

JUNE 4 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

VOTE 2024

YOUR VOTE MATTERS IN EVERY ELECTION!

The June 4, 2024, Primary Election will decide who represents you. The candidate information in this Voter Guide was obtained by means of a questionnaire sent to all the candidates. Their unedited responses have been printed exactly as submitted — up to the word limit for each response.

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HOW TO VOTE IN SANTA FE COUNTY

REGISTER to vote OR confirm you are already registered by going to SantaFe.vote. You can do same-day registration and vote up to and including Election Day, June 4.

TO VOTE EARLY (before June 4):

Option 1. Request an Absentee Ballot before May 21 at SantaFe.vote. Ballots mailed starting the second week in May; return in drop boxes (See list of locations) or mail to County Clerk.

Option 2. Same-day registration and early in-person voting at the County Clerk's Office (100 Catron Street) May 7-June 1. For hours go to SantaFe.vote.

Option 3. Alternative Voting Sites — same-day registration and early voting. May 18-June 1. See list of locations.

TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, June 4:

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

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

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El 4 de Junio de 2024 en la Elección Local Ordinaria se decidirá quién nos va a representar. La información dada por los candidatos fue obtenida mediante un cuestionario enviado a todos ellos. Sus respuestas fueron impresas, sin editarlas, exactamente como las enviaron, hasta el límite de palabras para cada respuesta.

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CÓMO VOTAR EN EL CONDADO DE SANTA FE

REGÍSTRATE para votar, O confirma si estás registrado yendo al sitio web de SantaFe.vote. Puedes empadronarte y votar hasta el día mismo de las elecciones, el 4 de junio.

PARA VOTAR TEMPRANO (antes del 4 de junio):

Opción 1. Solicita tu boleta para votar por correo antes del 21 de mayo en SantaFe.vote. Las boletas enviadas por correo a partir del segunda semana de mayo después de llenarse se pueden, o depositar en los buzones especiales para la elección o mandar por correo a la oficina del secretario del condado (County Clerk's Office) en 100 Catron Street.

Opción 2. Para registrarse y votar temprano el mismo día y en persona, en la oficina del secretario del condado (County Clerk's Office) del 7 de mayo al 1 de junio. Para los horarios de la oficina, visita el sitio web: SantaFe.vote

Opción 3. Sitios de votación alternativos:

registro del mismo día y votación temprana. 18 de mayo-1 de junio. Por favor cheque la lista de ubicaciones

PARA VOTAR EL 4 DE JUNIO DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES:

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

EARLY VOTING SITES/SITIOS PARA VOTAR TEMPRANO

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

May 18 to June 1 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays/ 18 de mayo-1 de junio de 11 a.m a 7 p.m. (de martes a viernes) y de 10 a.m. a 6 p.m. (sábados)

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

Santa Fe Nancy Rodriguez Community Center 1 Prairie Dog Loop

Santa Fe Christian Life Church 121 Siringo Road

Santa Fe Community College 6401 Richards Avenue

Santa Fe County Fair Building 3229 Rodeo Road

Santa Fe Southside Branch Library 6599 Jaguar Drive

Eldorado Max Coll Corridor Community Center 16 Avenida Torreon

Edgewood Fire station 70 1 Municipal Way
Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza Pojoaque County Extension 5 W. Gutierrez, Ste. 9

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

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

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

Nancy Rodriguez Center 16 Prairie Dog Loop
La Cienega Community Center 136 Camino San Jose

Southside Branch Library 6599 Jaguar Drive

Edgewood
SFC Edgewood Satellite 114 Quail Trail

Eldorado
Max Coll Community Center Avenida Torreon

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING IN THE JUNE 4 PRIMARY ELECTION

Vote411.org: Online expanded Voter guide and general voting information
LWVSFC.org: Link to Voter Guide and other voting information
LWV Santa Fe County Help Line: 505.982.9766



UNITED STATES SENATOR

This person represents New Mexico in the United States Senate. The Senate has 100 members, two from each state. Candidates must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of the state from which elected. Senators are elected statewide for staggered six-year terms. One New Mexico seat is up for election in 2024.

The League asked:	Why do you want to run for this seat?	What are the most important issues facing Congress in the next two years?	How would you address them?	What actions, if any, should Congress take regarding immigration?
Martin Heinrich Democrat	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
Nella Louise Domenici Republican	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3

This person represents New Mexico in the United States House of Representatives. The House has 435 members elected from districts based on population. New Mexico is entitled to three members. Candidates must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen for seven years, and must be a resident of New Mexico. Representatives are elected by district for a two-year term.

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


STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 <p>Anna C. Hansen Democrat annahansen santafe.com</p>	<p>Two-term County Commissioner (term-limited), I've delivered millions for our trails, roads, sewers and greenspace and passed over 60 progressive resolutions. I've spent my entire adult life being a champion for Santa Fe and the State. I'm the only candidate with a proven track record of getting things done, never giving up on an issue or position - regardless of the situation - consistently delivering huge wins for Santa Fe. We must demand climate solutions and better treatment for our environment, prioritize renewable energy and modernized state facilities, and guarantee clean water for future generations. I'm a leader for the clean-up of nuclear waste and against hard rock mining. I'm a graduate of UNM, a small business owner and artist.</p>	<p>I'm running to continue the good work I've been doing for constituents of Santa Fe. I know we can deliver better infrastructure, roads, sewers, increase access to healthcare and mental/behavioral health services, address homelessness, climate change, food scarcity and water issues, demand greater investments in our children and schools, guarantee broadband access, use regenerative agriculture and promote/protect our diverse heritage and cultural landscape. I have experience in sustainable development and believe the State can do more to support private/public partnerships, to seriously tackle affordable housing. My track record of working with all parties to get things done is unmatched. We need leadership and a champion of sustainability.</p>	<p>Water protections and security are top of my list. Working to increase fines on polluters from all industries that are making our communities toxic, expand surface water protections and pass a statewide ban on non-essential use of PFAS. It's time for a State Bank and a microlending program for New Mexico small businesses. Passing Paid Medical Family Leave. It's time to repeal the Oil & Gas Act and stop fresh water from being used for their operations. Working to fully fund the Oil Conservation Division & New Mexico Environment Department to enforce laws/hold bad actors accountable. Working with the City and County to address their needs and fund their shovel ready projects.</p>	<p>In the last three years, New Mexico has made significant efforts to lower taxes for our most vulnerable and those that served in the military, collect sales tax from out-of-state corporations and lowered GRT. I believe there are additional changes we can make to lessen the tax burden on New Mexico small businesses. I also support ending the tax credits for the wealthiest, revising the corporate tax structure, changing the pyramid tax structure to be more balanced, limiting the tax deduction for capital gains on sales of stocks and similar financial products. I support tax credits for decarbonization of our state and ending tax credits for fossil fuel and stripper wells. Increasing the Child Tax Credit to continue to help our families.</p>
 <p>Veronica Ray Krupnick Democrat VeronicaFor NewMexico.com</p>	<p>After graduating from Fort Lewis College with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health, I returned home to New Mexico where I have served as a career child welfare advocate for 51/2 years. I have directly partnered with stakeholders and policy-makers at the local, state, and national level to address poverty, homelessness, criminal system pipelines, immigration status, criminalization of mental and behavioral health, generational and historical trauma, racial equity, and challenges specific to tribal communities. I currently serve as the Leadership Analyst to House Majority Leader Chasey, and this experience has provided me with essential knowledge of our state's legislature, legislative process, and the commitment needed to serve New Mexico.</p>	<p>In the most critical election year in our history, NOW is the time for a new voice and new leadership! I am proudly running as a 28-year-old New Mexican & Indigenous leader dedicated to one mission: strengthening & protecting the resources and rights of our children, young people and families, so they may live holistically safe and well lives. As a foster care alumni & career child welfare advocate, I know that policy IS personal! Nearly half of New Mexico is under 34 years old and has zero representation reflective of our daily experience in the Senate. I have the lived experience, professional background, and fire to fight for you because I'm living the challenges alongside you. I am ready to be a fierce voice for our future!</p>	<p>In the next legislative session, my top 5 priorities are child welfare, affordable and accessible housing, behavioral health, tribal protections, and environmental issues. I am a leader who values co-governance, and I will be proactive in partnering with our community leaders and organizations who are addressing these issue areas through a racial equity, lived-experienced centered, culturally humble, cross-system, and social and restorative justice approach.</p>	<p>As a leader, I value transparency, and owning what I do not know and need deeper knowledge of. This is an area I am not as well versed in and will take the time to do more research and outreach to ensure the changes I support and propose are balanced solutions with backing from my constituents. I strongly feel that the best way I can serve my community is by putting my best and most informed foot forward.</p>
 <p>Linda M. Trujillo Democrat lindatrujilloform.com</p>	<p>I am a licensed attorney with a background in education and public administration. I served two terms as President of the Santa Fe Public School Board, two terms as State Representative and most recently as Superintendent of the Regulation and Licensing Department. My career includes expanding early education programs, increasing access to career and technical education, protecting reproductive rights, and building the regulatory framework for adult-use cannabis while reducing unnecessary red-tape for professional licensing. These successes demonstrate my ability to collaborate effectively with community stakeholders and policy makers and my experience uniquely positions me to tackle the challenges in the State Senate.</p>	<p>I'm running to be a voice for our community and enact positive change. I will advocate for early learning, k-12 public education and career and technical education; support access to healthcare and protect reproductive rights; and incentivize high-wage jobs and green energy. These issues are important to me because I've lived with financial uncertainty and depended on food stamps. I've had to choose between healthcare and housing. My life changed because a few amazing women helped me access educational opportunities. Every person has the right to a life with dignity, including food, housing and medical care. I will work tirelessly to address the issues facing our community to ensure a brighter future for generations to come.</p>	<p>Affordable Housing and Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand incentives to build affordable housing. Fund construction workforce development. <p>Early Childhood through Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professionalize early education workforce. Invest in community schools. <p>Reproductive Rights & Access to Healthcare Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase loan repayment and scholarships for healthcare professionals. Establish a healthcare fund for recruitment, retention and rate stabilization. <p>Environmental Conservation & Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund clean-up of legacy mining pollution. Fund regional water infrastructure modernization. <p>Entrepreneurs & Cannabis Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentivize research and development. Fund access to capital and eliminate barriers for underrepresented communities. 	<p>I would consider expanding and extending tax incentives to promote job creation and support specific industries that align with the state's priorities. For example, I would consider expanding incentives to purchase electric vehicles and to make residential and commercial buildings more energy-efficient. These tax adjustments could create financial incentives for individuals and businesses to transition to cleaner, more sustainable practices, helping to mitigate climate change and promote environmental conservation. It's important to note that while lowering tax rates can encourage transition to greener energy and energy efficient building, it's important to maintain revenue streams to fund essential public services.</p>


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

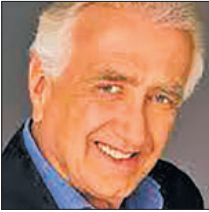
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 <p>Elizabeth Liz Stefanics Democrat senatorliz stefanics.com</p>	<p>Liz Stefanics is serving in her 3rd four year term as a NM State Senator. Her district is primarily rural and covers parts of 6 counties. She served 8 years as a Santa Fe County Commissioner.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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22

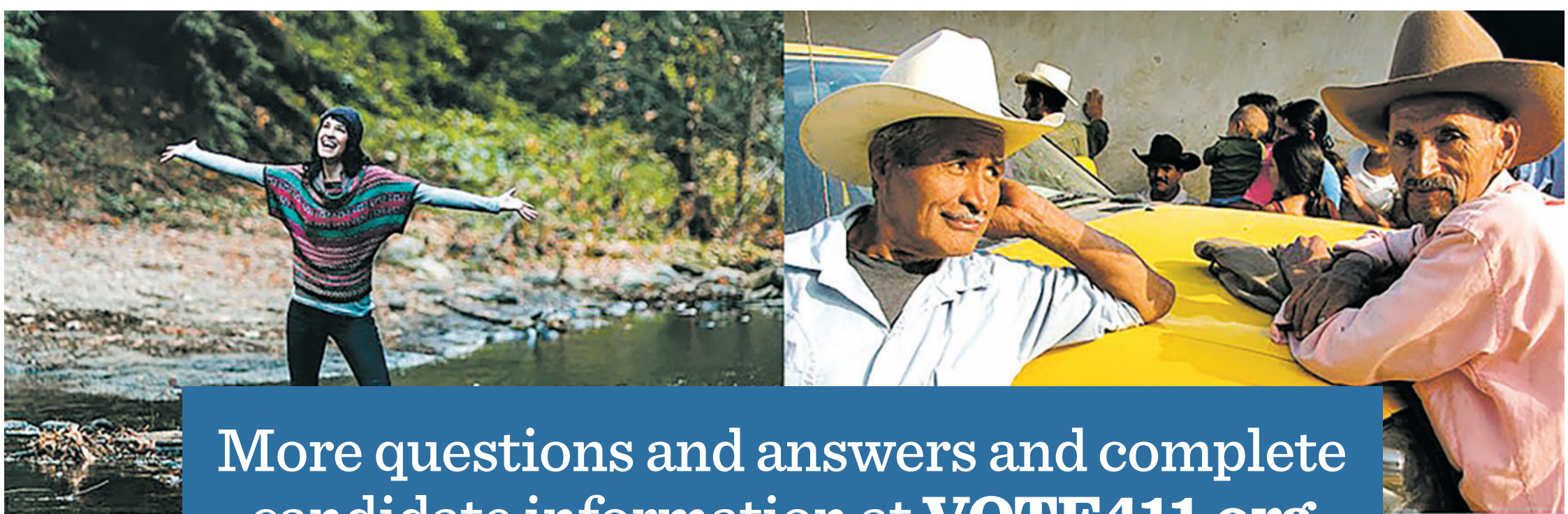
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The League asked:	What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?	What is your top priority, and how do you plan to address it?	What additional water policies and actions, if any, are needed in New Mexico?	What programs or actions, if any, would you support to provide more affordable housing?
Stefani Lord Republican	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
 Fred Ponzlov Democrat electfredponzlov.com	The ability to work with others who may have different views than my own. I'm a strong proponent of listening to others and compromising with those I disagree with.	Providing better access to healthcare for everyone, especially those residing in rural areas. There is a worldwide shortage of healthcare professionals, and New Mexico is not exempt from that shortage's impact. HD22 has fewer healthcare facilities, per capita, than most of the state.	We need to expand on the concept of sharing vital water resources through local boards to ensure that every New Mexican has a sufficient supply. Grant assistance for farmers to use less wasteful below-ground irrigation instead of spraying into the air, which results in more evaporation.	Tiny home villages to address the issues of homelessness that include a path to home ownership. Support of organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

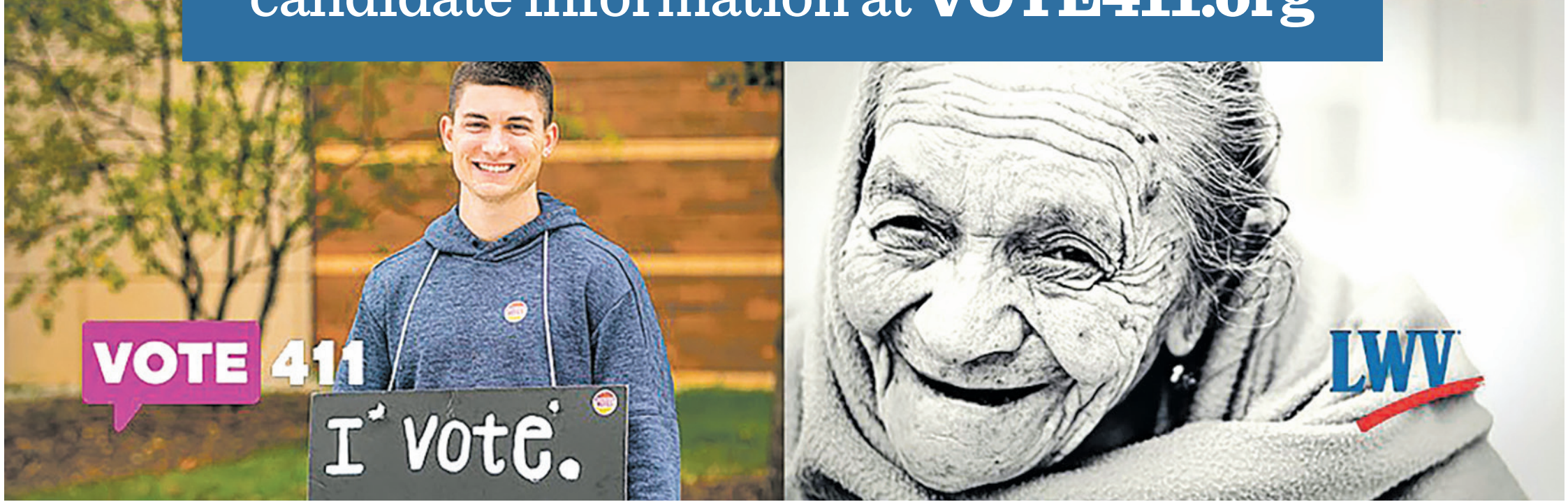
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 41

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 Susan K. Herrera Democrat susanherrera.com	Susan's legislative achievements in six years are remarkable. After four years, she was appointed Chair of the Agriculture, Acequias & Natural Resources Committee. Susan is a key leader of Water law in the House and has worked to pass several bills allowing small towns and villages to access state and federal funds for public water projects. In 2024, the state funding for water projects in District 41 is authorized at \$30 million. As a member of the Education Committee, she worked to raise salaries for teachers & legislative assistants. She helped create the Rural Library Endowment Fund, now at \$30.5 million. Susan ended a 20-year legislative battle to pass HR 132, reducing predatory commercial lending rates in NM from 175% to 36%.	I decided to run for office the morning Donald Trump was elected. I knew we would need strong Democratic state legislatures to combat upcoming policies. We are at a turning point again this year, and the imperative is to elect President Joe Biden. After six years in office, I've learned to successfully steer key legislation through the legislative process. However, much work remains to be done. Water, drought, and climate change are the top priorities in my district and we must continue creating policy that changes our landscape. The underlying issue for most problems in my district and the state is poverty. And it will take thoughtful and carefully crafted legislation to bring about change.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To Increase state funding for clean & reliable drinking water for all citizens. To increase waste-water systems to protect aquifers. Address drug abuse and chronic behavioral health issues that destroy families. To assist grandparents raising grandchildren. School bus drivers, secretaries, cooks, and janitors work for a minimum wage of \$12 an hour. These guardians of our children are an integral part of the education system and need our support. Paid Family Leave. We must protect our most vulnerable workers with a state paid family leave policy. Legislative modernization: salaried legislators, salaried staff and longer sessions. This constitutional amendment will create a stronger future for all New Mexicans. 	I think our film tax credit is too high and needs to be reduced. The gross receipts tax is outdated and needs to be revamped so that it is equitable and fair for all cities and counties, especially small rural towns and counties. The most successful tax reform for reducing poverty is the Child Tax Credit. I hope to co-sponsor legislation that increases the tax credit for our poorest families.
 Margaret Cecilia Campos Democrat MargaretforNM.org	I graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's & master's degree in business administration. Since, I have worked in NM in the healthcare, environmental, construction, education, broadband, and farming industries, within for profit, non-profit, federal, state, local, and tribal organizations. My vast experience in finance, project & operations management, feasibility & risk assessment, provide the perfect skillset to develop policy that benefits the citizens of NM in an effective & sustainable manner.	I am running for the position of State Representative because I love my state and our people. The people of New Mexico, the land, culture and environment, are all deserving of a representative in tune to their needs, with the experience, creativity, and passion to formulate long lasting solutions to many of our social & economic challenges. I am here to advocate for those who have not been heard and those who do not have a voice, the most vulnerable in our community, veterans, the elderly, children and the community that is raising a majority of children in my district. And the heroes that support them, teachers, law enforcement, EMTs, firefighters & CYFD. They are on the frontlines in our community.	Decrease costs, to provide pay increases for state employees & teachers, and more wrap around services for students. Improve healthcare systems by identifying methods to recruit & retain healthcare providers & staff in our remote communities. Develop higher paying jobs and pathways to entrepreneurship, build a better economy, starting with a better food economy. Improve access to federal funding and correspondingly, expand workforce development training to include grant writing, project & construction management and apprenticeships for all roles. Provide continued support to our mutual domestics, land grants, acequias, volunteer fire departments & library's. Develop pathways to home ownership; incentivize construction of starter homes.	I would like to eliminate the sales tax when New Mexico experiences surplus revenues from the oil and gas industry. I would also propose an increase to the corporate income tax. I would decrease the percentage at the lower levels, and correspondingly increase the upper level of the graduated individual income tax.


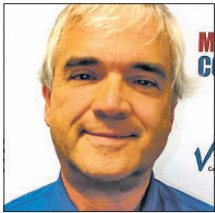


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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 43

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The League asked:	How can New Mexico improve access to physical and mental health care services?	What legislation would you support to reduce violent crime and improve public safety?	How can we protect New Mexico's economic future considering the reduced availability of water?	Do you support a paid Legislature and/or longer legislative sessions? Why or why not?
 Christine Chandler Democrat christine4statehouse.com	Long-standing challenges require multi-pronged, coordinated policy initiatives. The legislature is addressing the provider shortage, but more needs to be done. Implementing measures that include: student loan forgiveness programs that encourage providers to locate in areas with the most need; expanded tax credits for critically needed providers; expanded educational programs to increase the number of New Mexicans training for all medical professions. Incentive and retention strategies are key.	Improve Extreme Risk Protection Order law and train police on its effective use. Enact other gun safety laws shown to reduce gun violence. Prioritize incarceration of the truly dangerous and implement alternate sentencing and diversion programs that provide drug and behavioral health treatment, and job training. Focus on programs that are evidence-based and data driven. The data and evidence have shown us that the so-called tough on crime proposals fail us time and time again.	Enact laws that regulate and minimize access to and use of excessively large quantities of fresh water by industrial users by encouraging alternatives. This could include desalination initiatives and produced water reuse in the oil fields. Complete an assessment of water availability and implement regional water plans that address water use on a regional basis and tied to the conditions relevant to the area. The state is acting on inadequate data which hampers its ability to plan effectively.	Yes. New Mexico is the only state in the country with an unpaid, volunteer legislature. Many citizens cannot afford to leave their jobs for extended periods to serve. As a result, we lack an elected body that reflects the economic and ethnic diversity that would include many more perspectives and life experiences. Longer sessions will improve the legislature's ability to study and debate legislation. We need to eliminate the governor's exclusive role in setting the short session agenda.
 Chris Luchini Libertarian chrisluchini.org	Remove the GRT on health care services. Zoning reform to allow micro clinics in all areas.	There should be a radical reduction in traffic enforcement officers, and those positions changed into detective/ investigator positions. The 90/10 rule applies to crime, identifying and apprehending the violent criminals, and the professional property criminal will dramatically reduce crime. Incentivize responsible firearm storage. 89% of firearms traced to crime in New Mexico, originated from theft. Establish a \$50M Tax credits for the purchase of gun safe.	Government should lead by example: xeriscaping everything except a few parks. Transitioning residential water use to a extremely progressive price for water will incentivize homeowner conservation. The price of water directly affects its consumption. A complete reform of the water right system. A New Mexico is required, given that there are many, many times more paper water rights than there is wet water.	Yes, a paid legislature with salary linked to an exponential function of median income. A longer legislative session is not needed, there is an enormous amount of wasted time and political posturing and performance in the existing session.
Phillip Michael Mach Libertarian	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 45

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


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 46

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

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

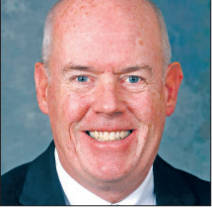


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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
Tara L. Lujan Democrat	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED


STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 50

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The League asked:	What prior experience and/or education have prepared you for this position?	Why are you running for this position?	What would be your priorities for the next session?	What, if any, changes to New Mexico's tax structure would you support?
 Matthew McQueen Democrat mcqueenform.com	I have degrees in law, business, and natural resources. I have been an attorney for over 30 years. I run my own business, am married, and have kids in public schools. I'm in my 10th year serving in the Legislature.	Public service.	I will continue to try to reform our State Game Commission and Department of Game and Fish into a modern wildlife agency. I will continue to pursue, as I have in the past, legislative reform, ethics, and transparency. And, as always, education and economic development are always priorities in the Legislature.	Our tax structure should be simple, fair, and progressive. I will continue to support legislation that enhances those characteristics.
 Wendy Ann Lossing Republican	I am currently serving as an elected board member for the Central Tri-County Soil and Water Conservation District (formerly known as Edgewood SWCD). As a Registered Nurse, I've spent countless hours listening to and providing for the needs and wishes of others. I spent part of my career in forensics, mainly providing sexual assault nurse exams to victims of sexual assault/abuse, I was also a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). These experiences taught me to fight, and fight hard, for what was right, to be a voice for those I was meant to serve. As a wife of an Air Force Veteran that was deployed a lot, with 5 kids in the house at one point, I am resilient, dependable and patriotic. I have what it takes to serve my family and community.	The citizens of House District 50 do not have what they deserve, that is true representation. We are a strong group of people with an amazing ability to care for ourselves. We do not require a big government that attempts to regulate every portion of our existence. I have decided to run for HD 50 so that these citizens have a representative that will be their voice.	As one of the first survivors of Roe v. Wade out of Asotin County, WA, and a woman that declined abortion that was urged of me in 2 pregnancies, I will protect our unborn children, our future. Benefits for our Veterans are a must. I will fight for our 2nd Amendment Rights. We need our border secured. Schools should be about the education of children, not political agendas. Our teachers should be given what they need to do their valuable jobs. I also support local agriculture. We have some of the most responsible, conscientious producers around, and they should be allowed the ability to do what they do best. I would support the pipeline coming through New Mexico, it brings jobs and money, which helps reduce our tax burden.	I would support a large reduction in the income tax of New Mexicans. I would also support an immediate zero tax on Veterans retirement.
 Kenneth Donald Brennan Republican kenform.com	Retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer. 17 Years management in the Wind industry. 2 years Town of Edgewood Commissioner, 7 months as Edgewood NM Mayor	Current representation in the house does not represent or support all residents of the district, especially those in the districts southern communities like Edgewood. Our current Rep lacks respect and empathy for not only those that have opposing views but people in general. No elected official should use their office to threaten and degrade a community. This is not how government should work and I plan on brining back understanding and respect to the office by working with all people on both sides. It is Ok to disagree but we all need to work together and find the middle ground for the betterment of our state.	Supporting displaced Veterans. Helping those that protected us get off the streets and back to being productive members of our communities. Address crime by supporting law enforcement & increasing the penalties that the courts can impose, especially when a weapon is used. Work with communities to reduce the number of families living on the streets by assisting in lodging and job placements and reducing drugs and other criminal activity that prey on those in a displaced status. Refocusing on education so tax monies go to the teachers and students and not administrations. Improving Rural communities access to proper medical facilities. Reversing the damage done to the medical providers by making it worthwhile to practice in New Mexico.	Reduce income tax on Military and first responders, both active and those receiving retirement pension. Reduce fuel taxes.

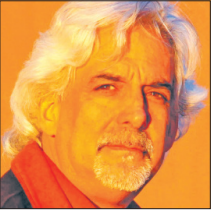
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 Anita Amalia Gonzales Democrat anita4newmexico.com	I am a mom, an education professional, an Acequia Commissioner, and a proud, multigenerational Norteña. For over 20 years, I have worked with STEM leaders, students, teachers, administrators, public school, industry partners, and higher education institutions to improve and change the lives of students from rural and small-town communities. I have committed my professional career to promoting educational equity and building meaningful collaborations throughout the state. I have always been involved in our community as a volunteer and board member. I completed most of my undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University and completed both my bachelor's degree and MBA at NM Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM.	I am running because we need real change. We need the kind of change that can be counted on to be there for our rural, small-town communities and everyday families struggling to make ends meet. The rising costs of groceries, gas, and housing coupled with the stagnation of wages are felt by all of us. With times as tough as they are, we need someone who helps our financial security. Instead, the incumbent has a record of voting against providing medical debt, against capping pay-day lending, and against reproductive rights. Right now, the well connected are taken care of, lobbyists with corporate clients have a trusted friend, and decisions are being made that hurt us. Northern New Mexico families need someone representing OUR interests.	My priorities are our families priorities. I will go to Santa Fe to support our working families to make ends meet—so it's easier for us to afford the necessities and have the security of Paid Family Medical Leave when they need it, as one example. I will work to fully invest in education and stand with our local small businesses so they have the tools they need to create new jobs, which we desperately need. Our communities need better healthcare and social services including mental health and addiction treatment programs. And finally, I will champion rural community needs like improved broadband and other infrastructure, and protect our natural resources like water for drinking and agricultural uses.	We should work towards a more progressive system which prioritizes families, small businesses, and our working class. We need to lessen our reliance on changing severance taxes from oil and gas; close corporate loopholes that do not directly relate to job growth; eliminate the many deductions and exemptions for special interests; and increase our capital gains tax. It is important to have a personal income tax system that ensures the wealthy pay their fair share, easing the burden on middle and lower income earners.
Ambrose M. Castellano Democrat	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 10

The Public Education Commission is a 10-person commission that is advisory to the Secretary of Education. The commission authorizes and monitors all state-chartered charter schools. Commissioners must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and reside in the district he/she represents. There are four-year staggered terms. Districts 1, 4, 8, 9 and 10 are up for election in 2020.

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

1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

The League asked:

What are your qualifications for this position?

What are your highest priorities for this office?

How do you intend to accomplish them?

What, if any, alternatives to incarceration do you support for nonviolent crimes?



Mary Virginia Carmack-Altwhies
Democrat
maryfordistrictattorney.com

I have had the honor of serving as New Mexico's First Judicial District Attorney since January 2021. With expertise in criminal law, I have seen both sides of the courtroom, working as a public defender and running my own practice. As DA, I carry a caseload and have prosecuted all kinds of cases. Since I took office, we have:

- Won over 95% of our homicide and violent crime prosecutions, including cases against child abusers, sex offenders, and rapists.
- Increased our DWI conviction rate to over 85%. When I took office, the DA's office had a DWI conviction rate of under 40%.
- Cleared years-old backlogs in rape kit prosecutions, police-involved shootings, and homicides.

I am a graduate of University of New Mexico School of Law.

We have turned around the District Attorney's office in three years time, and I want to expand on the work we have started and develop new programs and processes to keep our community safe. We especially need to increase prosecution and sentencing for gun crimes and address mental health challenges. We've had such incredible success winning cases with our complex crime unit that we're expanding it to include a greater number of crimes. To combat crime at its root, we're starting a juvenile justice project that will give wraparound services to juveniles to keep them out of our criminal justice system as adults. True to my campaign promise in 2020, we've also expanded diversion programs and plan to continue their expansion and effectiveness.

We've cleaned up outdated systems and implemented modernized, effective systems that will enable us to accomplish the work we set out to do. I intend to continue to implement the most effective systems to ensure our work is impactful. I'm working to implement systems that also will allow us to integrate with our law enforcement and community partners. We need to fight violent crime by getting guns out of the hands of criminals and supporting common sense gun violence prevention. We must work with the legislature to secure more funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment. I am working to secure more funding to ensure we are paying attorneys and staff competitively to recruit and retain the best and brightest in the field.

First, to be clear: violent crimes must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to keep violent criminals off the streets. Non-violent crimes are often symptoms of societal issues like poverty, homelessness, behavioral health, and substance use. After I took office, we expanded diversion programs to pre-trial, pre-sentencing, and post-sentencing diversion and expanded our diversion partners. We will continue to pursue new partners for diversion and work to ensure diversion is used in all cases where it will be beneficial. As stated above, we need to work with the Legislature to secure more treatment for mental health and substance abuse. Treatment is not possible if no beds are available.



Marco Peter Serna
Democrat
marcoforda.com

Career prosecutor for 14 years. I practiced as Assistant District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney in Valencia and Sandoval Counties, Assistant Attorney General under the King and Balderas administrations, and Chief Deputy District Attorney in Taos County, where I was instrumental in establishing the domestic violence family court. I am the former First Judicial District Attorney, serving from 2017-2021. Most recently, I was the special counsel and acting director for the Administrative Office of District Attorneys for the State of New Mexico. I specialize in domestic violence prosecution and have prosecuted everything from a DWI misdemeanor to capital murder cases. I have the experience and passion needed to lead the DA's office.

ACCOUNTABILITY - we need to maintain the integrity of the office, starting with addressing the over 400 DWI case backlog. This is a crucial public safety issue that needs to be prioritized and fixed. TRANSPARENCY - the public has a right to know how we as public servants perform and I will ensure an open door to my office. MANAGEMENT - with a limited budget, the DA's office must manage its resources wisely and trust in its prosecutors to perform at a high level, regardless of who the defendant may be. TEAMWORK - we cannot provide criminal justice without working together with our law enforcement officers. Rather than playing the blame game, we need to rebuild trust and create a team that works together.

ACCOUNTABILITY - I will appoint a team of prosecutors/investigators to prioritize eliminating the backlog of DWI cases. TRANSPARENCY - cases like the obelisk, which greatly impact our community, will not be shrouded under a veil of secrecy and any public concern, good, bad, or indifferent, will be publicly discussed by myself personally. MANAGEMENT - I will not outsource high profile cases to special prosecutors and private PR firms at the expense of the taxpayer, but instead will trust in my office and my team. TEAMWORK - I will ensure liaisons between my office and law enforcement will work as a team to constructively solve any issues that may arise.

First and foremost, let's address addiction and mental health, and how they correlate specifically with property crimes, which has been running rampant in our communities. In order to do so, we must lobby for resources that will rebuild the mental health infrastructure in the state. In addition, we need to focus on diversionary courts that keep people out of jail and working and incentivizes them to be productive members of society. Lastly, we need to establish legitimate reentry programs from prison to reduce recidivism.

SANTA FE COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE DIVISION 2

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

The League asked:

What knowledge or experience has prepared you for this position?

Why do you want this position?

What should be done to improve the Magistrate Court system?

What laws would you like to see changed, if any?



Melissa Y. Mascarenas
Democrat

I am proud to say that I have lived in Santa Fe County my entire life. I know my community. I have over 30 years of legal experience. I have a BBA from the College of Santa Fe. I have worked at the First Judicial District Court, NM Supreme Court and the NM Environment Dept. While employed I was involved in various types of hearings. I had daily interactions with the public, attorneys and law enforcement. I was very fortunate to have on the job training with some of the best possible mentors. I have sat at the table with Pueblo Governors, church and community leaders to solve difficult issues in our community. I was presented the 2019 Heritage Preservation Award from the City of Santa Fe

I am passionate about helping people. It has been a lifelong goal to become a Santa Fe Magistrate Judge. This court was developed to be a People's Court. Having the Executive branch make appointments to this position takes away from the community as a whole having a choice in who their Magistrate Judges are. It's important that people get out and vote to keep this position as it was intended to be, a People's Court. I volunteer in many organizations. Making a difference is one of my strong points. We face many problems, and I want to bring a positive change. I am asking for your support. Please VOTE and help me get from the Ballot to the Bench.

As a judge the most important thing to have is integrity. It's important to lead by example. The community needs to trust the system. People need to be held accountable for their actions. A Judge must take everything into consideration and be fair with their decision. Following the law and working hard to make sure that justice is being served. DWI, Domestic Violence and Drug addiction are serious problems in our community. I want to work with prosecutors, defense attorneys, case workers to continue with current programs but also try other types of programs such as the Taos Domestic Violence program and the Entrepreneurial Institute of Northern NM which recently launched in Santa Fe.

I would like to work with the current legislature and see if we can change the 5-401 Pretrial Release Rule also known as the "catch and release law". Too many people are getting released from jail and re-offending. Our community is concerned. We need to stop this revolving door. Safety of our community should be a priority. By setting a bond and conditions it helps to ensure that someone is not going to reoffend. This is another way of holding people accountable for their actions.



Morgan H. Wood
Democrat

For the past 2 decades I've served as a lawyer in public service, primarily as a public defender and also as a prosecutor. My focus has been on the Magistrate Court, so I am very familiar with the laws and procedures here--this is important because most of my cases have one or more parties pro se, meaning they're not attorneys and need to have the laws explained in lay terms. I've helped create out Transformative Justice Initiative, worked with our DWI Court, and the Engage Program, and regularly work with other judges, staff, law enforcement, treatment providers, and both prosecutors and defense attorneys. Prior to taking the bench, I attended over 80 hours of training for magistrates. I am uniquely qualified for this position.

It is an honor to use my unique skills for our community. My background, legal training and experience, as well as my long-term relationships with other attorneys, judges, staff, law enforcement, and community stakeholders means that every case is heard with the highest level of professionalism and informed by 2 decades of legal knowledge. I look forward to continuing my work with various community groups as well as our work with UNM to encourage and retain talented local public service attorneys. I make a positive difference in peoples' lives daily, I am proud of that work, and look forward to continuing it.

Having misdemeanor cases prosecuted by law enforcement is always going to be a concern, and while I appreciate their efforts, it's just not their responsibility to act as lawyers or have those specific skills. I believe that many of these cases could be resolved in a productive way if the prosecution were represented by lawyers. Moving forward, with having hearings recorded and perhaps more of them in person, we'll definitely need more support for our staff--both training and even additional staff members.


Each case must be judged on its own merits, and it wouldn't be ethical for me as a judge to express an opinion on our statutes or laws. I certainly pledge to continue to apply our laws to each case, considering the unique circumstances. This is where we can have such an impact--each case has a range of possible sentences, and we get to craft the right penalty for the right person. In Magistrate Court we do not advocate for any position, but rather ensure that everyone's rights and the laws are respected and enforced.

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SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

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

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	Why do you want this position?	What are the biggest challenges in the County Clerk's Office?	How would you handle them?
 <p>Katharine E. Clark Democrat katharineclark.com</p>	<p>As the current Santa Fe County Clerk, I've transformed our office with overdue changes: professionalizing our workforce and operations, reporting election results quickly, clearing real estate and months-long probate backlogs, and removing undemocratic barriers to voter registration. In the climate of election threats and modern government complexity, I rely on 15 years of experience as a technologist and executive manager, and a decade in public service to lead a team that measurably delivers for voters and provides improved customer service. As the only Certified County Clerk in Santa Fe County, it is my record of improvements that empower our constituents —through efficiency, accessibility, and inclusivity— that makes me most qualified.</p>	<p>Coming from a military family, I am passionate about protecting our democracy in service to my community. Election officials should ensure access to the ballot, defending a democratic process that accurately reflects our diversity. As Santa Fe County Clerk, I've implemented forward-thinking solutions for better voter engagement and security, including securing millions in funding for advanced election equipment and introducing ballot boxes and same-day registration. My commitment extends to modernizing our systems, increasing accessibility, and ensuring every vote is safe and every voice is heard. I seek to continue making meaningful impact, ensuring our democratic process remains fair, secure, and representative of all constituents.</p>	<p>Our biggest challenge is ensuring that our democratic process remains fair and equal in this era of threats, post-covid complications and new legislation. We must balance making our office accessible and customer friendly for the public, while still prioritizing the safety of our staff and the security of our ballots. The hard truth is that today, elections are under siege. We've had shutdowns due to death threats at our Clerk's office. The FBI has warned us that our election staff should open mail with narcam on hand due to fentanyl maliciously being sent through the mail. Every election, new laws and procedures have been introduced to which we must adapt, balancing security and access, and ensuring votes are protected and will count.</p>	<p>My 3rd day in office was Jan 6. I corrected the previous administration's security lapses to ensure the safety of staff and security of your vote while increasing public access. We now maintain a badged area in the office, GPS tracking for ballots, and created an election command center for rapid response. We enhanced services by overhauling our website, improving phone and email response, and allowing credit card payments. We expanded voting access by increasing polling sites and installed the most ballot drop boxes per capita. We put record research computers in our foyer, digitized 99% of real estate records, and put them online for 24/7 instant download. Whatever challenges we face, my staff and I will keep showing up to serve.</p>
 <p>Geraldine Salazar Democrat geraldinesalazar.org</p>	<p>I am uniquely qualified for the position after serving eight years as the Santa Fe County Clerk from 2013 to 2020. Prior to being elected twice for the position, I served almost 5 years as a Recording Clerk, Public Records Request Liaison, Public Information Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk. My skills in the administration of county wide elections, local elections, personnel management, budget, procurement, grant writing, training, outreach, public relations and years of public service enable me to manage a high volume operation and office effectively. I have expertise in handling complex problems without arousing hostility. I am a proven leader, collaborator and team player with a creative aptitude.</p>	<p>I and others have attempted to do business at the Clerk's Office and were told that based on policy we could not research public records in the old books or access the public computers in the foyer. This is not acceptable. I will make sure that the clerk's office provides the required customer service. Also, many long-term career employees have left the Recording, Records and Election Divisions. Consequently, much institutional knowledge has been lost. I want to rebuild services and staff morale. I can effectively manage elections. I managed the 2020 election which was the most difficult and historic election in Santa Fe County. Together with the clerk's team we worked to make a successful 2020 Election which I am very proud of.</p>	<p>Election security, voter confidence, staff morale, and customer service are critical challenges. Also, ensuring the new election warehouse is appropriately renovated, secure and operational is a priority. Finally, procurement and budget management and adhering to all legal mandates of the office are a requirement.</p>	<p>Conduct a full assessment of all office operations. Meet with staff to listen to their perspectives on operational successes and needs. For election security I will work collaboratively with Federal security experts, the NM Secretary of State, election equipment vendors, County IT staff and other County departments. I will make sure the clerk's office adheres to all Federal and State legal election mandates to ensure free, fair and secure elections. Before leaving office, I updated and established job descriptions and positions to improve office operations, security and voter confidence. These job descriptions and their responsibilities will be part of my full assessment to analyze effectiveness and institute needed improvements.</p>

SANTA FE COUNTY TREASURER

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

The League asked:	What qualifies you for this position?	Why do you want this position?	What are the biggest challenges in the County Clerk's Office?	How would you handle them?
<p>Jennifer Jenn Manzanares Democrat</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE RECEIVED</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE RECEIVED</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE RECEIVED</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE RECEIVED</p>

SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

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The League asked:	How have your education and experience prepared you for this position?	What would be your priorities for the county?	What public health policies need attention in the county?	How would you propose to balance growth with water needs in an increasingly arid county?
 <p>Benito Martinez Jr. Democrat</p>	<p>In addition to a dedicated and energetic style of public service, I bring a diverse and enhanced back-round to the constituency of Santa Fe County and New Mexico. I have a proven track record of very important achievements that have had direct and solid effects on a multitude of levels that have benefitted the public. Having been Appointed County Assessor (County Commission 2 Years) Elected Assessor 2 Terms, served as President of the NM Association of Counties and President of the Assessors Association, Director of the Manufactured Housing Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department-and Oil and Minerals Analyst at the State Land Office. These attributes uniquely qualify me to lead at the County Commission Level.</p>	<p>Protection of Property Rights and Open Door Policy, Local Government Respecting Community, Adequate Response time towards public in every aspect of County Government including Building Permits, Protection of Water Resources and General Respect by County Government towards the public. Effective collaboration with all Governmental Entities for the benefit of the taxpayer. Making oneself available is paramount and I commit and Guarantee my accessibility to all. This is a major priority.</p>	<p>Reinforce and address accessible affordable homeownership opportunities for young and new potential homeowners. This also includes protection of the aging and disabled Seniors and Veterans especially Disabled Veterans. Creating and reinforcing good communication with Municipal, State, Native American Nations and Federal Governments. Actively maintain a presence in and during the Legislative process in order to benefit the public. Preservation of Water Resources and assisting Community Water Systems in Traditional Communities. Being accessible to all and once again, an open door policy.</p>	<p>Encourage and Assist in Water Conservation, Water Harvesting within and on every property in the County including Rural County Locations Residential and NonResidential Property. Provide Educational Opportunities in Order to Achieve Positive Results in conversation. Provide Educational Opportunities to the Public for Conservation Of this resource. When I was Assessor in my first term in the late 90's, my administration released the first ever satellite office ever, eliminating the public having to travel to Santa Fe in order to conduct County business. These constituents reside in rural locations. One of my goals is to create an easier and painless path for County Residents.</p>
 <p>Lisa Cacari-Stone Democrat cacaristone.district2.com</p>	<p>I bring to the role of Commissioner, 35 years of public service dedicated to improving the lives of all New Mexicans. My leadership work in government, public education, social service organizations and foundations has sharpened the skills that are needed for the job including: fiscal and grants management, strategic planning, civic engagement, and policy development. I attained a PhD from Brandeis University in social policy, completed my post doctorate at the Harvard School of Public Health and served as a policy analyst for the NM State Legislature and Congressional Fellow with Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy. My long-term roots in Santa Fe and commitment to community advocacy qualify me to be The People's Choice, The People's Voice.</p>	<p>My grandparents came from Mexico to work on the railroad, living in boxcars with no water or heat. My dad, a 48 year union member retired from John Deere and my mom waited tables. I cleaned office buildings to pay for college. I am running for all of us, who, like my family work tirelessly to make our world a better place. I will advocate for infrastructure investments including clean and safe water, parks and roads. I pledge to protect the environment and natural resources and foster partnerships to conserve our lands and waters. I will unify our city and county forces to find regional solutions to the rising costs of homes, high rents and homelessness. I will champion increased access to mental health and substance abuse services.</p>	<p>The county plays a critical role in promoting and protecting the safety and health of people and the communities in which we live, learn, work and play. The COVID-19 pandemic grabbed our attention to the stark reality that the job of saving lives falls on local health programs. As a public health policy leader, I would prioritize the county's preparedness to respond to emergencies like pandemics, natural disasters such as the devastating impacts of fires and threats to water related hazards and contamination. Our emergency responders, health workers, fire fighters, law enforcement and mobile command units need to be adequately resourced and trained. Our residents need to be informed, engaged and prepared to defend ourselves from harm.</p>	<p>I propose that our county and city governments increase cooperation in finding solutions regarding safe water supplies, land development, and tight public finances. On-going engagement with federal and state agencies, non-profits, faith based organizations, educational institutions, local business community and neighborhood groups and village water protectors is key to inclusive action. I endorse a co-leadership approach in governance and prioritizing the needs of our residents. I support short and long-term actions such as implementing comprehensive water conservation programs that promote water-saving technologies, investing in water reuse and recycling infrastructure and ensuring equitable allocation and management of water rights.</p>
 <p>Scott Fuqua Democrat fuquaforsantafe.com</p>	<p>I've been an attorney for over 20 years, including 8 years in government service at the Attorney General's Office. In that role, I've dealt with policy and legal issues surrounding both the general and more specific operation of government. As a long time resident of Santa Fe, I am familiar with the strengths of our community and many of the issues that require attention. I am ready to serve in a way that responds to the concerns of the community and leaves no questions about what the County is doing and why.</p>	<p>My number one priority is the preservation and enhancement of our water and land resources. As our community continues to add residents, it is becoming more and more important that we grow in a sustainable and responsible way. As a commissioner, I intend to take a very hard look at what the County can do to increase our water portfolio, including expanding our water recycling capabilities. I am also interested in finding creative ways that the County can help residents make use of solar and other renewable energies.</p>	<p>I consider adequate access to housing and nutrition to be among the most important public health issues faced by any governmental entity, including the County.</p>	<p>I believe the County needs to take a close look at ways to expand our water recycling capability, including consideration of a facility capable of treating effluent to become potable water. There are also things the County can do and does to encourage responsible water usage. It is crucial that we ensure new development is undertaken with water conservation at the forefront of any project.</p>

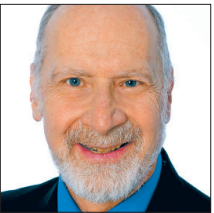
SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

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 <p>Adam Fulton Johnson Democrat adam4santafe.com</p>	<p>I grew up in Santa Fe and now raise my family here. Both my Masters (MIT) and PhD (Michigan) analyze New Mexico culture and history. I am currently director of a preservation nonprofit and lead programs in education, land use advocacy, and community service. My background in preservation makes me well versed in the responsibilities of local government and I will ensure our County continues to provide quality services. In addition to advocacy of affordable housing and short term rental limitations, I sit on the City's land code update committee, ensuring we develop our area in a smart, sustainable, and culturally-sensitive way. I have proven leadership on legislative and quality of life issues, and I'm running to keep Santa Fe special.</p>	<p>First, water sustainability through surface water acquisition at the County level and residential incentives like free rain barrels and gray water system credits. Second, fire and hazard mitigation and preparedness, including neighborhood plans supported by County staff. Third, a renewable energy economy, including bilingual training to access Inflation Reduction Act dollars. Fourth, affordable and water-friendly housing built along existing or planned infrastructure (not on wells), paired with sustainability incentives and "green" architectural design standards. Finally, cultural and natural heritage preservation through the protection of historic communities and long-standing traditions, sacred open spaces, and regional trail systems.</p>	<p>Policies that affect where we live, work, play, and find meaning will best address the County's public health issues: mental and behavioral health support, access to healthcare services, and the climate crisis. Access to adequate and safe housing is key to good health. For our low-income and housing insecure residents, prioritizing investments in affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing will improve overall well-being and mental health. Expansion and improvement of links between neighborhoods, bike paths, hiking trails, and public open spaces have health and climate benefits. We also must enhance the services and infrastructure that connect rural residents to healthcare and support county residents as they age.</p>	<p>We need to identify surface water resources, which (unlike wells) are renewable, and base our 50-year projected carrying capacity on these renewable resources. First, we need strong, diplomatic leadership to continue the City-County partnership on Buckman Direct Diversion, which delivers surface water to Santa Fe. Second, we need to expand our water infrastructure to deliver surface water to more homes, decreasing our reliance on groundwater, which is much more of an unknown. Third, we must bolster climate-smart agriculture and support our agricultural community in transitioning away from water-intensive farming. Finally, we need to incentivize residential sustainability through rebates on efficient appliances and free smart water meters.</p>
 <p>Mika A. Old Democrat mikaforsantafe.com</p>	<p>My educational background and experiences are unique and diverse. My business degrees, position to me well to understand the real-world economic impacts of policy decisions, and advocate for policies that promote sustainable growth and improve the overall wellbeing of the community. My education and experience in emergency medical services give me personal insight into the unique struggles and importance of a wide range of public health issues including emergency services, alternative response services, and emergency response planning. I have a personal and professional background related to scientific forestry, which includes experience with three catastrophic forest fires. All of these things have culminated in a strong ability to address the unique and important needs of Santa Fe County.</p>	<p>My priorities for the county are to ensure the preservation of our unique city and the ability for future generations to not only want to be here but to have the ability to have a good quality of life through affordable housing and economic opportunity. For that to be possible, we must address affordable housing, water issues, economic development focusing on small businesses, fire risk mitigation, land use, road infrastructure, and county-wide access to broadband services. However, these are just a few of the issues that Santa Fe County deals with. As Commissioner, I will be deeply committed to digging deep and addressing issues that may be often overlooked.</p>	<p>I believe that some of the most important health policies that need attention in the County are drug and alcohol abuse policies and mental health. I would like to see more alternative response teams trained and put in place to help assist with this issue and increase the quality of patient care. I would also like to see Support expansion of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment in primary care and hospital settings as well as added resources and training provided to emergency service providers.</p>	<p>With the inevitability of population growth, it is imperative that we pay close attention to water. Per capita consumption of water can be addressed through conservation measures in all three major sectors of water use: urban, agricultural, and industrial. Particularly in the urban sector of SF County, this can be done by Adopting water-saving practices in commerce, such as providing water on request only in restaurants & encouraging multiday use of towels and linens in hotels. Incentives for individuals to establish water-saving measures at home such as rain gardens, water-efficient appliances, and water recycling would also be effective. Additionally, I would propose to require mandatory rain collection methods to all new construction.</p>
 <p>Stephen A. Chiulli Democrat stephen4nm.com</p>	<p>I have over 40 years of business experience in the construction industry. I have a Masters in finance/business and am working to complete my PhD. I am a first responder to the World Trade Center in September, 2001. I taught math and business in Santa Fe High. My many years of experience provides me with a long, proven track record of leadership and getting things accomplished for my community.</p>	<p>My priorities are: affordable housing for our critical job holders, (educators, first responders, medical professionals, county workers); public safety by building a care facility in collaboration with the professionals to provide care for our mentally ill and addicted brothers and sisters; creating an emergency response plan for our county; implementing sound environmental policies to foster sustainable growth.</p>	<p>The county is in the middle of a crime crisis fueled by a drug and mental health epidemic. By building a care facility to treat, rehabilitate, provide health care, safe lodging, job training and placement we can find a way to humanely help these folks to become productive members of our community.</p>	<p>Water will always be a concern for our community. Environmentally sound approaches to building, water conservation/reclamation we can better serve our community. I have been building in a sustainable and environmentally sound manner for more than 40 years.</p>

SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

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 <p>Hank Hughes Democrat hank4santafe.com</p>	<p>I am currently the County Commissioner for District 5. I have a Masters of Environmental Engineering. My experience includes working as a water resource specialist. I was also the Executive Director of St. Elizabeth homeless shelter and most recently Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness.</p>	<p>1. Repair roads 2. Affordable housing 3. Safely switch to renewable energy 4. Respond to constituents</p>	<p>1. Clean air 2. Clean water 3. Address drug addiction 4. Address mental health</p>	<p>Make sure water rights are already purchased before development. Build an additional river intake and wells. Work with state to permanently reduce water rights to what is actually available.</p>

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