Election races and questions are available on the NM Secretary of State website: www.sos.nm.gov/

US SENATOR

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES - US SENATOR

1. Why do you want to run for this seat?
2. What are the most important issues facing Congress in the next two years?
3. How would you address them?
4. What actions, if any, should Congress take regarding immigration?
5. What, if anything, would you do to improve the functioning of Congress?



Martin Heinrich (D) Candidate for U.S. Senator

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Congress should pass legislation to get dark money out of our elections and give the American people transparency into who is attempting to influence their votes. Additionally, the Senate should end the filibuster to prevent a single Senator from disrupting the Democratic process and ensure working people in America have a real seat at the table in Washington.



Nella Louise Domenici (R) Candidate for U.S. Senator

1. I grew up in a family dedicated to public service to New Mexico. The Congressional delegation, Governor and Albuquerque Mayor are radical Progressives whose policies are not working for you. New Mexico needs a hard-working, bipartisan, hands on, independent thinker—Nella—who will usher in a new day for New Mexico. The state is at a tipping point with problems like education, crime and cost of living getting worse because of Martin Heinrich's policies. This is a beautiful state with some magnificent gems—its people, culture, natural beauty, national laboratories and abundant energy. You need a senator who genuinely cares about you. That is Nella! And not Martin Heinrich who is a radical progressive, extreme leftist.

2. Reversing Martin Heinrich's damaging policies. Lower the cost of living; Support sound fiscal and tax policies to help you manage high cost of groceries and gasoline; Secure the border. Coordinating with federal, state and local law enforcement to take back our streets from the gangs and cartels who are flooding our communities with fentanyl. Unleash all sources of energy including oil and gas; Achieve energy independence; Sensibly manage energy transition to ensure abundant affordable, reliable energy; Reverse radical policies threatening ranching and farming; Address shortage of health care professionals and affordable health care. Prepare US military for the most serious foreign threats since the cold war. To do this—Fire Heinrich

3. Elect a new Senator—Nella. Replace Martin Heinrich. To address high cost of living; Stop out of control spending; Dramatic increase in the cost of living is tied directly to the Biden/Heinrich \$3.8

trillion spending spree. He flooded our economy with borrowed money, caused inflation and high interest rates. Martin Heinrich's misnamed Inflation Reduction Act and war on oil and gas makes almost everything cost more. Wages are lower here, so increased costs hurt us more. I will prioritize sensible, economic policies and jobs and unleash all of New Mexico's energy sources. It's crazy to vote for the same person and expect a different result. Fixing these problems requires replacing Martin Heinrich who has had 12 years and failed.

4. Martin Heinrich enabled the biggest immigration crisis. Only way to correct this problem is to replace Martin Heinrich. Addressing immigration, securing the border and crime are related. Border is not secure because of Heinrich's open border policy. During his 20 years in Congress he has voted more than 20 times against bills and amendments that would reform our immigration law, secure the border, and provide more resources at the border. I would finish barriers; Install screening technology for all vehicles; Reinstate "Stay in Mexico" End catch and release asylum; Tighten asylum process; Bolster funding for Border Patrol; Pass comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform; Deport criminals and terrorists; Enact temporary worker program

5. We need more collaboration and genuine bipartisanship and less party loyalty. This would give laws durability and legitimacy. It would be an environment where solutions would be developed and your concerns would be addressed. Instead, Martin Heinrich votes almost 100% with his party bosses and puts them, not you first.

US REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES - US REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 2

1. Why do you want to run for this seat?
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5. What, if anything, would you do to improve the functioning of Congress?



Gabriel Vasquez (D)
Candidate for U.S. Representative, Dist. 2

1. Extreme Republicans prioritize petty politics over common-sense solutions. Actual governance is the biggest issue facing Congress, impacting women's reproductive rights, inflation, affordable housing, immigration and border security, which are top issues for Congress to solve. My constituents are concerned about the economy, access to clean water, affordable broadband and quality healthcare, including women's reproductive healthcare. Unlike my opponent, who sponsored legislation to restrict abortion access, I firmly believe in a woman's right to choose. I am tired of this district being left behind because Republican Leadership continues to put politics over people. We must keep this district blue and take back control of the House in 2024.

2. Congress has not delivered meaningful immigration reform in over 40 years. Republicans prefer to use immigration as a political tool. I'm in Congress to provide solutions, not play partisan games. That is why I started the Bipartisan Southwest Caucus and

have introduced bipartisan legislation that addresses our broken immigration system and the challenges we face at our border to: stop cartels and coyotes' ability to harm local communities; implement better technology and more staff to stop the flow of fentanyl; create pathways to visa reform for farm workers and enable immigrants working in critical sectors to remain and work legally here; hold detention centers accountable and prevent them from cultivating inhumane conditions.

3. We address them by working across the aisle, delivering common sense policies and always sticking to our values. Since my first day serving in Congress, I have prioritized putting forth bipartisan, common-sense solutions that would have strong support if Republican Leadership brought it to the floor. However, because extremist Republicans are prioritizing messaging bills for the 2024 election over solutions, progress will always stagnate. By prioritizing the well-being of our constituents over partisan politics, we can overcome the challenges ahead and ensure a brighter future for all residents of our district.

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detention centers accountable and prevent them from cultivating inhumane conditions.

5. Republican House Leadership has created the most dysfunctional Congress. The resulting chaos and disarray, including the unprecedented removal of a Speaker, have hindered progress and left many Americans underserved. New Mexico deserves better. I focus on serving the people by addressing the everyday challenges working families face. From the affordability of groceries to the availability of housing, my commitment is to deliver tangible improvements that positively impact our constituents. To restore functionality to Congress, we must reclaim the majority and elect leaders who prioritize results over chaos. It's time to shift from policies that divide and inflame toward those that create a brighter, more equitable future for all Americans.



Yvette Herrell (R)
Candidate for U.S. Representative, Dist. 2

1. I am running because I feel a responsibility to serve the citizens of New Mexico's Second Congressional District. As I visit with voters across the district, too many do not feel represented in Washington, DC. I represent a return to the commonsense conservative values that made our country strong: fiscal sanity, personal responsibility, free markets, secure borders, and safe communities. If elected, I will always put the citizens of New Mexico first and do everything in my power to help make our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

2. Lowering the cost of living and securing the border.

3. Inflation was created by out of control federal deficit spending. I support a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution to ensure that the federal government lives within its means just like New Mexico families must. Our national debt is \$35 trillion and growing - this is totally unsustainable and must be addressed for the sake of future generations who will face the consequences of our nation's addiction to debt. Millions of illegal immigrants have entered our country under the Biden Administration, significantly more than the entire population of New Mexico. We must crack down on asylum fraud, end the practice of catch and release, reinstate in Mexico, and complete the border wall.

4. Again, we need to reimplement the Remain in Mexico policy, end catch and release, and complete the border wall. We need to reform our broken asylum system to ensure prompt deportation of the vast majority of illegal immigrants who do not qualify for asylum. We also need to see that those selling, transporting, and poisoning the American people with fentanyl and other dangerous drugs are held accountable and face serious consequences for their acts. Once we get the border secure and under control, Congress should turn its focus to reforming our broken legal immigration system to make it simpler for qualified immigrants to enter legally and have the opportunity to live the American Dream and make our country stronger.

5. Congress should decentralize decision making and return to regular order. This starts by passing - and sticking to - a federal budget, then completing the appropriations process. Too often this process fails, leading to shutdown threats and last minute massive funding bills written in secrecy by a select few.



KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES



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JUSTICE OF THE NM SUPREME COURT – Judicial Retention

QUESTIONS TO NM JUDICIAL RETENTION JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

1. What qualifies you for this position?
2. What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Supreme Court practices and why?
3. What improvements, if any, are needed in the Supreme Court?



Briana H. Zamora (Nonpartisan) Candidate for Justice of the N.M. Supreme Court

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

JUDGE OF THE NM COURT OF APPEALS – Judicial Retention

QUESTIONS TO NM JUDICIAL RETENTION JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

1. What qualifies you for this position?
2. What changes, if any, would you recommend to the NM Court of Appeals practices and why?
3. What improvements, if any, are needed in the Court of Appeals?



Jennifer L. Attrep, Position 1 (Nonpartisan) Candidate for Judge of the N.M. Court of Appeals

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.



Shammara H. Henderson, Position 2 (Nonpartisan) Candidate for Judge of the N.M. Court of Appeals

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.



Megan P. Duffy, Position 3 (Nonpartisan) Candidate for Judge of the N.M. Court of Appeals

1. 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.

2. 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

Megan P. Duffy, cont.

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.

3. 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.

ON THE BALLOT - State

NM STATE SENATOR

QUESTIONS NEW MEXICO STATE SENATOR

1. What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?
2. If elected, what are your highest priorities?
3. What changes, if any, need to be made in the tax structure of the state?
4. What would you propose to diversify New Mexico's economy and promote sustainable economic growth?
5. What reforms would you support to improve New Mexico's educational ranking?

Joseph Cervantes - Dist. 31 (D) Candidate for N.M. State Senator

No response received

Crystal Diamond Brantley - Dist. 35 (R) Candidate for N.M. State Senator

No response received



Jeff Steinborn - Dist. 36 (D) Candidate for N.M. State Senator

1. State Senator - 2016 to Present / State Representative - 2006 to 2010 / 2012 - 2016

2. Strengthening education. Creating economic opportunities. Reducing poverty and improving mental and physical health. Address climate crisis

and protect New Mexico's environment. Affordable housing. Public safety

3. Continued broadening of our tax base, eliminating unnecessary loopholes.

4. Continued educational advancement, that incentivizes New Mexico's kids to stay in state.

Support of clean industries that play to New Mexico's strengths including the outdoor economy and creative industries.

5. Few priorities are as important as the continued support of educational advancement of our kids, support of our teachers, and modernization of cutting edge safe schools. To support these goals, I strongly also support community schools and school based health centers that help our kids successfully advance their education and lives.



David H. Tofsted - Dist. 36 (R) Candidate for N.M. State Senator

1. A BS degree in physics, Penn State, Masters in EE from NMSU, 1992, and a Ph.D. in EE from NMSU, 2013, have prepared me to deal with complex issues of energy, and education. My 36 years' experience as a research physicist at WSMR involved extensive coordination with local and offsite DOD scientists. Following retirement, I tutored math students, taught classes, presented technical briefings, worked as a candidate for HD 36 in 2018, and served as the Dona Ana County Republican party chair in 2019-20, during which I studied various issues impacting our community.

2. Education: Tapping into how Florida & New Jersey run the number 1 & 2 school systems in the Nation. Ending executive Power Grabs in New Mexico that often ignore the restrictions of the US and NM Constitutions.

3. Advocate for use of the scientific method rather than ideologically held

positions, especially regarding proposed solutions to climate change, where flexibility & adaptation offer more optimized solutions than mitigation. Reverse the HB41 "Clean Fuel" law to avoid drastic gas price increases. Reverse the current NM policy that links our vehicle fleet to California's impractical transition to 100% EV sales by 2035. N.M. drew \$13 billion in revenue in 2023. The tax rates can be moderated for middle- & low-income families. Reduce the Gross-Receipts tax (GRT), a tax-pyramiding system that negatively impacts businesses that buy services from other local businesses. In DAC, the current Spaceport tax set-aside of 0.25% is not being used to construct the Spaceport. Instead it now covers operational costs in Sierra County. This seems to be an unnecessary expense for little payoff.

4. Return to forest management including harvesting of mature trees. Forests represent a sustainable and renewable source of energy and needed products. Fire breaks also support reduction in fire hazards. Harvesting also increases water flow into aquifers, and cooler conditions in winter, plus later melting of snow as fewer trees alter the absorption of solar energy, reducing winter warming due to higher reflection from snow surfaces. Fewer trees also supports wildlife sustainability in forested regions.

5. First, introduce a bill limiting power NMPED has over local school boards. The NMPED should be advisory only. Secondly, research approaches adopted by Florida's DoEd & New Jersey DoEd as to how they educate students. They rank 1st & 2nd in the nation in education. Require full integration of phonics methods in elementary schools & earlier transitions to English for ESL students. Mathematics must emphasize rote memorization of the addition & multiplication tables. Third, introduce a

bill requiring schools teach curriculum only. This bill is critical - students must learn the basics to prepare for advanced studies. Morals and ethics are, family responsibilities. The NM Constitution outlaws teaching of sectarian beliefs.



William Peter Soules - Dist. 37 (D) Candidate for N.M. State Senator

1. I have represented Senate District 37 since

2013 and wish to continue to do so. I am a retired educator with a wide range of experiences in education. As a result, I have been the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee for the past 8 years. I am now one of the more senior senators in the NM Legislature, and am able to use that seniority to affect real change and progress for the state.

2. Education is always one of my priorities and will continue to be. Our children don't have lobbyists in Santa Fe and I try to be a voice for their issues and concerns. In addition, I will continue to work to protect the land, air, and water that make New Mexico such a special place. I have been on the Senate Conservation Committee for the past 12 years and have worked on energy, hunting, wildlife, and land use legislation.

3. I am always looking at how progressive our tax structure is. More affluent people should pay a greater share of taxes and costs with more services going to those in the lower income brackets. We have some challenges in structure for severance taxes as the state transitions away from fossil fuels to more renewable and sustainable energy but the taxes are based on older models.

4. New Mexico has incredible resources in our Universities and National Laboratories. We should be leveraging the "brain power" of these

institutions to move toward a greater emphasis on knowledge, information, and new technologies instead of just the extractive energy and agriculture which supported the state in the past.

5. While there are some areas of education that need to be changed, such as ensuring children are taught how to read through research based, science of reading programs, much of the low rankings of education in New Mexico are not due to problems in education but are reflective of the poverty and lack of investments in people, and community. We are a wealthy state that allows too many of our residents, and particularly children, to live in poverty. We increased investments in high quality early childhood education (not just child care), and investments in housing, mental health, career technical education, and social safety net programs to give every child access to a brighter future.



**Carrie Hamblen -
District 38 (D)
Candidate for N.M.
State Senator**

1. As the incumbent, I bring my experience in the nonprofit world, as a community organizer, as an advocate for small businesses, public lands, and the LGBTQ+ community, my involvement in creating a better quality of life for *every* New Mexican is a priority. I have a Masters in Communication Studies and a Master's in Public Administration. I have been involved in creating change in Las Cruces for over 25 years and my ability to navigate the political landscape to move policies that positively impact people has been demonstrated in my last 4 years in office.

2. With the over 500 anti-trans and queer bills being introduced all over the country, I will continue to advocate for policy that protects the queer and Trans community, a community that considers suicide every 45 seconds. I will also continue to push for jobs in our rural communities, cleaner air, land, and water for communities of color and indigenous peoples, and reducing our dependence on oil and gas while creating more renewable energy jobs for those displaced as we move toward a more sustainable energy source. Additionally, increasing the opportunities for public

transportation and access to health care in the rural parts of southern New Mexico is a priority.

3. We have begun to make significant strides in changing the tax structure in the state to be more equitable. We made adjustments to the Personal Income Tax Brackets that will lower taxes for low- and middle-income New Mexicans, while not raising taxes on any income group, replaced the current two-tiered Corporate Income Tax rate structure with a flat rate of 5.9%, added over 5000 healthcare practitioners to be eligible for the rural health care income tax credit of \$3000, and much more. Although we are finally making strides for a more equitable tax structure, we still have a way to go. I believe we need to assess how people are positively impacted by the changes in the tax structure and modify them accordingly and in a timely manner.

4. We need to continue to look at industries that create sustainable jobs while supporting those communities who are experiencing poverty. Working with our community colleges and unions to provide more training and certification programs to address our states' needs rather than outsourcing our jobs. We should focus growing our job sector in Outdoor Recreation, more renewable energy, and other industries that we rely on for out of state businesses rather than nurturing our own job growth.

5. I think we are finally moving closer to improving our ranking but we still need to not only support our teachers and students with more resources, but also look at the outlying factors that impact learning like homelessness, poverty, food insecurity, domestic violence, and mental health. If we ignore the external circumstances that also affect learning, then we will just continue to walk through mud to get to our goal and never really see the results we know we can achieve.



**Samantha R.
Barncastle Salopek
- Dist. 38 (R)
Candidate for N.M.
State Senator**

1. I am a practicing attorney who was born and raised in southern New Mexico, received my education in New Mexico, who believes

New Mexico has a ton of untapped potential. I spend my "day job" working to build consensus among various sectors on natural resource matters with the goal of improving our community in everything from the natural environment to clean and safe drinking water, preserving access to water for growing crops, and protection of endangered species. In that capacity, I often work on public policy matters with state and local governments, and regularly perform functions such as drafting of legislation, policy statements, and so on. I also have a special needs daughter, and a son, who attend public school, which I am active in.

2. Public safety and supporting our local community to ensure security of person and property amid rising crime rates. Improving access to healthcare and improving healthcare technology, infrastructure, and other related needs in southern New Mexico. Water and natural resources, agriculture, and protection of the southern New Mexico's access to water.

3. Our tax code is incredibly complex. As a practicing lawyer, I have still found it difficult to comprehend, so it must be simplified. We have to find a better way to both fund government and reduce taxes for working families. Surpluses should be used to provide permanent meaningful tax relief to business owners and others who will help grow the economy.

4. New Mexico has many unique growth opportunities due to our vast natural resources. A functioning water banking program is required to allow for the return of water rights to the market to support new development. Any new development will need to offset for its impact on the environment. Any new growth must take into account the continued viability of New Mexico's culture, which is largely agriculturally based throughout the state. New Mexico has many opportunities for growth that are in harmony with promoting protection of cultural values, such as renewable energy, tourism, and investing in our children as our next generation of professionals. Any new development must remain harmonious with agriculture, the staple of our economy.

5. I support a professional licensing system for educators and those who work in the education profession. With this, I also support providing for continuing

education and professional development for practicing educators.

NM STATE REPRESENTATIVE

QUESTIONS NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE

1. What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?
2. If elected, what are your highest priorities?
3. What changes, if any, need to be made in the tax structure of the state?
4. What would you propose to diversify New Mexico's economy and promote sustainable economic growth?
5. What reforms would you support to improve New Mexico's educational ranking?



**Linda S. Alvarez
- Dist. 32 (D)
Candidate
for N.M. State
Representative**

1. Born and reared on the family farm in the Hatch Valley, I grew up in a large, close-knit Hispanic family that was completely self-sufficient. I attended Salem Elementary until 6th grade and graduated at age 17 from the Hatch Valley Municipal Schools in 1970. I worked for the Social Security Admin and Health Care Financing Admin in Baltimore, MD, for 15-years prior to starting a family. I became a full-time Mother caring for my dau and son for 7-years before going back to work. I attended the UofMD School of Law-City Campus: Paralegal Cert: Bachelor's Degree, College of Santa Fe, Public Administration & will pursue graduate studies at: NMSU/UofAZ or St. John's College-SFe Campus. I am currently an Advocate in the Hatch Valley.

2. My highest priorities are: A. Statewide educational reform; B. rural economic development. C. Specialized training and care for Dementia patients.

3. I would guard against taxing the

Linda S. Alvarez, cont.

poor inordinately. Recent alcohol tax legislation that requires alcohol sellers to track the volume and type of alcohol sales is problematic. It would be far more efficient and importantly accurate if the wholesaler tracked taxation amounts.

4. Generally speaking, economic development needs to take into account safety, equality, and honest pay. A. I would encourage the Legislature to rejuvenate its' interest in the Space Industry and to reorganize NM's involvement in the Spaceport with an eye towards creating local job opportunities. C. I would propose that the Department of Economic Development be required to do outreach to rural areas and provide Technical Assistance in conjunction with the Local Government Division of the DFA. C. NM is not prepared to care for its' citizens suffering with Dementia. I propose the Governor appoint a workgroup to conduct a needs assessment with solutions. Healthcare is a burgeoning industry that will sustain economic growth.

5. For many years the Dept. Of Education has been plagued by a lack of consistent LEADERSHIP. This, in turn, leads to 'mission erosion' and a dysfunctional agency culture. This catastrophe requires strong governance. I suggest the following: A. Request a Federal Investigation and Technical Assistance. B. Require Special Education be given Divisional Status. C. Develop large-scale vocational and technical education opportunities for ALL students.

**Jenifer M. Jones - Dist. 32 (R)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

No response received

**Micaela Lara Cadena - Dist. 33 (D)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

No response received

**Raymundo Lara - Dist. 34 (D)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

No response received



**Larry M. Sedillo - Dist. 34 (R)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

1. I taught all grades in Mesquite Elementary school. Reading Intervention K-2 for English and Spanish language students. I taught Vocational Agriculture at Jemez Valley High School and Socorro High School. I retired from the Gadsden Independent Schools in 2018. I also taught at Hatch Public Schools teaching 3-4-5 combination grades and New Mexico History and Geography where my students scored higher in the State Mandated Tests than all other departments.

2. Reading for K-2 students in Elementary Schools. Enhance Vocational Agriculture. Development of Police Sub-Stations in Chapparral and a Northern Sub Stations for the Communities of Mesquite, San Miguel and La Mesa. Increase deputies in the Dona Ana County. Protect our Environment in our County especially the Communities of Mesquite and Sunland Park.

3. Enhance our tax code to assist small businesses and Tourism.

4. Drill more oil and gas in our state. Remove restrictions on our oil industry especially permits to drill. Support new businesses. Assist the development of our Santa Teresa infrastructure to our Industrial Park.

5. Train specialists to test all K-2 students in their letters and sounds and writing their letters. Train teachers to use this to enhance their skills to ensure they will learn how to read in a timely manner with oral practices in breaking syllables of words to master reading multi-syllable words.



**Angelica Rubio - Dist. 35 (D)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

1. BA, Government, New Mexico State University MA, Latin American Studies, California State University, Los Angeles

2. Prioritizing climate justice policies

that are centered and at the intersection of issues impacting Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color. Transitioning away from fossil fuels, through the lens of furthering our work towards a restorative economy. Updating our constitution to support modernization efforts, specifically to pay legislative salaries, as a tool to make our legislature more equitable and diverse. We currently are the only unpaid legislature in the country. Uplifting policies that provide equitable access to outdoor recreation for youth representing marginalized communities. Elevating mobility justice issues and prioritizing infrastructure programs that provide better support for all.

3. The NM legislature, in collaboration with advocates from around the state, has made significant progress in making the state tax code less regressive when it comes to tax policy. There are progressive tax measures that have worked to improve the lives of working families and children, making New Mexico now the 9th most progressive tax code in the nation. But more needs to be done to see further improvements. Tax policy takes time to see significant results, and three things should continue to be priorities: ensuring that corporations pay their fair share, limiting, if not ending unfair capital gains deductions, and targeting and increasing personal income tax cuts for families in need -- this last piece being the most transformational.

4. I believe in the principles of restorative economy, where we focus on revitalizing and sustaining its natural resources, communities, and cultural heritage while promoting equitable economic opportunities. Here are some key aspects of what a restorative economy could look like for New Mexico: renewable energy development, water conservation and management, sustainable agriculture, green infrastructure, environmental conservation, equitable economic development, cultural preservation, and education and innovation. By embracing these principles and taking concrete actions to promote sustainability, equity, and resilience, New Mexico can transition towards a restorative economy that

benefits both people and the planet.

5. The New Mexico Legislature has made incredible strides by making incredible investments, however, I do not believe that it has gone far enough to address the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit, for example. Additionally, we had an opportunity to pass, for the first time, the Tribal Trust Fund, which was ultimately killed in the Senate. This trust fund would have provided the start of reparations to native and indigenous communities in this state, which garnered support from all tribes, and then stopped - essentially taking away this opportunity from tribes who have already experienced so much autonomy. When we center native students, we make education better for all. We need to do better in this aspect.

**Kimberly A. Skaggs - Dist. 36 (R)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

No response received.



**Nathan P. Small - Dist. 36 (D)
Candidate for N.M. State Representative**

1. I am a lifelong outdoorsman, and now proudly the Chair of the House Budget Committee. In that role I've: Put \$100 million in the state budget to hire more police officers, sheriff's deputies, and other local law enforcement; Stood strong to safeguard reproductive rights by voting to repeal New Mexico's outdated abortion ban; Led the fight to cut the personal income and gross receipts tax and eliminate the tax on Social Security; Led bipartisan legislation to save billions of gallons of freshwater annually; Expanded budget transparency and made sure public input is taken at all meetings.

2. My priorities are to: Reduce healthcare premiums & prescription drug prices; protect individuals with pre-existing conditions; & recruit new doctors, nurses, dentists and other healthcare professionals to Southern New Mexico. Fight price-gouging to protect consumers and continue growing and diversifying Southern

New Mexico's economy to bring long-term, better-paying jobs to our region. Hire more police officers and sheriff's deputies; speed up trials; and expand drug treatment & mental health programs to tackle the root causes of crime and homelessness. Increase drought measures that conserve water for farms and families while tapping new water sources through treatment and innovation. Safeguard reproductive rights for women.

3. I helped to lead the fight to cut the personal income and gross receipts tax and eliminate the tax on Social Security. These measures put real dollars into the pockets of working families and retirees. We can do more. We can still make our income tax structure more fair to working families and ensure out-of-state corporations pay their fair share.

4. Continuing to expand our clean energy and advanced energy economy is vital, including supporting non-traditional water source development so we can save freshwater for families, farms, and the environment. Supporting our higher education institutions, leveraging our permanent funds, and deploying the new \$250+ million dollars in economic development infrastructure will ensure that we create well paying, sustainable jobs. Other key areas include value added agriculture, tourism, film and healthcare with a focus on behavioral healthcare.

5. Since 2019, we have raised teacher pay to a minimum of \$50,000 per year and made college and vocational school free for all New Mexicans who work hard. We've invested in Career Technical Education, which is improving student attendance and outcomes. Expanding experiential learning opportunities and connecting young people and their communities with opportunities for work and service are vital. We must continue hiring new teachers, including through the very successful educator fellows program, while also ensuring our students have high quality materials and top notch facilities.



**Joanne Ferrary -
Dist. 37 (D)
Candidate
for N.M. State
Representative**

1. My educational background is in Social Marketing with an MBA from NMSU. My work experiences as a Planner Director for traffic safety issues and as a community organizer have helped me to understand how to develop relationships with leaders and communities to drive policy on issues to improve health, education and living conditions for all New Mexicans.

2. To reduce alcohol and nicotine use with increased taxes and to provide funding for underage use prevention, treatment, media awareness and enforcement. I support the Environmental Rights, Act to be adopted into our State Constitution aka, The Green Amendment, so that everyone's right to clean air, water and soil will be considered at every level of government in their decision making process. I also support changes needed for guardianship protections such as Supported Decision Making as a tool to support people with disabilities without their having to give up their right for self determination.

3. We need to continue and increase the child tax credit so that families can have more disposable income. We also need to increase the alcohol and nicotine excise taxes so we can reduce their use as well as direct funds for prevention and treatment. We need to increase the Oil and Gas severance tax to equalize with Texas and increase funds.

4. Our investment in solar, wind and geothermal will help to grow clean energy jobs as well as diversify our energy production and improve our environment. Continued investment in education, apprenticeships and internships will help grow our workforce that is so desperately needed and that will help attract businesses to locate to NM.

5. Continued salary and benefit increases for teachers and staff will attract more people to those positions and help to reduce class sizes. All schools should

be Community Schools providing wrap around services for students and families and help to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences that interfere with learning.



**Tara Jaramillo -
Dist. 38 (D)
Candidate
for N.M. State
Representative**

1. In my time as the state representative for House District 38, I've fought for the needs of people I represent - from sponsoring bipartisan legislation to protect vulnerable children in state custody to pushing for more infrastructure money for our communities. In my professional life, I've been an impactful business owner for decades, supporting children and families through the work we do, and I am also a member of the Socorro School Board. In short, I am a community servant through and through, and I remain committed to using my voice to lift up my neighbors.

2. Number one, the people of our district are struggling with rising costs. We have got to reduce the tax burden of hard-working families - groceries and gas should not cost an arm and a leg, and the gross receipts tax should be cut to help families and small businesses. I also believe we need a strong border, and I support the bipartisan border bill in Congress that would've protected our communities from illegal drugs and traffickers while supporting pathways for legal immigration. Finally, the quality of our public schools requires more sustained investment, particularly in teachers and their salaries, as well as better after-school programming. Infrastructure and protecting a woman's reproductive freedom are also key priorities for me.

3. Families should not be subsidizing tax breaks for the wealthy. A tax structure that benefits the working families and ensures large corporations pay their fair share is what we need in New Mexico. I support reducing the tax burden on Social Security recipients and seniors; I also support closing GRT loopholes. I would also support exempting military

pensions from state taxes.

4. The industries of the future require a workforce with the skills to match. I support college scholarships that are targeted at students who commit to work in New Mexico in high-demand fields, and I also support tax credits to attract more businesses to anchor here in New Mexico. We should promote and expand renewable energy projects, tourism and outdoor recreation, technology startups and broadband initiatives.

5. We must pay our teachers a better salary, and we must invest in better training and retention programs to keep high-quality educators from moving to other states. I support legislation that would reduce class size and update our curriculum to include a focus on STEM and vocational skills. The Public Education Department must have strong and stable leadership, and rural school districts must continue to fight for enhanced access to technology and broadband. Furthermore I will support legislation that moves more control over education from the state bureaucracy out into the local school districts; local control will help more students in more districts get the individualized support they need.



**Rebecca Dow -
Dist. 38 (R)
Candidate
for N.M. State
Representative**

1. My extensive experience as a business owner, founder of multiple non-profit organizations focused on education and child development, and leadership roles in the House of Representatives demonstrate my strong qualifications for public office. Through my work and community service efforts, I have a strong understanding of New Mexico's statutory and regulatory environment. My education in early childhood and business management further enhances my ability to address the needs of our community by advocating for policies that support development of healthy families and promoting greater economic opportunities. I also utilize critical



Rebecca Dow, cont.

thinking, problem solving skills, and resourcefulness to achieve results.

2. Dismal child welfare outcomes and generational poverty were what drove me to run for public office in 2016. I envision a New Mexico where children are born healthy, are safe and secure in their surroundings, enter kindergarten ready to succeed, progress from grade to grade achieving their highest individual potential, and graduating with a post high school goal in mind. I worked hard during my six years in the NM House of Representatives to build bipartisan support for key reforms that research shows are effective in building healthy families. While I believe we need to make key changes to break generational poverty, I have seen first-hand how many current representatives lack the energy and desire needed to realize this is so important.

3. Thanks to a booming oil & gas industry, NM has experienced record breaking general fund budget surplus. The Legislature should be working to use these surplus dollars to create prosperity in our State. The best way to realize this goal is through fundamental tax reform. Reforming GRT would give small businesses a significant tax reduction so they can expand jobs, provide higher wages for their employees & become more competitive with businesses located in neighboring states. I would also eliminate or phased-in significant reductions in other taxes including personal income taxes & the taxes levied on Social Security & military pensions. NM's tax code must also be competitive with our neighbors regarding capital gains & corporate taxes.

4. Tax reforms listed above would help NM's economy grow, yet we need reliable & affordable electricity; Without it business simply won't come here. The Energy Transition Act of 2019 set New Mexico on a "crash course" towards a "zero carbon" future. Such a future is simply not realistic or affordable & NM will pay a hefty price. Instead, NM needs to work to bring nuclear power to our state as a long-term zero-carbon solutions. We need to embrace home grown natural gas as a lower carbon

"bridge" to our energy future. We need to be tougher on crime, so people & businesses feel comfortable & safe, while also ensuring their property rights are secure. We must reform the medical malpractice to safe our private health care industry & small hospitals.

5. We need to make bold changes to our education system. Families want their children to be prepared for the workplace and businesses need an educated workforce to provide future jobs and more economic opportunities. Yet, recent efforts to pour billions of dollars more into a broken system has not worked and our students continue to fall further behind. That's why I support local control and innovation. Parents are their child's primary educator and decisions are most effective when the people who know & understand the student best are involved. I believe in school choice. Choice allows funds to follow students to the school or services that best fit their needs --- whether that's a public, private, home school, or other.



Doreen Yvonne Gallegos - Dist. 52 (D) Candidate for N.M. State Representative

1. I have served House District 52 for over ten years, bringing the concerns of Doña Ana County to the Roundhouse and championing legislation that directly benefits southern New Mexico. I have worked for over 20 years supporting families throughout the district and surrounding areas, having served as Executive Director of Mesilla Valley CASA for over 15 years. I graduated from New Mexico State University with an undergraduate and master's degree in Social Work. I serve as Chair of the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee and have worked hard to bring economic opportunity to House District 52. Among many other bills, I sponsored the legislation establishing an Early Childhood Trust Fund.

2. First, we must ensure that every child in New Mexico has access to the best education possible, from early childhood through college or trade school. That

means fully funding the schools and recruiting and retaining the best and brightest educators--and supporting them in the classroom. Next, we must create economic opportunity across New Mexico, incentivizing new industries to invest in New Mexico's economy and creating new jobs. Further, we must create safe neighborhoods by treating the root causes of crime, like mental illness and substance abuse. Creating more opportunities for treatment - and stiff penalties for violent criminals or criminal misuse of firearms - will help ensure public safety.

3. We need to update our tax structure to benefit working families, ensure the structure is equitable for all New Mexicans, and still generates the revenue needed to keep providing the services that the residents of our communities deserve. We should be focused on other sources of tax revenue besides the gross receipts tax, which is ultimately a regressive tax.

4. We need to incentivize new industries to invest in New Mexico's economy. That might mean incentivizing renewable energy and creating the infrastructure we need to not only create our own energy, but also sell that energy to surrounding states, generating dollars and well paying jobs. We can also incentivize tech companies and angel investors to help grow New Mexico's economy. Further, we need to dedicate funding to job training and the trades to help prepare workers for jobs that pay a living wage and then some.

5. To improve New Mexico's educational outcomes, we have to recruit and retain the best and brightest educators in the country. That means not only compensating them competitively, but supporting them in the classroom, as well. As the responsibilities of educators grow, we need to also grow the support staff and ancillary staff needed to carry out those responsibilities. We also should work on reducing class sizes and the paperwork burden of educators. We can invest resources into community schools, which provide wraparound services to students in need, and provide for the social emotional wellness of students, which increases their academic performance.



Sarah Angelina Silva – Dist. 53 (D) Candidate for N.M. State Representative

1. I have 20 years of experience working to protect and expand the freedoms that enable people to live full lives. I've dedicated my life to organizing communities to speak on their own behalf to successfully raise the minimum wage, save their homes from foreclosure, advocate for immigration reforms that make our nation stronger by respecting people's rights and honoring our values, and protect our Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks as a national monument. I've supported thousands of people to engage in effective and direct ways that protect our freedoms and choices as New Mexicans.

2. This election is about protecting our freedoms: the freedom to decide whether and when to grow our family, the freedoms to care for a sick family member without losing a job and to get dinner on the table and be home in time to eat it, the freedom to let our kids be kids and come back safely from school each day. As voters, we have the ability to protect and expand those freedoms by electing the right people to office. As your state representative, I will be dedicated to ensuring those freedoms are protected regardless of background, color, gender, zip code, political affiliation, and marital status – and regardless of whether you live in a city or colonia. No exceptions.

3. As a business owner I feel the impact of an imperfect tax structure and can see how it can be modernized to meet the needs of residents regardless of income or work. I have heard the concerns about our state's gross receipts tax structure as opposed to the sales tax structure used by most states. I'm open to considering changes, but the details will matter. As our state legislators discuss this issue I can tell you that I will advocate for wealthy corporations to pay New Mexico what they owe so we can fund our families and communities and reduce our dependence on the oil and gas industry. The decisions we make about how to fund our state are critical to the health and well-being of our land, families and

neighbors now and in the future.

4. I would support the incorporation of Chaparral, which is located in House District 53. Chaparral's proximity to El Paso creates immense potential to improve the economic situation of the 16,000 people living there and the state as a whole. Every city was once a small town with people who had dreams of starting their own business or building a home. We need infrastructure to make those dreams come true. Without it people can't build a future or prosper. When we leave communities without the infrastructure they need, we fail the economies that matter most: our family economies and budgets. Chaparral is the largest unincorporated colonia in the state of New Mexico. We must fund their ability to achieve their hopes and dreams.

5. My daughter attends a public school. I believe every child, no matter what they look like or where they are from, deserves a safe and welcoming school where they can thrive. I support investments the Legislature has made in early childhood education. I am committed to ensuring every child receives a quality education. What we are doing today isn't working for every child. We all deserve fully funded schools filled with caring adults that include counselors and nurses, libraries filled with books, safe places to play and learn, clean indoor air and water, nutritious food and the guarantee that our kids come home each day. Our children's freedom from school shootings and their ability to thrive depend on our commitment to this vision.



Elizabeth Lee Winterrowd - Dist. 53 (R) Candidate for N.M. State Representative

1. As the mother of four grown children including, one adopted through the New Mexico foster system, and in my role as a special education teacher and teacher of gifted students for 17 years, I have personally experienced the struggle of educating students as well as the failure of CYFD to protect New Mexican children. I believe a good education and better schools are the foundation of building healthy communities with less crime, more quality jobs, and a better way of life for all of us. Since I've retired as a

schoolteacher, I am ready to advocate for students, give parents back their rights, and give teachers the support they deserve. I have the credentials and the experience to represent the people of District 53.

2. The pervasive crime in our community, made even worse by the illegal drugs and human trafficking at our borders, is top of mind for me. I will join the governor and other leaders in the legislature who have already been working towards solutions to reduce crime, and I'll fix the loopholes that allow dangerous reoffenders back onto our streets. Additionally, I care deeply about families and providing opportunities for our children. With a background in education, I want to make sure that parents remain involved, that politics stays out of the classroom, and that teachers are well taken care of.

3. Our current tax system is complicated and penalizes businesses who are then forced to pass down costs to the consumer. I am not a tax or accounting expert, but I know there are many experts who can steer us in the right direction. I intend to be a loud voice to protect the taxpayers in my district.

4. We have a strong agriculture industry and we are blessed with resources that other states don't have. The problem is we're not taking full advantage of them. New Mexico's regulations are too overbearing for businesses and workers in our state. Many farmers, ranchers, miners, oil and gas producers and regular New Mexicans feel stunted by the mandates put into place. It's not as much about asking what else can we do to bring in revenue, but rather, how can we make it easier on our hard working New Mexicans?

5. I have seen the evolution of our education system from years ago to now, and I know that we are not investing in teachers and programs for students like we should. Instead of providing opportunities, we've seen extreme politicians lean toward more political and social lessons than actual curriculum. We've seen parents be shut out of their child's education instead of welcomed to engage. We need to refocus and make sure opportunities for learning come first and resources are available to make that happen.

Judicial

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - Judicial Retention

QUESTIONS NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – JUDICIAL RETENTION THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- 1. What have you accomplished during your time in office that should be considered when voting in this retention race?**
- 2. If retained, how do you intend to ensure court cases are addressed in a fair and timely manner?**
- 3. What changes, if any, do you believe should be made within the district court system?**



Conrad F. Perea - Div. 3 Candidate for District Court Judge

1. I have lived the majority of my life in Dona Ana County NM. This is my community. I understand it's strengths and issues. The voters should consider the thousands of cases, particularly criminal cases, that I have handled and adjudicated which go to making our community a safer place to live. I am currently assigned as the Chief Judge which addresses the administrative aspects of managing our courts. From budgets to case assignments to trials and sentencing. Experience in communicating and working with our community partners enables me to address issues that arise and are ultimately addressed appropriately. My dedication to the position is continuous and is key. These accomplishments help me understand our people and their problems.

2. Our citizens come to court for solutions and actions and should not wait long for justice. I will use our Case Management Order (CMO) and Performance Measures for Judges to their fullest. I know how to keep track of

my cases and do so weekly. These orders and measures have definite timelines and requirements. I do and will continue to hold all parties and the Court itself to those strict requirements. Further, I will hold my colleagues to these timelines and requirements so that this entire court will court will ensure that all cases are addressed in a fair and timely manner. Furthermore, if an accused in in custody, those cases will be addressed as quickly as possible so that victims and the defendant themselves receive justice.

3. I believe that there are many changes that need to be made. During my years as a Judge in Dona Ana County NM, I have seen many individuals that need and are seeking assistance for issues that they may be experiencing in their lives. Issues of substance abuse, competency and sometimes developmental or intellectual disability require great care. Alternatives would be to find resources such as mental health treatment or Competency Diversion Programs and Treatment Court programs so people can succeed. The Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program should be enhanced so that more individuals will be addressed in the civil court-ordered treatment program for individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses.

James T. Martin - Div. 6 Candidate for District Court Judge

No response received

Richard M. Jacquez - Div. 9 Candidate for District Court Judge

No response received



DISTRICT ATTORNEY

QUESTIONS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

1. What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?
2. If elected, what are your highest priorities?
3. What criminal justice reforms do you support, if any?
4. Explain what factors you would consider when declining to prosecute a case?



Fernando R. Macias (D)
Candidate for District Attorney, Third Judicial Dist.

1. I am a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center in Washington DC. I have an extensive legal background as a former district court judge (three years as Chief Judge), district public defender, executive director of New Mexico Legal Aid, assistant district attorney, and attorney in private practice. I served nine years as County Manager, managing budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars and overseeing hundreds of employees. As a State Senator I served as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. As General Manager of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission I managed the development of hundreds of environmental infrastructure projects in communities along the US/Mexico border. Former Chair of the Doña Ana County Commission.

2. Build a formidable legal team that will prosecute cases to reduce crime and build a safer community. Reduce the rate of dismissal of criminal cases. Increase safety in public schools by implementing programs to reduce gun violence. Prosecute adults and juveniles involved in crimes of violence including domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes. Keep repeat offenders and dangerous individuals incarcerated pending trial. Fast-track

cases so victims and defendants do not wait an excessive amount of time for justice and accountability. Promote early intervention programs for juveniles. Address issues of mentally ill offenders, drug abuse, damage to property, shoplifting and animal cruelty. Operate the office with full transparency.

3. Fast track the prosecution of crimes of violence by both adults and juveniles. Reduce the time necessary to prosecute criminal cases with an emphasis on defendants remaining in custody, so that both victims and defendants are not waiting an excessive amount of time for justice and accountability. I will promote early intervention programs for juveniles by building partnerships with the schools, law enforcement agencies, and youth organizations to divert children from the criminal justice system as well as promoting aggressive anti-truancy programs. I will develop domestic and child abuse prevention programs.

4. Insufficient evidence to support the successful prosecution of the case.



Michael E. Cain (R)
Candidate for District Attorney, Third Judicial Dist.

1. I have over 25 years experience as a trial attorney. I have tried somewhere between 150-200 full jury trials to verdict. I have run a successful law firm in Las Cruces for the past 17+ years. I worked as an Assistant District Attorney from 2001-2004. I was a Senior Children's Court Attorney for 2 years after my employment as an Assistant District Attorney. Either as a prosecutor or as a defense attorney, I have tried a wide variety of cases, ranging from misdemeanors to murder trials. I was also a member of the US Army for 12 years. I originally enlisted and was later chosen to attend Officer Candidate School. I completed by service at the rank of Captain. My opponent has not entered a courtroom as an attorney in over 25 years.

2. The first priority is to get federal grant money back. The current administration has lost all of that money. It accounts for up to 35% of the office's total budget. This money also flows to the courts and other agencies to allow them to fund diversion programs, treatment programs, victim's advocates,

etc. The second priority is to bring the office staffing back to a full compliment of 30-35 attorneys. Currently, there are between 10 and 14 attorneys. We will work to correctly charge cases and to not over charge nor under charge cases. We will work with law enforcement to provide training at their academies and ongoing training. We will have an attorney on call to go to all major crime scenes to help preserve the case for trial.

3. At the statewide level, we need to address the problems with the current bail bond system. The other statewide priority is reform of the criminal competency laws. Both are in need of immediate reform. Locally, the District Attorney's office needs to once again seek federal grants to fund matters such as diversion programs, victims assistants and substance abuse and mental health counseling. At least 30% of the DA's office budget should be coming from federal grants. The State does not fund that office at appropriate levels. The current administration has allowed all of it's federal grants to lapse, causing them a severe budget shortfall, resulting in their inability to hire a full staff of Assistant District Attorneys.

4. We will stop using the grand jury system to charge felony cases. We will go back to the preliminary hearing system. Grand Juries result in improper charging of cases, and the office not knowing their cases well enough that they run into huge problems prior to trial. A preliminary hearing is like a mini-trial. The State has to call all of the witnesses and the evidence to get the indictment. This means that we will know up front the strengths and weaknesses of every case. The current Supreme Court rule in Dona Ana County which greatly accelerates trial schedules is based on the DA using preliminary hearings instead of grand juries.



COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE, Division 1

QUESTIONS DOÑA ANA COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1. What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?
2. If elected, what are your highest priorities?
3. Would the county be better served with a metropolitan court system? Please explain.
4. What changes are needed, if any, to improve the magistrate court system?



Nathan William Graff (D)
Candidate for County Magistrate Judge, Div. 1

1. I practiced almost exclusively criminal law while in private practice in Albuquerque, moving on to practicing only criminal law as Public Defender in both Albuquerque and Las Cruces, and I have over a year of experience as the Division I Judge for Dona Ana County Magistrate Court

2. Uphold the Constitutions of New Mexico and the United States of America from the Bench in Dona Ana County Magistrate Court

3. Yes. I have practiced in both the Metropolitan and Magistrate systems and Las Cruces would be greatly served by a metropolitan court due to 1) access to resources 2) more access to resources related to specialty courts and competency adjudication 3) appeals would go to the Court of Appeals for appellate review rather than de novo review at the district court, therefore increasing judicial efficiency and 4) greater transparency within the community

4. More transparency to the public, however, with recent initiatives, that is being provided with recent implemented changes to court websites. Additionally more access to alternative dispositions (as would be provided through a

metropolitan court) would benefit the diverse needs of Dona Ana County.



**Rosenda Maria Chavez Lara (D)
Candidate for
County Magistrate
Judge, Div. 3**

1. Since 2015, I have used my legal skills and courtroom experience to serve our community. I represented clients in the Magistrate and District Court in criminal, civil, and probate matters. My practice focused on Domestic Relations matters and representing and protecting children in Abuse & Neglect cases. Currently, as a staff attorney for the New Mexico Office of Guardianship, I work to protect the rights of individuals involved in adult guardianship cases. Additionally, I am a Commissioner for the State Bar of New Mexico and serve on the Kevin S. settlement project to help reform CYFD. I have used my legal education and experience to benefit the people of Doña Ana County by coordinating pro bono legal fairs countywide since 2021.

2. In Doña Ana County, it is estimated that 80% of cases that come before the courts involve self-represented individuals. One of my priorities is to create a Self-Help Center for the Magistrate Court, which will help self-represented individuals needing guidance. Further, not every legal problem requires a person to be incarcerated. I will advocate for expanding existing treatment courts and establishing juvenile treatment courts, domestic violence treatment, and veterans' treatment courts. The Magistrate Court meets primarily in Las Cruces, with hearings held a few times a week in Anthony and virtual hearings from Hatch. As your next judge, I will hold court throughout Doña Ana County to ensure everyone has access to justice.

3. Doña Ana County is the second largest county in our state, and its needs continue to outpace the ability of the local judiciary to serve the public. I would encourage the Legislature to examine the needs of Doña Ana County.

4. Virtual hearings do not address the needs of individuals who do not have access to video technology or reliable internet or who are not technologically literate. Further, our neighbors in Sunland

Park, Chaparral, and Hatch may be unable to travel to Las Cruces for hearings. We need to redeploy our judicial resources so that everyone may meaningfully access the court by expanding the in-person service area for the court and assisting our community with expanded language and technology access. Further, re-establishing the safe surrender program to address outstanding warrants and the domestic violence offender treatment court would benefit our community by addressing case backlogs and providing treatment to domestic violence offenders.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION

QUESTIONS DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION

1. **What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?**
2. **If elected, what are your highest priorities?**
3. **What specific actions, if any, should the Commission take to improve economic development in the county?**
4. **How would you increase access to quality health care including behavioral health services?**



**Lorraine Limon McCullough (R),
Candidate for
Doña Ana County
Commission,
Dist. 2**

1. I am a life-long citizen of Dona Ana County, living in the home my grandparents built in the early 1900's. I am dedicated to working with school boards and NOT acquiesce to being like the rest of the state, 50th in education. I am able to work with local, state and federal agencies to ensure dams in the area will not result in breakage such as La Union, Chamberino, Santa Teresa and Sunland Park as in past years. I have worked with local, state and federal agencies in the past as well as helped

lobby the state legislature for funds for scholarships at NMSU.

2. Veteran and citizen homelessness. Finding well-paying jobs for legal citizens. Clean water and safe dams. Assistance for stray animals.

3. Work with school districts to prioritize Civics, US Government and US History beginning with 1st grade. Work to educate voter population on the US Constitution and how our government came to be.

4. I highly support paper ballots and valid ID for ALL persons voting and hand counting of ballots. Larger states and counties are doing it, so can Dona Ana!



**Gloria Gamos (D), Candidate for
Doña Ana County
Commission,
Dist. 2**

1. I am a former Trustee and Mayor Pro Tem for 6 years as an elected official with the City of Anthony, NM from 2016 to 2021. During my tenure I wrote many policies, resolutions, and ordinances for the financial security and internal procedural practices of the City of Anthony, NM. I attended training sessions in government law and finances every year while I was in office.

2. My priority will be to have open communication to learn and educate myself on the issues and needs of every community in my district by presenting myself frequently to the public at community sites to listen to their concerns. I hope to work in collaboration with other branches of government from municipalities, county, and state for safer communities.

3. While going door to door during campaigning, educating voters about the importance of their voice being heard with their vote. Having information of voting site locations, days, and times of voting.

4. Having large visible signage at voting sites showing where voting is held at. Having an officer at each voting site for security.

**Irma Susana Chaparro (D),
Candidate for Doña Ana County
Commission, Dist. 2**

No response received

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**Stacie M. Durham (R), Candidate for
Doña Ana County
Commission,
Dist. 4**

1. I am an NMSU graduate and possess a Bachelor of Individualized studies, primarily concentrating in business and arts & sciences. My degree in the arts & sciences allowed me to obtain a limited liability certificate for my business The Organ Mountain Historical Society.

2. Health & Public Safety. Economics. Housing. Education. Public Transportation.

3. I encourage everyone to keep an open mind about their choices when it comes time to vote. I also recommend that the voters do some research on a candidate they may be interested in before they conclude that decision. It is important for anyone who votes to be able to be proud of the changes that they help make.

4. I have no objections about voting access. It is the security that I find extremely important. I will want to implement several changes through the county clerk's office to assure the voters that their vote is being counted without complications, in the facilities and through the mail. There are rules and regulations that should be effective, but at this time I am afraid we the people have made it clear that there should be more regulations to secure our voting system. I believe that we can come up with a solution.



**Manuel A. Sanchez (D). Candidate for
Doña Ana County
Commission,
Dist. 5**

1. I have represented District 5 as Commissioner since 2019 and have had the opportunity to learn how County and State government operates and how to drive changes. I received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT and have worked for General Electric for the past 23 years in many roles of increased responsibility that have given me the opportunity through training(s) and experience to learn about direct and indirect leadership, how to effectively listen, and take feedback to drive improvement.

Manuel A. Sanchez, cont.

2. My highest priorities will be the continued implementation of our 5 year strategic plan and improving county infrastructure. The 5-year was approved in Nov. 2023 creating metrics for each County department based on the 7 vital conditions that directly impact residents' quality of life. The plan will help provide focus that will drive decisions by the County and provides the public with feedback on performance to the plan. Over the past 5 years, there has been momentum building on infrastructure across the County. I will continue to focus on completion of these projects that will expand broadband access & construction of improved flood protection. Improved infrastructure helps our residents and will attract more companies to the area.

3. Education on the voting process is key to helping residents understand the process and encouraging participation. From the ability to register when applying for a drivers license to the many voter convenience centers across the County, there have been steps put into place to make voting accessible to all of our residents. Sometimes voters can become disillusioned by the current state of national politics. It is important voters understand the impact local and state elections have on their day to day lives and how their voices can be heard on these races by participating in our elections.

4. New Mexico was recently ranked #1 in the MIT Election Lab Election Performance Index. I believe utilizing my seat as commissioner to share news like this, combat misinformation, and ensure voters in Doña Ana County and southern New Mexico understand how secure our elections are and how they may participate. I have had the opportunity to speak to high school students about county government and the election process. Another opportunity is to ensure the County Commission works with the County Clerk's office to ensure funds are available to hire the necessary officials to staff all polling locations.



Marcy Renee Teague - District 5 (R) [Write-In Candidate]

1. 23+ years in service to customers and our Doña Ana community

through multiple businesses uniquely qualifies me to be able to understand and appreciate the needs of our residents, my neighbors. Raised with a solid-work ethic and moral fortitude by my adopted parents, I strive to ensure our community has the resources available to thrive and bring in and cultivate necessary elements to help improve our day-to-day lives.

2. Transparency in office and more concise and targeted communication to residents -- one of the main issues I hear as I am campaigning is that people don't even know who their representative is, I want to change that! I would love to speak to each and EVERY one of the residents of District 5 to determine their concerns for our community and find ways specific to them in order to improve our daily lives. I am aware of water issues that need to be addressed, medical and emergency availability and response, and a wastewater management plan to meet current and future human needs as well as protecting our natural environment. We can not attract desirable resources to areas that do not have the necessary infrastructure to support them.

3. Implement strategies to help foster a more engaged and informed voter, ultimately leading to higher turnout and participation. Voter Mobilization Campaigns: Host events, rallies, and workshops that encourage people to register and vote. Online Registration: Encourage online voter registration to make it easier for people to sign up to vote.

4. Enhancing voter interest is essential for a healthy democracy. Education and Awareness Campaigns - Civic Education: Implement programs in schools and communities that educate citizens about the importance of voting, how elections work, and the impact of their vote. Information Dissemination: Use social media, traditional media, and community events to spread accurate information about voting processes, candidates, and issues on the ballot. As a WRITE IN candidate, this campaign is a challenge all its own -- I am working feverishly to get my name at the forefront of my entire district.



COUNTY CLERK

QUESTIONS

DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK

1. What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?
2. If elected, what are your highest priorities?
3. What steps would you take to enhance voter interest and participation in the voting process?
4. What measures would you employ to improve voting access and election security?



Cheryl De Young (R) Candidate for County Clerk

1. I have worked the elections for decades; registered voters; proven experience in proper document storage, filing and retrieval; develop and administer budgets; hire, train and supervise staff; public speaking; computer skills; writing skills; community outreach;

2. Transparency is a must by having an open door policy. Trust is engendered through transparency. Integrity must be maintained. Accountability is the final piece.

3. I would be out in the community at events where I can engage the citizens. Listen to those who bring their concerns and work to solve problems. Be where the people are so that I am accessible to the citizens of Dona Ana County

4. I would make sure that training a priority. I would engage the poll workers during training and make sure that they are confident in their job as poll workers. Transparency would be a priority. I would make sure that each polling convenience center was safe, accessible and that each voters felt that their vote mattered and was secure.



Amanda Lopez Askin (D) Candidate for County Clerk

1. My background includes a diverse background in corporate and

governmental organizations. I am a 3x NMSU Aggie, with a PhD in a leadership focused program. While obtaining my Ph.D. I was appointed to serve on the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University where I supported the management of a 600 million dollar organization, one of our community's most important resources. Prior to serving as clerk, my professional experience encompassed working for a for-profit hospital, where I then chose to work for state government in school behavioral health advocacy, training, and promotion of best practices in behavioral health. I have served as Clerk for more than 5 years and am proud of our numerous accomplishments that benefit our community.

2. Utilizing the 3 million dollars I lobbied for to complete a brand new election warehouse, continue to implement best practices of election administration, support the growth and satisfaction of the exceptional staff that in our office, continue to offer excellent customer service, use constructive feedback to improve our procedures and processes, offer opportunities for community education and training on elections, support our real estate and business community in the services we provide them, maintain our robust staffing levels, continue to work with other organizations to promote voter education and participation, and advocate for Doña Ana County's perspective to be heard in Santa Fe, with stakeholders, and decisionmakers.

3. Advocacy on a state and federal level for specific funding to offer our communities voter education is something I believe would be helpful in voter interest and participation. Funding would assist in voter education/engagement, but also should happen year-round. Voter engagement requires a multi-pronged approach that requires not only the County Clerk's Office, but also community, indigenous, regional, state, and federal stakeholders. Educate and engage students at younger ages would be helpful in institutionalizing participation and civic engagement. Communicating to parents, grandparents, and trusted adults that are in young people's lives about voting and the importance of participation. Combat misinformation at any opportunity.

4. NM already implements best practices in voting access and election security, as evidenced by our recent ranking as #1 in MIT's Election Performance Index. Best practices include: paper ballots, paper ballots enable us to recount a single race or an entire election if necessary. Community education about comprehensive security measures we have implemented. For example, our tabulators are prevented by law from being joined to a computer network or the Internet. There are those that promote the opposite so correcting mis or malinformation is vital. Advocacy for additional funding and promotion that we can have both, great access for voters and also a secure system that every New Mexicans can believe in.

COUNTY TREASURER

QUESTIONS DOÑA ANA COUNTY TREASURER

1. **What skills, education and prior experiences qualify you for this office?**
2. **If elected, what are your highest priorities?**
3. **As County Treasurer what investment strategies would you follow?**



Marisol Richardson (D) Candidate for County Treasurer

1. I have worked in government, specifically at Doña Ana County for 16 years. I have held several financial positions; Accountant, Budget Officer, Accounts Payable and Payroll Manager, and am currently the Chief Deputy Treasurer. I obtained my Bachelor's and Master's of Accountancy from NMSU. I have lived most of my life in Doña Ana County. I bring a strong financial knowledge base to the office and a passion and commitment to public service.

2. My highest priorities are increasing community outreach, financial process

improvements, and to protect, manage, and invest taxpayer dollars.

3. The main objective is the safety of public funds while maximizing return. I would focus on understanding and following the investment limitations required of local governments. Additionally, focus on portfolio diversification based on economic trends and County operational needs.



ON THE BALLOT - State

NEW MEXICO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Residents can read arguments "for" the Amendments and "against" the Amendments, as drafted by the NM Legislative Council Services, at this website: www.lwvsnm.org.

Constitutional Amendment 1

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 federal disability rating.

Constitutional Amendment 2

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.

Constitutional Amendment 3

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.

Constitutional Amendment 4

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.

NEW MEXICO GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTIONS

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?

For Against

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?

For Against

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?

For Against

Bond Question 4 – Public Safety

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of public safety radio communications systems 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?

For Against

Local

LAS CRUCES GROSS RECEIPTS TAX QUESTION

Shall the City of Las Cruces impose a municipal gross receipts tax in the amount of three hundred twenty-five thousands of one percent (0.3250%) the revenues of which shall be used for funding capital improvements and maintenance for public safety, streets, parks, and other public facilities and critical infrastructure?

