3rd Congressional District

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 3 members. Candidates are elected at least every 2 years, with a maximum term of 3 years.

The LEAGUE ASKED:
1. What skills will you possess to bring to the job?
2. What are the three most important issues you will address?
3. Should Congress act to mitigate the effects of climate change?
4. What actions if any, should be taken at the state level to reduce our use of fossil fuels?

New Mexico Governor

Head of the executive branch and the highest state official in New Mexico. Appoints and supervises directors of executive departments, appoints members of boards and commissions, and signs or vetoes statutory enactments by the Legislature.

The LEAGUE ASKED:
1. What qualifications do you possess to be governor?
2. How would you improve the election laws?
3. How would you address the issues you mentioned?

Primary Election Voter Guide

June 7, 2022

Early Voting

May 21 to June 6: Hours 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday/May 27 to 12 a.m. 8 p.m. (6 de martes a viernes) and 6 de jaro en 3 a.m. 6 p.m. (sábado)

Santa Cruz Abdon Lopez Community Center 155A Camino De Quintana Santa Fe
Santa Theresa Community Center 1218 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe
Santa Fe Fi Orovi Fair Building 300 Red Rock Road Santa Fe
Santa Fe Southside Branch Library 5559 Larkspur, Ste 9

24-HR Drop Boxes/Ruizones Especiales

(available day and night/disponibles día y noche)
Santa Fe Fire Station 3 105 15 St. SE Santa Fe
Santa Fe Northside Branch Library 1582 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe
Santa Fe Nancy Rodriguez Center 1 Palace Dog Loop Santa Fe
Santa Fe The Conchas Community Center 125 Camino San Jose Pojoaque Pueblo Post’s Phoenix Community Office 2200, S. W. Galisteo, Ste 9
Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza Piñon Pueblo County Office 5 2 W. Galisteo, Ste 9
San Juan Board of Education Santa Fe Branch Library 5559 Larkspur, Ste 9

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VOTE 2022

Libertarian

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Karen Evette
(Democrat)
Michelle Lujan

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.

Hours: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

early voting. May 21-June 4. See list of locations.

Alternative Voting Sites — same-day registration and Opción 2.

TO VOTE EARLY (before June 7):
Election Day, June 7. If you are registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Libertarian, you may vote up to and including Election Day, June 7. You may vote in person at any early voting location in Santa Fe County (see list of locations below) either during early voting May 21-June 4 or on Election Day, June 7, at any polling place.

For additional information on voting in the June 7 PRIMARY ELECTION, go to voteatSantaFe.vote/Lib. Online registered Voter and general voting site.

Univ. Santa Fe Community Help Line: 505-465-8073

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTERS GUIDE May 2022

You May Vote In Every Election!

The June 7, 2022, Primary Election is coming up. Vote in the June 7 election. Be sure to vote in all elections for which you are eligible.

The candidates information in this Voter Guide was obtained by means of a questionnaire sent to all the candidates. Their unedited responses were published 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 change your registration. To register or change your registration to vote, you must be a resident of New Mexico and at least 18 years old. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may not vote for 10 years after your release from prison. Go to SanteFe.vote.

You may register to vote by phone by calling the County Clerk’s office at 505-946-3570 and by mail by filling out the registration form. You can also register by going to the New Mexico Secretary of State’s website at VoterNewMexico.com.

The deadline to register to vote in the June 7 Primary Election is Monday, May 23.

IN-PERSON VOTING IS ALLOWED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY for New Mexico residents who are 65 years and older, those who are disabled, those who are ill, and those who are working or traveling. Appointments are available by calling SanteFe.vote.

TO VOTE EARLY (before June 7):
Option 1: Request a ballot online at SanteFe.vote. Ballots mailed starting May 30; return drop boxes or mail to SanteFe.vote.
Option 2: Same-day registration and early in-person voting at the County Clerk’s Office (202 Camino De Santa Fe) May 25-May 6 and again June 7 to SanteFe.vote.

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Voter ID laws.

We need Voter ID to help secure our elections. I am proud of the right of every New Mexican to vote and will always defend our democracy.

My administration has been leading efforts to make New Mexico a worldwide leader in green energy production, the put in place policies that expanded clean energy, lower energy costs, and protected our natural resources. That’s why we need Voter ID laws.

Americans demand secure and fair elections and the vast majority of people believe we need Voter ID to help secure our elections. We must update and secure outdated voter registration systems and replace all dominion voting technology. Voter ID laws require hand counting of paper ballots verifiable by audits to ensure election integrity. Voter ID laws require Voter ID to help secure our elections. We need Voter ID laws.

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The key role is to monitor and trap bad legislation before the legislature convenes by working in the sub-committees to improve New Mexico's election procedures. As Speaker of the House, I was born and raised in New Mexico and have served on many committees, including the Natural Resources Committee. My top priorities include defending democracy, ensuring voting access, and creating a more transparent campaign finance system.

I support changes to New Mexico's voting procedures that address issues related to voting integrity and access. Most importantly, I was in the Legislature every year for the past 20 years, fighting against the Secretary of State's attempts to make it harder for citizens to vote. I will continue to pursue legislation that expands ballot access and makes it easier for New Mexicans to cast their ballots. As Speaker of the House, I will ensure that my colleagues work with me on the 2021 legislative session to pass reforms that will help more New Mexicans enjoy easy access to the ballot box.

1. What qualifies you to be Governor of the State of New Mexico?
2. What issues would you like to work on to improve the lives of New Mexicans?
3. How do you plan to use your role as president of the Senate?

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

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New Mexico’s Attorney General

The state’s legal office, legal counsel to state government, and guardian of the public interest. Represents the state before courts and agencies and provides legal opinions upon request of the Legislature, state officials or district attorneys. Must be an attorney licensed by the New Mexico Supreme Court, at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for the five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession.
Harry B. Montoya
Joseph M.
(Write-In) (Libertarian)

ASKED:
• maximizing the investments and return on investments, which we function as the Board of Finance and while serving on the utility rates are fair and reasonable, and fighting for access to this Commission representing 400,000+ New Mexicans ensuring official. As a City Councilor and Mayor of Espanola and a City government as a licensed engineer and 14 years as local elected willing to serve New Mexico and my fellow New Mexicans. I have 30+ years of experience working for the federal government, serving on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, drafting environmental laws, and helping to save New Mexicans millions in cleanup costs. Gas development. I've established programs to protecting over 70,000 acres from future oil and gas wells, and today I am working on the five major goals to accomplish this by listening to the Citizens of the State of New Mexico.

Jeremy Michael Gay

(Republican)

Robert Jason Vannucci
(Written in)- (Libertarian)

NEW MEXICO AUDITOR

Assures that the financial affairs of each state and local entity are thoroughly examined and audited every year and that each audit conducted by independent auditors are conducted in a competent manner. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and reside or maintain legal residence in New Mexico for five years preceding the election. Four year term with no more than two terms in succession.

Michelle Greer

(Republican)

NEW MEXICO TREASURER

Serves as the state’s banker and is entrusted with receiving, keeping, and disbursing state money, deposits financial institutions to invest, and oversees the short-term investment fund. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and reside in New Mexico for five years preceding the election. Four year term with no more than two terms in succession.

Moe Traversa

(Democrat)

NEW MEXICO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Category A

Linda L. Johnson,

(Democrat)

NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Cont.)

Nanette Gonzales Pozo,

(Republican)

NEW MEXICO TREASURER

As Attorney General, I will act as a real watch¬
tower and be a political insider covering up for corrupt politicians. It is my responsibility to protect the billions we raise from oil & gas to produce and invest in our environment and raise money from other sources like: renewable energy, economic development and border commerce.

ENDORSED by US Senator Martin Heinrich, my family's roots in New Mexico go back centu-
ries. A San Patricio County Commissioner and great-great-grandson of a national leader for “certiorari on crimes” politics and using modern so to better serve New Mexico and to keep our tax-ers. I’ve taken on overvested banks and their corporate partners, and will continue to fight for you.

Zackery A. Quintero

(Republican)

Joseph M. McVoy

(Median)

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(Republican)

As Land State Office Manager, which manages 9 million acres of land and 100 miles of water -heights in New Mexico’s public schools, universities, hospitals, charitable programs and nonprofits. Must be at least 30 years of age, a United States citizen, and have resided in New Mexico for five years preceding her election. Four year term with no more than two terms in succession.

The LEAGUE ASKED:
1. What qualifications do you have to be Attorney General?

2. What are your highest priorities for this office?

3. How do you intend to accomplish them?

4. What will you do to make public officials more accountable to the general public?

The Attorney General safeguards New Mexas from corruption, abuse, and violence. I am the first prosecutor in the country to create the Victim’s Office, giving victims a place to tell their stories and be brought into our courts and into the justice system. I will continue to be a leader in bringing deep experience and a modern approach to crime fighting. I will continue to be a leader in taking on predatory corporations and those who take advantage of our most vulnerable, our environment, and our community.

I am the only candidate in this primary election who has prosecuted cases in a courtroom, not just in a television audience. I have real-world experience handling some of the most desperate cases (strictures by auditing cyber security funding)

I do not believe that these firms should not be donating to candi-

dates that could ultimately be offering them state contracts. Transpar-
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The LEAGUE ASKED:
1. What qualifications do you have to be Auditor General?

2. What would be your top three priorities?

3. The State Auditor contracts with independent public accountants to audit state agencies. Should these firms be prevented from making campaign contributions to candidates for State Auditor?

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2. What are the greatest challenges facing the Land State Office?

3. How would you balance responsi-

bility to state government with the need to generate revenues for state government and public purposes?

4. Should the Land Commissioner be required to take some of the financial regulations on state trust lands?

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Susan K. Herrera

Questions from: New Mexico House District 43

Augmented by the New Mexico League of Women Voters

May 2022

The League of Women Voters

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As a steward of the land I have a responsibility to protect our State’s resources for the betterment of our citizens, a commitment to our public lands, and a commitment to manage them in an environmentally responsible way.

What are the greatest challenges facing the State Land Offices?

I would recognize their needs to be a balance between protecting the resources of the State, and ensuring that citizens ancient serves.

How would you balance responsible stewardship of state trust lands with the need to generate revenues for the support of the beneficiaries?

The League can make sure that both form, environment and resources are protected. This is the most important thing when it comes to our State’s resources. Our State must generate revenue and ensure that our citizens are protected.

What is the best way to balance the needs of farmers and ranchers with the priorities of cities and towns?

In my opinion, my community members are the most important people to represent. In my position, I have spent the last 8 years fighting for that as the District 5 Assistant Attorney General.

How can you best support the agricultural population, i.e., elderly housing, older housing, elder care, transportation?

As a member of the PIRC, we have moved to the New Mexico Higher Education Act. I have a bipartisan approach and will continue to do so. My record speaks for itself.

New Mexico House District 22

Augustine N. Montoya (Democrat)

First of all, thank you for your great honor and responsibility. I am proud to serve the family in the statehouse. As your representative, I have a duty to be vigilant in the statehouse. You all have a responsibility to serve the family and the people of the 39th district.

Mark E. Tafoya (Rep)

Jefferson L. Byrd (Republican)

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I have worked in various fields and for various employers in the public sector. I have worked in the New Mexico Department of Workforce Services, by my work, I am able to be an active participant in the statehouse. I have a duty to be vigilant in the statehouse. You all have a responsibility to serve the family and the people of the 39th district.

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NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 47

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How have you prepared for law school and your career as a lawyer?

Ambrose M. Castenada (Democrat)

I am a native New Mexican and graduate of New Mexico State University. My career as an attorney has been tied to the critical issues of water development, climate change and ensuring the ability of state to provide education, economic stability and growth opportunities for all New Mexico to achieve their personal goals and provide for their families. In a beautiful and magnificent state like New Mexico we will always face challenges brought on by the elements, the diversity and freedom and opportunity while protecting the interests of our communities and resources. Wise use and conservation of natural resources are the key to the future viability of living beings in New Mexico.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What are the current issues you see that need to be addressed to protect and promote the health and well-being of New Mexicans?

Matthew Salas (Republican)

To be sure New Mexico has unique opportunities and face unique challenges. Although our state needs the health and financial protection of a comprehensive health system, we also need policies promoting equal opportunity and improving the education and economic conditions of our communities.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How can the legislature balance the needs of farmers and ranchers with the priorities of cities and towns?

Matthew Salas (Republican)

For our state to prosper the urban-rural divide has to be bridged. I have a plan to help New Mexico make it a place to thrive and support everyone that makes both areas thrive.

NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 48

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How have your prior experience and education prepared you for this position?

Terri L. Lujan (Democrat)

My family, education, and professional experience have prepared me for an elected position in the General Assembly. As an attorney, I have served for over 18 years in the state’s highest courts. In this role, I have benefited from a diverse background in private practice, public practice, and military service. I attribute my background for the diverse skill set necessary to succeed. I attribute the foundational knowledge and skills I have developed in the practice of law to my service in the legislature.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What three important issues would you plan to work on in New Mexico?

Terri L. Lujan (Democrat)

1. How can we ensure that all New Mexicans have access to quality healthcare?

2. How can we support the work of our state and federal firefighters?

3. How can we support public education?

NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 49

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How have you prepared for law school and your career as a lawyer?

Rebecca C. Szczechowski (Democrat)

While I was an undergraduate at Creighton University, I was very active in the NAMI club, a non-profit which was founded to advocate for mental illness. After graduation, I attended law school at the University of California, Davis, where I was an active member of the American Constitution Society. In law school, I became a member of the law school’s chapter of the National Black Law Students Association. After law school, I began my career in the private sector, where I have represented employers in a variety of labor disputes.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What three important issues would you plan to work on in New Mexico?

Rebecca C. Szczechowski (Democrat)

1. How can we reduce health care costs and increase access to care?

2. How can we improve public education?

3. How can we support New Mexico’s working families?

NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 50

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How have you prepared for law school and your career as a lawyer?

Anita Amalia Marquez (Republican)

I have been an attorney since 2001 and have served as an Assistant District Attorney for the New Mexico Attorney General’s office. I have focused on the areas of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and elder abuse. I have been involved in the community in various capacities and have been a leader in the political arena. My background in law and politics has taught me the importance of working with others to achieve a common goal.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What three important issues would you plan to work on in New Mexico?

Anita Amalia Marquez (Republican)

1. How can we reduce the cost of healthcare?

2. How can we support our state’s economy?

3. How can we address the education needs of our state?

NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 51

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What can be done to support the aging population, i.e., elderly housing, older care, transportation?

Ambrose M. Castenada (Democrat)

The support services required for the elderly are best met by local governments to prioritize planning and development of affordable housing options for the elderly. In New Mexico we have seen a significant increase in the elderly population, and this has created an increasing demand for affordable housing options. There is legislation that supports local governments in the development of affordable housing options, and this has been a key focus for New Mexico’s elderly population.

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How can we address the changing demographics of New Mexico?

Ambrose M. Castenada (Democrat)

New Mexico’s changing demographics require a shift in our political priorities. The state’s population growth is expected to continue, and this will likely lead to changes in local government. It will be important for our state to plan for the future and address the needs of the state and its residents.

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NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 52

THE LEAGUE ASKED: What can be done to support the aging population, i.e., elderly housing, older care, transportation?

Julie J. Yarger (Democrat)

I have been endorsed by the NM State Federation of Democratic Women, Women’s Equality Day, and Las Cruces ACUPAC. I have received the National Achievement Scholarship and a Fulbright Grant for Studies in Law. In law school, I have been a Dean’s List student and a member of the National Honor Society. My legal background is in: Public Interest, Family Law, Medical Malpractice, and Catholic Social Teaching.

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NEW MEXICO HOUSE DISTRICT 53

THE LEAGUE ASKED: How can we support the aging population, i.e., elderly housing, older care, transportation?

Melanie Alisa (Republican)

As a lifelong resident of New Mexico, I have seen the challenges and opportunities that face our state. I understand the importance of ensuring that all New Mexicans, regardless of age, have access to affordable housing and care. I believe that it is essential to fund public transit and other transportation options to ensure that seniors have access to the resources they need.

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THE LEAGUE ASKED:

1. Have you been endorsed by the Judicial Nominating Commission?
   
   No. I have not been endorsed by the Judicial Nominating Commission.

2. What qualifies you for this position?
   
   My experience as a criminal trial attorney in the Santa Fe County District Court, as an attorney on staff in the 1st Judicial District of Santa Fe County, and as a court reporter in the 1st Judicial District of Santa Fe County qualifies me for this position.

3. What policies are necessary to keep the judiciary free of political influence?
   
   It is important to separate the judiciary from political influence. Judges should be appointed to their positions by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Additionally, judges should not have any political activity. Judges should not be influenced by the judge's personal beliefs.

4. How do you respond to criticism?
   
   Criticism is a normal part of public service. I respond to criticism by listening carefully to the concerns and working to address those concerns. It is important to remain open-minded and responsive to criticism.

5. What improvements, if any, are needed in the Supreme Court?
   
   The Supreme Court needs to be more transparent and accessible. Judges should be more approachable and willing to listen to the public. Additionally, the Supreme Court should be more aware of the impact of their decisions on the public.

6. What is the most pressing problem in Santa Fe County?
   
   The most pressing problem in Santa Fe County is affordable housing. The lack of affordable housing is preventing families from living in the county and is contributing to the housing crisis.

7. What are your qualifications for the position of New Mexico State Supreme Court Judge?
   
   I have over 30 years of experience in law and have served as a judge in both the District Court and the Court of Appeals. I have extensive experience in handling complex legal issues and have a strong understanding of the legal system.
Rudy Nelson Garcia (Democrat)

I have spent much of my life as a public servant. I spent 24 years in the City of Santa Fe Finance Department as a Manager, and then served as the Fire Chief in the City of New Mexico. As a City Councilor representing District #3, I have a unique skillset in working with elected officials and city staff. I have helped to set policy that benefits the city and its residents. I believe that the most qualified candidate for Santa Fe County Sheriff is someone who values the community and the safety of its residents.

Camilla M. Bustamante (Democrat)

Life is everywhere but appears concentrated in Santa Fe County. It is the responsibility of the Sheriff’s Office to deal with crime as a community. It is crucial that deputies are trained to identify those utilizing the criminal-complex communities and hold them accountable. Communication is vital in this process. The LEAD Program is a public safety program proven to be beneficial for non-violent offenses. It is an important step towards a safer Santa Fe County.

SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Why should you vote for me and what are your qualifications?

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