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League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico

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# LOCAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Local elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. A local election is held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd numbered years for non-partisan city and town officers and local government ballot questions, school districts (including public school boards and community colleges), soil and water conservation districts, arroyo flood control districts, water & sanitation districts, special hospital districts, and special zoning districts. If you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and registered to vote, you may vote in this local election. Questions about the election or voter registration should be directed to your County Clerk.

### **Bernalillo County Clerk**

505-468-1291; 505-243-VOTE (8683)

415 Silver Ave. SW Albuquerque, NM 87102

NOTE:

www.bernco.gov/clerk/elections

### Important Dates to Remember:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be last minute changes. Please check the sos.nm.gov or vote411.org websites for up-to-date information.

10/05/21 Last day to register to vote online & by mail (5:00 pm). Early voting starts at limited

locations.

10/05/21 **BERNALILLO COUNTY ONLY:** Same-day in-person registration begins at County

Clerk's Annex at 1500 Lomas NW, Ste. A, Albuquerque.

10/16-10/30 Early voting starts at all early voting locations. (See inside for times & locations.)

Same day voter registration available during early voting from Oct. 16 to October 30. Same day registration in Bernalillo County is available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

at these locations.

10/28/2021 Deadline for absentee ballot applications 5 pm.

10/25/2021 Recommended final day for a voter to mail in an absentee ballot. Because of problems at the USPS, we recommend getting your ballot in as soon as possible.

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11/02/21 **Election Day:** Polls are open 7 am-7 pm; deadline for return of absentee ballots.

Completed absentee ballots may be turned in by the voter who signed the packet, a member of the voter's immediate family, or a caretaker at any early voting site. There will be absentee ballot dropboxes at all Bernalillo County early voting sites or a polling place on election day.

Completing Your Application for an Absentee Ballot - All registered voters in Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties will receive an absentee ballot application in the mail. Or you can download an application to fill out and mail in from www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/absentee-andearly-voting/#.

- 1. Type or print your name, STREET ADDRESS (no P.O. boxes), and your year of birth in the spaces provided.
- 2. Only fill in the area under "Mail ballot to address below" if you want your ballot sent to an address other than the street address you indicated in step 1 above.
- 3. Sign and date your application.
- 4. Return this application in person or by mail within 48 hours after completion.

If all steps are not properly completed, your application will be rejected, causing delay in the mailing of your ballot. County Clerks are required to check this information and reach out to the voter if they forgot to sign it or fill in something on the envelope.

You can also request your absentee ballot completely online through nmvote.org.

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The information in this Voter Guide was obtained by means of questionnaires sent to all the candidates. The answers provided by unopposed candidates can be found at VOTE411.org. Answers are printed exactly as provided by candidates through our online portal. Because of space restrictions, candidates are limited to a specific number of words. All candidates are listed in the order they appear on the Secretary of State Candidate List.

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



# Guía de Votante

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# ELECCIONES LOCALES 2 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2021

Las elecciones locales se llevarán a cabo el martes 2 de noviembre de 2021. La eleccion local se llevarán a cabo el primer martes después del primer lunes de noviembre en años impares para los funcionarios de la ciudad y el pueblo no partidistas y las preguntas de la boleta electoral del gobierno local, los distritos escolares (incluidos los juntas escolares y colegios comunitarios), distritos de conservación de suelos y agua, distritos de control de inundaciones de arroyos, distritos de agua y saneamiento, distritos de hospitales especiales y distritos de zonificación especial. Si es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, tiene 18 años o más el día de la elección y está inscrito para votar, puede votar en esta elección local. Las preguntas sobre la elección o el registro de votantes deben dirigirse al secretario del condado.

### Secretario del Condado de Bernalillo

505-468-1291; 505-243-VOTE (8683)

415 Silver Ave. SW Albuquerque, NM 87102

10/05/21

www.bernco.gov/clerk/elections

### Fechas importantes para recordar:

Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, puede haber cambios de última hora. Consulte los sitios web sos.nm.gov o vote411.org para obtener información actualizada.

10/05/21 Último día para registrarse para votar en línea y por correo (5:00 pm). La votación anticipada comienza en lugares limitados.

**Solo Condado de Bernalillo:** El registro en persona el mismo día comienza en el Anexo del Secretario del Condado en 1500 Lomas NW, Ste. A, Albuquerque.

10/16-10/30 La votación anticipada comienza en todos los lugares de votación anticipada. (Consulte el interior para conocer los horarios y ubicaciones). Registro de votantes el mismo día

disponible durante la votación anticipada del 17 al 31 de octubre. El registro de votantes el mismo día en el condado de Bernalillo está disponible de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m. en estos lugares.

10/28/2021 Fecha límite para solicitudes de boleta de voto ausente 5 pm.

10/25/2021 Se recomienda el último día para que un votante envíe por correo una boleta de voto ausente. Debido a problemas en el USPS, recomendamos que entre su boleta lo antes posible.

11/02/21 **Día de la eleccion:** Las urnas están abiertas de 7 am a 7 pm; fecha límite para la

devolución de las papeletas de voto ausente.

NOTA:

El votante que firmó el paquete puede entregar las boletas de voto ausente, completadas. un miembro de la familia inmediata del votante, o un cuidador en cualquier sitio de votación anticipada. Habrá buzones para votar en ausencia en todos los sitios de votación anticipada del Condado de Bernalillo o en un lugar de votación el día de la eleccion.

Cómo completar su solicitud para una boleta de voto en ausencia: todos los votantes registrados en Bernalillo y Sandoval Condados recibirán una solicitud de boleta de voto ausente por correo. O puede descargar una solicitud para completar y enviar por correo desde www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal.

- 1. Escriba a máquina o en letra de imprenta su nombre, DIRECCIÓN DE LA CALLE (no apartados postales) y su año de nacimiento en los espacios provistos.
- 2. Solo complete el área debajo de "Envíe la boleta por correo a la dirección a continuación" si desea que su boleta sea enviada a una dirección que no sea la que indicó en el paso 1 anterior.
- 3. Firme y feche su solicitud.
- 4. Devuelva esta solicitud en persona o por correo dentro de las 48 horas posteriores a su finalización.

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La Liga de Mujeres Votantes del Centro de Nuevo México es una organización no partidista que brinda información sobre temas políticos y candidatos a cargos públicos con el fin de promover una mayor responsabilidad y participación en el gobierno. Debido a que la Liga no es partidista, NO apoya ni se opone a ningún partido político o candidato. Publica y distribuye información fáctica para que los ciudadanos la utilicen cuando se preparan para votar.

La información contenida en esta Guía del Elector se obtuvo mediante cuestionarios enviados a todos los candidatos. Las respuestas proporcionadas por los candidatos sin oposición se pueden encontrar en VOTE411.org. Las respuestas se imprimen exactamente como las proporcionan los candidatos a través de nuestro portal en línea. Debido a las restricciones de espacio, los candidatos están limitados a un número específico de palabras. Todos los candidatos se enumeran en el orden en que aparecen en la lista de candidatos de la Secretaría de Estado.

La información de esta Guía para el votante se ha recopilado y recopilado cuidadosamente para garantizar la máxima precisión. Sin embargo, la LWVCNM no asume ninguna responsabilidad por la exactitud de la información proporcionada a la Liga por los candidatos u otras organizaciones o por errores u omisiones. En los casos en que exista una cuestión de contenido potencialmente difamatorio, la Liga se someterá a la opinión de un abogado.

Si todos los pasos no se completan correctamente, su solicitud será rechazada, lo que provocará un retraso en el envío de su boleta. Los secretarios del condado deben verificar esta información y comunicarse con el votante si se olvidó de firmarlo o completar algo en el sobre.

También puede solicitar su boleta de voto ausente completamente en línea a través de nmvote.org.

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

You can fill out your registration to vote online through the secretary of state's Voter Information Portal NMVote.org

<u>NOTE</u>: If you have moved, changed your name, or had any other changes in your legal circumstance since the last election, you must re-register to vote.

 $\overline{\text{Lo Vote}}$  - When you go to vote in person, either at Early Voting or on  $\overline{\text{Election}}$  Day, you can identify yourself by stating your name, year of birth, and registration address or by presenting a physical form of identification such as a current valid photo ID or a document that shows your name and address.

Voting on Tribal Lands: Because of the vast distances between voting locations and U.S. Postal Services, completed absentee ballots may be turned in at any Voter Services Center before or on Election Day. Polling locations on Tribal lands cannot be closed without written consent.

# Early Voting and Absentee Ballot Drop-off Sites Bernalillo County: Early Voting and Same Day Registration

10/05-10/15 Clerk's Annex - 1500 Lomas Blvd NW, Suite A, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm,

10/16-10/30 Early Voting locations, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am to

7:00 pm (except as noted):

98th and Central - 120 98th St NW Suite B101 & B102

Andalucia Shopping Center - 5600 Coors Blvd. NW, Suite C-5

Bernalillo County Visitor & Cultural Center - 6080 Isleta Blvd SW

Caracol Plaza - 12500 Montgomery Blvd NE, Suite 101

Central Mercado - 301 San Pedro Dr SE, Suite B, C, D, & E

Cottonwood West - 10131 Coors Blvd. NW, Suite C-02

Daskalos Center - 5339 Menaul Blvd NE

**Desiderio Community Center** - 117 Tribal Rd. 7036 To'Hajiilee (M-F, 9-5; not open on Saturdays)

Four Hills Shopping Center - 13140 Central Ave SE Suite 1420

Holly Plaza Shopping Center - 6600 Holly NE Suite B-6

Los Altos Plaza - 4200 Wyoming NE, Suite B-3

Los Ranchos Villa - 6601 4th St NW Suite U

Mobile Voting Unit - State Fairgrounds (M-F, 9-5; not open on Saturdays)

Petroglyph Plaza - 8201 Golf Course Rd. NW, Suite D-1

South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center - 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW

The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo - 6001 San Mateo NE, Suite B-3

Tijeras City Hall - 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM

University of New Mexico - Student Union Building

West Bluff Center - 5201 Ouray NW, Suite D-2

Para registrarse: cuando se registra para votar, se requiere identificación solo si se están registrando por primera vez en Nuevo México por correo. Puede enviar cualquier identificación con foto válida actual, una factura de servicios públicos actual, extracto bancario, cheque del gobierno, cheque de pago, identificación de estudiante o tribal, o cualquier otro documento que muestre su nombre y dirección actual con el formulario de registro.

Puede completar su registro para votar en línea a través del Portal de Información para el Votante del secretario de estado. (https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/).

**NOTA:** Si se mudó, cambió su nombre o tuvo otros cambios en su circunstancia legal desde la última elección, debe volver a registrarse para votar.

Para votar: cuando vaya a votar en persona, ya sea en la votación anticipada o en El día de las elecciones, puede identificarse indicando su nombre, año de nacimiento y dirección de registro o presentando una forma física de identificación, como una identificación con fotografía válida actual o un documento que muestre su nombre y dirección.

Votar en tierras tribales: Debido a las grandes distancias entre las votaciones ubicaciones y los servicios postales de los EE. UU., las boletas de voto ausente completadas se pueden entregar en cualquier centro de servicios al votante antes o el día de las elecciones. Los lugares de votación en tierras tribales no se pueden cerrar sin consentimiento por escrito.

Sitios de entrega de boletas de votación anticipada y en ausencia Condado de Bernalillo: Votación anticipada e inscripción el mismo día

10/167-10/30 Lugares de votación anticipada, abiertos de lunes a sábado, de 10:00 a.M. A 7:00 p.M.:

98th and Central - 120 98th St NW Suite B101 & B102

Andalucia Shopping Center - 5600 Coors Blvd. NW, Suite C-5

Bernalillo County Visitor & Cultural Center - 6080 Isleta Blvd SW

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CANDIDATES' RESPONSES AND WORD LIMITS: The responses of candidates to our questionnaire are printed exactly as received by the League. The League assumes no responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply. Further, the League publishes this information neither to endorse nor reject the views of any candidate. The League has in no way edited for meaning, grammar, punctuation, or spelling. Because of space restrictions, the League has pre-advised the candidates of the 80-word limit on responses.

#### MAYORAL CANDIDATES

The mayor is the chief executive of the City of Albuquerque with the authority to appoint and remove officials from city posts and is required to propose a budget each year. Most of the mayor's appointments and proposals are subject to approval by the Albuquerque City Council, and the mayor has the power of veto or approval of City Council legislation. Four-year term.

# KELLER



I have demonstrated an ability to lead in a crisis. My team and I are battle tested because of the pandemic-and because we went to work quickly, we saved lives and livelihoods. As a result, when compared to peer cities, we've fared better. I have a bias toward action, value urgency, and believe we must face our biggest

What abilities do you have that

prepare you for this position or

re-election?

What is your top priority for the immediate future?

What will you do to address the increase in crime, especially violent crimes?

What will you do to reduce homeless and address causes including behavioral health?

challenges head on. Because of the actions and investments we've made, we have built a real and lasting foundation to fight crime, reduce homelessness, and grow jobs.

Crime is my top priority. We've made enormous investments over the last three years, including hiring 100 officers each year, added \$80M in overdue crime fighting technology coming online this fall, and cleared the rape-kit backlog. We will continue to make strong investments in diversion and violence intervention programs. This fall, we'll be launching the nationally groundbreaking Community Safety Department, an alternative 911 first responder system for mental and behavioral health calls.

We must hold violent criminals accountable by ending the revolving door and keeping dangerous offenders behind bars. We need increased penalties when crimes involve guns, and 24/7 pretrial monitoring for violent gun crime suspects. We also must continue to build the ranks at APD. This summer, I convened Albuquerque metro area law enforcement agencies and elected leaders to coordinate our approach with the Legislature for new policies for reducing crime and fixing the criminal justice system.

The Gateway Center (the old Lovelace Hospital) is our city's largest capital investment addressing homelessness. It's central to our commitment to create an integrated system that Central New Mexico so badly needs. In Phase I, it's slated to serve 25 families and 100 individuals as they transition from the streets to a stable life. We have also supported over 600 units of affordable housing and will continue to fund nearly \$20M in housing assistance and outreach services for the unsheltered.

### Manuel GONZALES III



The city needs a strong leader. I joined the Marine Corps right out of college and am proud of my honorable service in the Marines. I came back, finished school, and began my career in law enforcement. Starting as a patrol deputy, I worked my up to Sheriff and am proud to have been re-elected by the people. I also helped my family run a small business. I am uniquely qualified as a leader to turn our city around and once again make it the shining gem of the Southwest.

My top priority is to solve our crime and homelessness epidemic, and to help our city recover from COVID. Our crime rate is four times the national average, homelessness is out of control, and our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation. We must fight crime by trusting our police officers to do their jobs, address homelessness in a compassionate, yet practical way, and make it easier for small businesses to create new jobs through the smart utilization of federal covid relief funds

Mayor Keller promised to tackle crime and instead Albuquerque has broken two annual homicide records under his lack of leadership. We must end the sanctuary city law that shields illegal immigrants arrested who commit crimes from federal authorities. I will also be a strong advocate to end the "Catch and Release," as I have seen firsthand how repeat offenders continually victimize our citizens. importantly, I will depoliticize the police department and allow officers to do their jobs.

The city has an obligation to ensure public safety services. This means, the city must enforce its own ordinances and state laws while putting people in contact with behavioral health concerns and in contact with wrap-around services. City services need to work with all stakeholders to address homelessness. I am not in favor of colonizing the homeless population and oppose legalizing homeless tent encampments.

### **Eddie ARAGON**

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

### **Patrick Ben** SAIS

(WRITE-IN CANDIDATE)

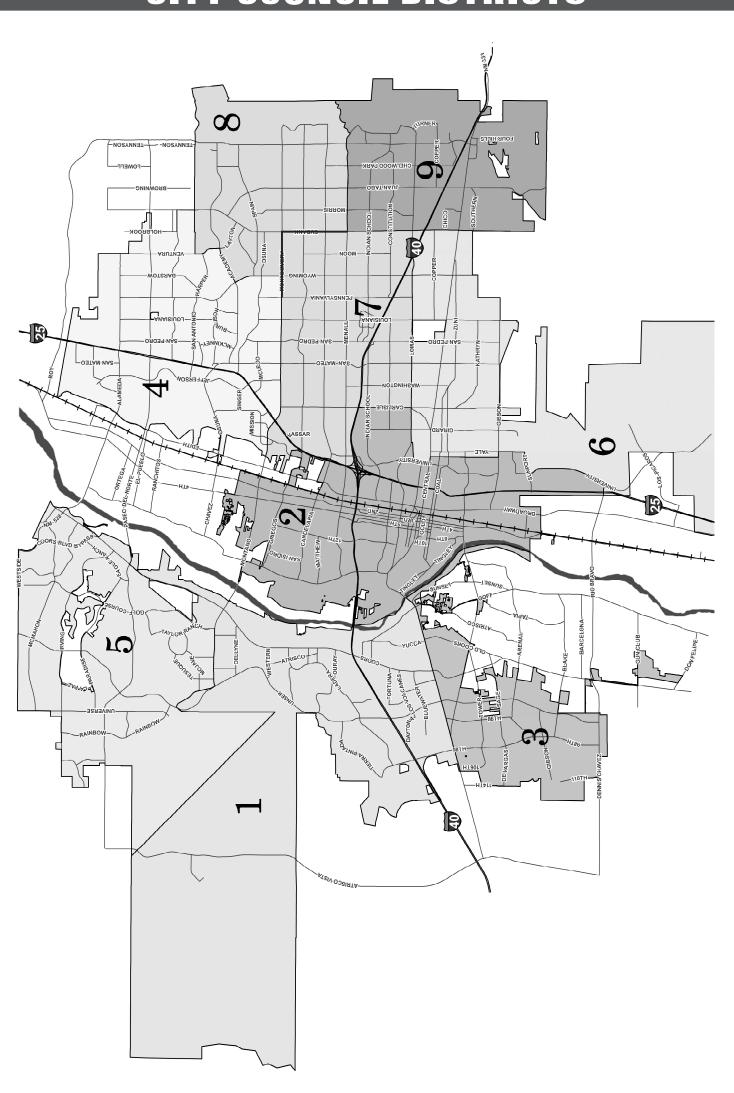
Im a small business owner, I worked and listened to peoples concerns.. I worked with kids and parents for over 24 years as a YAFL coach and school bus driver.. I work with the senior citizens by providing services through my small business mobile salon/barbershop.

I want to fix what the current mayor has not done, also crime that's been way out of control WE need to work hard for a better and safer Albuquerque for all our citizens of Albuquerque.

I want to go into the neighborhoods work with homeowners. apartments managers and committees clean up the neighborhoods, but we need to a mental program that works for people that need it and want it.

I want to bring mental heath programs back so citizens that need and want the help, can receive it. I know that there are 4 types homeless groups. There's homeless that had a job but fell short and need a little help. Theres some that need mental help and then theres the homeless that have an addiction or the ones that have given up because they think that's no one cares so they give up and some need training programs so they get back to work.

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



## **BUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

The Albuquerque City Council is the legislative authority of the city. It has the power to adopt ordinances, resolutions or other legislation conducive to the welfare of the people of the city. The council is made up of nine members, elected by district on staggered four-year terms.

Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 positions are on the ballot in this election.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is your top priority for the City of Albuquerque?

What is your top priority for your district?

Are auxiliary dwelling units, with proper regulation, a good idea for affordable housing?

#### District 1 Councilor

# SENA



Thanh-Lan Thi As the daughter of immigrants, a woman of color and a cancer patient, I bring a unique perspective to the City Council. My lived experience allows me to lift up voices and stories that otherwise would not be heard in City Hall. Further, my time already in office has given me the know-how to build budgets that prioritize community values, adjust funding formulas to benefit disinvested communities, and to incorporate social justice into policy making.

Community safety is the number one issue in the City. Whether it's people having their car stolen or their home broken into or speeding along our roadways or people who are scared to interact with law enforcement, too many people in our community do not feel safe. That must change and will change when we start taking comprehensive approaches like treating community safety as a public health issue. We must address it at the root while having enough police on our streets to stop violent crime.

Aside from addressing community safety in the district, my priority is to bring more amenities, investment, and economic development to the westside that meets the community's needs while giving more working families the jobs, food accessibility, and ability to afford the amenities that we bring into the district. Economic development means changing our perspective of what investment looks like by giving more capital and opportunities to small businesses and our younger generations.

Affordable housing is a priority and helps address the root issue to the challenges we face so we must invest in more housing while taking new approaches. Since coming to office, I have opened Nuevo Atrisco, the mixed income affordable housing complex in the district. But the City is over 15,000 units behind on affordable housing and faces an increase in our unsheltered communities. We must utilize or consider every approach possible to address the issue, which includes auxiliary dwelling units

# SANCHEZ



I was born, raised and educated in District 1. I know the needs of our neighborhood because I have lived in it for 56 years. I have 26 years' experience fighting crime, our number one issue. I am the only choice for the Westside.

Crime is the biggest issue facing the city, not just the Westside. It starts with the culture at APD. Officers are demoralized and leaving in droves. We need retention and recruitment efforts starting with empowering current officers. We need criminals to see a police presence in order to deter crime.

Infrastructure, we need to build back Albuquerque's economy. That starts by improving our roads to entice new businesses, but we also need to have infrastructure in place for once the boom hits. The Westside is the ideal location for much of this expansion, we need to be prepared.

Auxiliary Dwelling Units, when properly regulated and built to city code are a great idea for affordable

#### **District 3 Councilor**

# Klarissa J.

NO REPLY RECEIVED

# Anthony

WITHDRAWN

## ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is your top priority for the City of Albuquerque?

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#### **District 5 Councilor**

# Cynthia D. **BORREGO**



I am a proud native New Mexican and a two time UNM graduate - with a Bachelor's of Science in Education a Master's in Public Administration. I am the incumbent City Council President since 2019, while simultaneously serving as Vice-Chair of the Mid-Region Council Governments Transportation Board 2021. I serve on the AMAFCA Board of Directors and Rio Grande Credit Union Board, and I am President of the UNM School of Administration Advisory Alumni Board.

As I knock doors, I have heard that crime and public safety are the top priorities. I have worked to strengthen public safety by hiring more officers and expanding Community Policing programs. I am focused on Community Policing as a strategy for reducing crime. I have supported expanding mental health programs, including supporting a new department which includes behavioral health professionals assisting our first responders.

Infrastructure is one of my top priorities. I have invested and obtained over \$55 million on projects for Paseo Del Norte. Unser Blvd. McMahon Blvd, Westside Blvd, and Paradise Blvd - all of which I look to complete funding with our State Legislature and Federal Government. These projects, along with other infrastructure projects such as the Multi-Generational Cibola Loop Center not only bring much needed jobs to the District and City, but they improve the quality of life for our residents.

Yes. As with most everything, it depends on how the zoning is written, but auxiliary dwelling units can have many benefits. They can be mutually beneficial to existing homeowners and individuals by providing additional housing. This type of zoning can help stabilize our housing market while benefiting homeowners and displaced renters. With proper regulations in place, it would provide an outlet for new affordable housing.

### Dan LEWIS



Named a "Top CEO" by Business First, creating high-paying private-sector jobs at Desert Fuels, one of "New Mexico's Top 100 Private Companies" (Albuquerque Business Journal), and one of the "Fastest Growing Companies in the U.S." (Inc. Magazine). Along with my incredible wife, Tracy, a 3rd grade teacher, we raised our children, Madison and Jensen, who graduated from Albuquerque Public Schools and UNM. We love this city and we are driven to help it succeed.

Albuquerque is plagued by an unprecedented rise in crime - with fewer officers on the streets, and fewer criminals in our jail. We will make Albuquerque the worst place to be a criminal, the best place to live, work and raise a family. Real quality of life starts with safe neighborhoods and a city government that ensures good return on tax dollars, rapid emergency response, low energy and water rates, clean public spaces and streets, and an accountable city government.

I will work with the NW Area Command to ensure a neighborhood watch organization on every street in the district. I will ensure that uniform officers and marked police cars are proactively policing in every neighborhood and enforcing every law. I will proactively improve our transportation infrastructure by widening Paseo, Unser, McMahon and Universe, and completing the Paseo Del Volcan northwest bypass.

Government run and subsidized dwelling units have proven problematic, and usually do not solve long-term challenges of helping people rise out of poverty. The best way to provide affordable housing is to ensure that taxes and fees associated with construction are low and regulations do not discourage buyers from investing their own hard-earned money. I do believe that auxiliary housing units owned by private owners can be profitable and beneficial to low-income families.

### Phillip Ray **RAMIREZ**



I have a strong desire for public service, whether it be mentoring young athletes, inspiring small business owners to offer living wages and benefits to their employees or standing up for our Albuquerque communities. I have always been working in the background helping our city grow in a positive manner. I am running for City Council District 5 because I believe that the Westside of Albuquerque needs a strong voice in City Hall.

Extended hours for our recreational facilities and libraries. We must and can do better in the areas of child care in Albuquerque by Improving access to 24 hour child care. We must do more to help our working families and understand that not all parents work 8 am to 5 pm. We must provide Families accessibility to find the support they need to be successful. We must also improve infrastructure across the city and address crime and homelessness.

Infrastructure. Our roads are separating, and sidewalks are lifting from all the storm water. The city has been doing temporary repairs for the last 10 years. When you address a problem temporary, it's not fixing it. I will make infrastructure improvements the cornerstone of my charge as a city councilor.

It depends on what "proper regulation" means. We have seen that a good idea like tiny houses fail because of "proper regulation". Any housing development should have those who are trying to find housing at the table. We need to be flexible and open to thinking with our partners not just solely within the bureaucracy of government.

### **District 7 Councilor**

### Emilie Marie DE ANGELIS



I led the state chapter of grassroots advocacy group Moms Demand Action NM for four years, growing it into a statewide force for change that passed two landmark public safety bills in the state legislature. I currently serve as Chair of the City's Arts Board (public art program). I have 25 years of professional experience in the nonprofit sector, making transformative capital projects possible for their communities.

Violent crime threatens our public safety, quality of life, and economic progress. We must address root causes with evidence-backed, community-based violence intervention programs proven to help reduce violence; and expand the Department of Community Safety. Equally important is a fully sustainable plan for water preservation and clean energy in our city.

They are the same as for the city. We especially need to grow the city's Violence Intervention Program; create an intervention team for our hospital ERs to stop the cycle of retaliation after shootings; explore a pilot program for community-driven street outreach; prioritize 24-hour crisis services for youth through age 24; expand and deepen APD community policing; and ensure our 911 and 242-COPS lines are fully staffed and responsive.

ADUs could be a part of the solution with the right zoning, permitting, and code enforcement process. Other cities have seen them create long-term housing that advances infill with very low environmental impact. But given that there's a substantial upfront cost to residents to build them and they permanently raise property taxes, I feel City Council must prioritize GO bonds and other capital funds to properly address our urgent need for affordable housing in Albuquerque.

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

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

### ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is your top priority for the City of Albuquerque?

What is your top priority for your district?

Are auxiliary dwelling units, with proper regulation, a good idea for affordable housing?

### **District 7 Councilor** (continued)

### Tammy L. FIEBELKORN



I own a small business. I'm the founder and director of a local nonprofit. I have a proven track record of results at the City on diverse issues including fighting climate change, assisting low-income residents, technical assistance for small businesses, training City staff to reduce all forms of family violence and better protections for animals and wildlife. Most recently, I worked with the City Council to secure funding to provide low-income households with energy efficiency upgrades.

The long-term solution to crime is to have a diverse and robust economy, where every resident can find better paying jobs to take care of their families. The best way to boost our economy in the short-term is to help existing businesses rebound from COVID, while attracting new and diverse businesses that offer careers that are attractive to our youth and support a sustainable future for Albuquerque: clean energy, energy efficiency, film, cannabis, technology/ software, and outdoor recreation.

My district needs safety and sustainability. I will fight for more mental health and addiction recovery programs, more social workers, community policing, economic sustainability via better paying jobs and small business development, and a focus on climate resilience to deal with the flooding, extreme weather events, and the severe drought that are impacting District 7.

Absolutely. This type of increased density in developed areas is key to addressing our affordable housing needs. Auxiliary units can provide additional income for homeowners and affordable housing for those who need it. Auxiliary units also allow families to live multi-generationally so children can take care of their elderly parents or care for loved ones when needed.

### Travis B. KELLERMAN



As a co-founder of Lavu Inc., I believe in the economic potential of Albuquerque and our entrepreneurs. I am for and from the working class, and have worked a full spectrum of jobs - tile factory worker, fire-break lumberjack, and State legislative liaison. In my time as a policy analyst for then-City Councilor Martin Heinrich, the potential for impact via the City Council stuck with me. My data science work has given me a new approach to measuring need, ROI, and results in city government.

An inclusive economy. This requires data-driven solutions to address root causes of the major issues facing our city. An inclusive economy is not possible without this foundation. We need data models that hold the City budget and its departments accountable. Higher wages and increased union membership means a better quality of life for all of us through Trickle Up economics, union apprenticeships, and after-school programs. This makes entrepreneurship for working people possible.

Many priorities for District 7 and for the City of Albuquerque are one and the same. For District 7 specifically, there are no senior centers or community centers here. It is time to build a multicultural center and boost after-school programs for our working families. We need to address flooding in low- income areas with a major drainage system overhaul. Strategic speedbumps, lighting, and increased urban forestry - all are critical for District 7.

Yes. Whether as internal or external units, other cities with robust auxiliary dwelling programs for affordable housing have reported a stack of mutual benefits. Results show integrations of generations in a community, working people finding a stable home, and a win-win approach to combating the epidemic of loneliness and depression in seniors. Proper vetting, matching, and household safety is critical. With a wave of displacement hitting our city, the time is now.

### Lori Lee ROBERTSON



My commercial real estate background plus my volunteer work with homelessness gives me a no-nonsense approach to solving issues with less regulation. My goal is to bring balance back to the community, work together regardless of political affiliation and propel our citizens forward while creating a safe environment for all to thrive. The largest problem facing Albuquerque as a whole is Public Safety. Our community has seen more crime than ever before and there are a multitude of factors contributing to the problem. We need to support our APD officers, provide them with the tools and training to enforce the law and elect officials in our judicial system that will hold citizens accountable for their actions.

District 7 has aging infrastructure that needs to be addressed. There are several flooding and drainage issues that need to be fixed along with the deterioration of Montgomery Pool. At the same time, we need to ensure that the local community centers and parks are modern and fully functional.

- no response -

### Andres P. **VALDEZ**

Since 1985 I have years experience advocating to City Council, The County Commission, The state Legislature for community improvements.

Things are always more complicated than what they seem, Albuquerque is faced with no choice, having to balance out three priorities and it's a MUST DO! Priority 1. Crime, Priority 2. Police Reform, priority #3.is Homeslessness: Priority #1. Crime: We have many good officers and we need to give officers the tools they need to do their jobs. Crime is out of control and police and communities must partner up for innovative methods of solving crime. Priority # 2. Police

Infrastructure needs assessment and compliance. Cultural Development. Fulfilling the needs of my constituents, an open door policy.

From research it is my understanding they have no kitchen use. If so this is not a good idea. Please refer to my homeless plan for housing.

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

- Thomas Jefferson

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### **District 7 Councilor** (continued)

### Mauro L. WALDEN-MONTOYA



I covered every aspect law as an AIDS attorney. I have served on over 50 non-profit boards, including Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. I own several small businesses and was President of the LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce. As a law professor I taught the Legislation Clinic. I have helped craft legislation at the city, state, and federal levels. I have testified in front of Congress, city councils and state legislatures. I grew up in ABQ and I am a 17th generation New Mexican.

Crime affects quality of life for citizens, business investment, and property values. We need a fully staffed APD, working in partnership with our community to make the city safer. Expanding the Community Safety Department to ease the burden on police is essential. Most importantly, we need leadership within the APD that is willing to cooperate with the Justice Department so we can end federal oversight and actually keep the officers we recruit and train, instead of losing them to other cities.

My highest priority for District 7 is economic recovery and revitalization. As a City Councilor I will create a Tax Increment for Development District along Menual to support the small businesses there. Tax Increment for Development Districts, authorized under the Tax Increment for Development Act, are special areas created primarily to allow for certain tax revenue - the additional revenue generated by economic activity in the area - to be diverted to finance infrastructure.

Lack of affordable housing is a ubiquitous problem and Albuquerque is no exception. Auxiliary units, properly regulated, would create additional affordable housing. With proper community input I fully support them. However, subsidizing mixed retail/residential properties, apartments above stores, can also be a great source of affordable housing. We need an 'all of the above' approach to making Albuquerque an affordable, livable city that will attract new businesses and residents.

### **District 9 Councilor**

### Robert C. GRILLEY, Jr.



Most importantly I excel at the under-appreciated art of listening. Unlike other politicians that are stuck on transmit, I plan on listening to the people of my community. My life and career are centered on public service. I've worked with agencies at the city, state, and non-profit level to focus on helping at-risk youth in New Mexico and improving our community. I'm hard working, results motivated, and eager to work at the level of the city council to the benefit of Albuquerque and its people.

Restoring trust between community and law enforcement through accountability, transparency, and support. Partisan politics has injected toxicity into a critical aspect of life in a city of our size. We need to provide law-enforcement officers with adequate staff and support to see their investigatory work through to its conclusion, while at the same time creating an environment of commitment and accountability. Providing for public safety is a fundamental pillar of government, not a game.

The top priority for District 9 is economic redevelopment, with a focus on Route 66 (Central Ave) from Tramway Blvd to Eubank Blvd. Some of the most traveled roads in the city are in our district, yet we have over a dozen vacant lots and boarded up commercial plazas. I will work as a civic partner for business owners to overcome bureaucratic hurdles and fully utilize these commercial spaces; while also going after those who refuse to keep their vacant properties safe, secure, or up to code.

They aren't a bad idea, but they also aren't a complete solution. We're a city of over half a million people, with a budget over a billion dollars and we're still growing. We aren't a town of 500 people and we can't keep trying to address large systemic problems with little fixes. Each new business we attract (Netflix, Amazon, Orion, etc.) will increase the price of housing. We need a fundamental shift and push in how we address access to affordable, transitional, and low-income housing.

### Renee GROUT



I am not a political insider. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, small business owner and community volunteer proud to have been born and raised in Albuquerque. I have lived in District 9 for more than 43 years and have owned a small business in town for 32 years. I am committed to this city, understand the concerns of the average, hard-working citizen, and will always be a tireless advocate on their behalf.

My top priority is to get serious about fighting crime. We have set two all-time homicide records over the past four years and our crime rate is four-times the national average. I will fight to end "catch and release", eliminate the Sanctuary City law for illegal immigrants, and support our police by opposing any effort to defund the police. We must allow the police to do their jobs and start enforcing our laws.

My top priority for our district is to clean up our streets and improve our quality of life including the revitalization of East the Central/Route 66 Corridor through business development. This also includes better parks, walking trails, bike paths and improving the infrastructure of our streets. Creating safer neighborhoods by working hand-in-hand with the Foothills Area Command and expanding neighborhood watch programs.

I oppose efforts designed to circumvent our current zoning laws and neighborhood standards. Allowing for auxiliary dwellings is a shortsighted way to create affordable housing, as it ultimately will severely undermine the character and standards of existing neighborhoods. I will always fight for the neighborhoods.

### Byron K. POWDRELI



Board Member of the City of Albuquerque Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Committee 1997; Board member and Chair of City of Headstart Policy Albuquerque Council 2015; East Gateway Coalition member since 1996; Founder and Director of Community Radio 99.9 FM 2013; Graduate of the 56th class of the Albuquerque Police Citizen Academy 2019; Former Co-Chair of the Albuquerque Community Policing Council 2019; Business owner, Powdrell's Barbecue since 1973.

84% of citizens polled believe crime is the top priority for Albuquerque. At this time, crime is restricting both current businesses and new business growth. Crime also affects educational opportunities by causing families to live in fear. My plan is to address the DOJ CASA agreement as written and to do away with the extra add-ons that restrict officers from doing their work. Also, enforce current laws and work with the State Legislature on revising the revolving-door Bail Reform problem.

Crime. There have been approximately a dozen homicides in District 9. I will continue my close work with the with Foothills police commander and with the community to make our neighborhoods and schools safer so that we can encourage and stimulate new businesses along East Central and other areas of District 9.

With proper regulation and in conjunction with the Fair Housing Act, ADUs could be an affordable housing solution especially for seniors.

### Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

The board of trustees is the legislative body for the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. It has the power to adopt all ordinances, resolutions or other legislation conducive to the welfare of the people of the village. The board is composed of four members, elected at large for staggered four-year terms. Two positions are on the ballot in this election.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is your top priority and how do you plan to address it?

How should this priority be funded?

What is your opinion on the expansion of commercial activity on Fourth Street?

### Trustee-at-Large

# Gilbert L. BENAVIDES



I know why people choose to live in the Village of Los Ranchos. The people are diverse, the open spaces are beautiful, and the agriculture keeps us connected to the land. The Village belongs to all of us and not to special interests organizations. We must come together when we can to move forward. I listen to new ideas and give people a voice. I understand the value of our local businesses. BS: UNM, MS: Stanford University, Licensed Prof. Engineer, Project Manager, Planning&Zoning Commissioner

My top project priority is to continue with the revitalization of 4th street. I will work with the mayor & trustees to build upon the work that has been done. I will be guided by the master plan, the voices of our residents, and the concerns of our local businesses. The design and process can be improved by considering lessons learned. My top civil priority is to value our diverse population. I will give people a voice, promote inclusive events, and improve access to our benefits.

Grants and revenues generated from commercial activity. We should consider businesses and people that want to give back to the village by sponsoring improvements to facilities such as the Village barn and the Agri-nature center.

Commercial activity is our financial life blood. We do not want big box stores but we do welcome pedestrian friendly businesses and other consumer businesses that allow our residents to spend their money within the Village. A new park along 4th street, North of Ranchitos, would be a nice balance. We need to reach out to the growers in the Village and facilitate the sale of agricultural products (beyond the Grower's Market). The master plan is our guide.

Daniel L. **GAY** 

NO REPLY RECEIVED

# George E. RADNOVICH

I am a current member of the state ofNew Mexico Board of Landscape Architects, I am a past member of the Los Ranchos Planning and Zoning Commission, and I am a past president of the Xeriscape Council of New Mexico. Aside from my experience on boards and commissions I work on development plans and master plans for lands of public organizations and agencies like the village of Los Ranchos, the other city, state and federal agencies which gives me insights that can help with laws and regulations.

My top priority is to help Los Ranchos continue to develop in quality ways that respect our people, our land, and our government. I will work to provide ethical, moral, and environmentally and financially sustainable direction and to tailor my decisions towards the common good in these areas.

These priorities should be funded through grants, legislative actions, gross receipts taxes and watchful spending which capitalizes on quality. I believe we should be able to pay for our actions as we would at home with fiscal responsibility and pinpointed projects.

physically, but not economically. I think Fourth Street, which I designed, needs to be assisted with incentive programs like tax free money to encourage existing businesses to flourish and succeed. I also believe that the right new businesses should be assisted through similar programs. I do not believe that we can just build, we need programs that build better businesses.

Street was improved

Fourth

### Loretta M. SMITH

NO REPLY RECEIVED

## Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

The municipal judge in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque hears cases of petty misdemeanors, alleged violations of village ordinances, including zoning and animal control offenses. Determines innocence or guilt and passes sentences. Supervises court employees. Four-year term.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

How do you deal with difficult people in courtroom proceedings, including lawyers and litigants? Do you believe that voluntary professional and community service is a necessary commitment for persons holding public office? What forms of voluntary professional and community service have you been involved with in the past and/or currently?

What have been the most effective methods for improving court procedures and efficiency? What other methods would you suggest?

### **Municipal Judge**

### Diane E. ALBERT



I have a JD from UNM Law School and 15 years experience as a legal intern, a lawyer at a large law firm, and 10 years as a solo practitioner at Diane Albert Law. I am a fast learner, an excellent writer (winner of Carter Award from UNM Law), and am experienced in legal research. I have a reputation for excellence and honesty in my practice and my billing. I am a "people person" and enjoy interacting with others. I am experienced in running meetings in an efficient and respectful manner.

I have served as a County Councilor in Los Alamos and a P&Z Commissioner in both Los Alamos and Los Ranchos where tempers can flare, people may become emotional and agitated, and as an appointed or elected official, one can become an object of abuse. I can remain respectful, calm, make eye contact, and listen even when criticized or with contempt. In court there are rules of decorum that all must follow. Reminding all parties is an integral part of the judge.

I believe voluntary service is a necessary commitment. I serve as secretary to the NM Women's Bar Association, a volunteer for Legal Aid, an Evaluator (15 programs) of engineering programs for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Past President of the Intellectual Property section of the NM Bar, and board member of the Bike Coalition of NM. I have volunteered at Balloon Fiesta Valet Bike Parking. I am a SW Council member of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

An AALS report recommended effective case management by judges, saving the parties time and money, and leading to more informed and reasonable resolutions. Courts need more resources to achieve greater judge involvement and allow courts and judges to work more efficiently and effectively. I suggest that parties be encouraged to pursue mediation to help unclog the courts. Judges generally have large dockets: more staff and perhaps clerks are needed, which of course involves more funding.

Henry Alexander 50+ years as a practicing lawyer



Courteous, firm decorum. Particularly in a court like municipal court, which in many cases is a person's first or only contact with the judicial system, it is important that the parties defendant leave the courtroom with respect for our system of criminal justice.

Volunteer community service is privilege all members our society should seek and perform to the extent able. Over my career, I have served on governing boards of my parish church and diocese and other nonprofits and on committees and commissions of the Supreme Court of NM, the NM State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, primarily dealing with lawyer ethics/professionalism and client protection. Serving Los Ranchos as municipal judge will be part of my ongoing community service.

I will get a better feel for whether and how municipal court and my performance as a municipal judge might/can be improved after some time in the job. OJT is a great teacher.

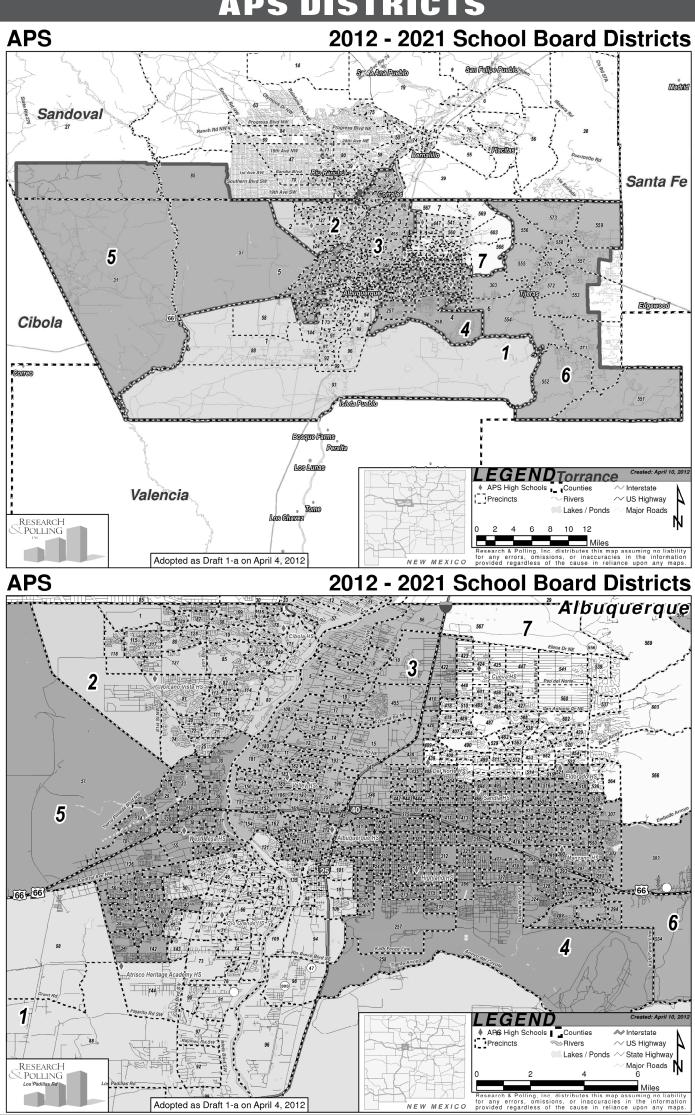
### **Village of Tijeras**

The village council is the legislative body for the Village of Tijeras. It has the power to adopt all ordinances, resolutions or other legislation conducive to the welfare of the people of the village. The council is composed of four members, elected at large for staggered four-year terms. Two positions are on the ballot in this election.

**Councilor at Large** 

	What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?	What is the most important issue the Village of Tijeras should focus on at this time?	Will climate change have any impact on the Village of Tijeras?
Matt J. ARMENTA	NO REPLY RECEIVED		
Jonathan M. ORTIZ	NO REPLY RECEIVED		
Gloria J. CHAVEZ	WITHDRAWN		

### PS DISTRICTS



The Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Board of Education sets policies and guides the strategic direction of the Albuquerque municipal school district, approves the budget, and evaluates the superintendent. The district includes students in the city of Albuquerque, the town of Corrales, and Village of Los Ranchos, the counties of Bernalillo and Sandoval, and the pueblos of Isleta and Laguna. The Board of Education is composed of seven members, elected by district in staggered four-year terms. Districts 3, 5, 6, and 7 are on the ballot in this election.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is the top priority and how do you plan to address it?

How should APS address the effects of lower student enrollment?

How should schools address lost learning time as a result of Covid?

### **District 3 - Board Member**

### Jinx F. BASKERVILLE



I have spent 25 years within APS as a teacher, asst. principal and principal. I have had opportunities to work and learn firsthand about school budget, curriculum, 90 day plans, grants, teacher evaluations, MOU's etc. I bring knowledge and experience at running a school for pregnant and parenting youth within the Schools of Choice cluster, as well as overseeing curriculum in a comprehensive school setting. All the experience and knowledge I have will be an asset when it comes to making decisions

1. Covid and wearing masks in schools. I support the current public health directive and would make decisions based on science. 2. Equity-The world is in turmoil and there is a lot of racial divide and social injustices. Students are impacted by this. They need curriculum that reflects them and empowers them. 3. Mental health: the last 18 months have taken a toll. We need to make sure students feel supported. 4. Budget: judicious use of COVID relief funds.

We need student-centered learning, in which young people are empowered to take control of their own learning. We need to expand the number of teachers who are people of color. Students need to see themselves in who is teaching them, and in what they are learning. This will enable APS to keep students before they leave. We need to look at our discipline policies and incorporate restorative practices instead of being penal. We need to support teachers who want to innovate in their classrooms.

We need to offer free summer school for students. We should utilize before and after school programs to help catch up students who have fallen behind. We should create elective classes that enable students to earn credits while simultaneously helping them catch up. We should utilize community centers and nonprofit organizations to expand tutoring resources while simultaneously building relationships. Teachers should be offered stipends for meeting with students outside of school hours.

### Ali Ennenga



I am very organized and I frequently set and achieve goals. I run my own business, I am an educator, and I was a paralegal. I know how to budget and I know what classrooms and students need. I am very familiar with the law. I have a BSCJA (Criminal Justice Admin) and a MAED (Master's in Education). I know that I have the skills, time, and capabilities to make a great School Board representative for the people of District 3

Our top priority is making sure our children are well educated and ready to face the challenges they encounter after high school. We need to make sure the money that we, as taxpayers, are spending on our students, actually go to the students. We need to make sure our kids are attending school and getting the quality education they so desperately deserve. I plan to look at the budget and work toward using the money we spend appropriately.

There are plenty of parents who are pulling their children out of school in favor of homeschooling and charter schools. I would like parents to see that we, as a board, are making sure that we give our children a quality education, not indoctrination, There is value in the public school system and I would like parents to once again have faith in the education system in our state. As a board member, I will work tirelessly to ensure parents, students, and teachers have a voice on the APS Board.

We need to get back to the basics of teaching reading, writing, and mathematics. What is happening right now with masks being required, without parental involvement in the decision-making process, is tragic. We have to allow teachers to bring our students back up to speed as quickly as possible. However, the mandates are taking precedence over education, and teachers are policing instead of teaching. Teachers should address the needs of the students, not of dictates of the government.

# Lucas Stephen I am a father of 2 school aged kids. Since 2009 I have the pleasure of serving the state of NM currently at



I am a father of 2 school aged kids. Since 2009 I have the pleasure of serving the state of NM, currently at the 13th Judicial District Attorney as the offices' Chief Financial Officer and Chief Procurement Officer. I served as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Española from 2007 to 2009. I have experience with parliamentary procedure, governmental budgets, the legislative appropriation process, and working knowledge of the state procurement code. I look forward to serving on the board.

As a kid I always felt shamed reading aloud and it caused me to be afraid of public speaking and hampered my career growth. Encouraging our kids not only to read, and do it well, but teaching skills, them oratory encouraging them not only to read and learn but to engage in discussion. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. Implementing proven models from а state Massachusetts. Asking teachers to make it their own gaining their buy in and giving them the creativity to make the model work.

Lower student enrollment can be addressed with improved performance. We'll see enrollment increase once parents see improvement in performance. APS needs to restore public trust.

Lost learning time is something that isn't going to be able to be made up overnight. Schools everywhere struggled with the online and hybrid models that failed to engage our kids. Getting creative with educators, parents, and community organizations perhaps senior mentors can engage students and tutor to assist those most in need, it doesn't have to be something that costs a bunch money, it needs to be something kids are going to want to do.

# Danielle Marie Expertise in urban school leadership and improvement strategies, given



and improvement strategies, given my work with the Aspen Institute Education Program. Knowledge of federal and state education policy, including allowable uses of federal funds, given my decades of work in state and federal education policy. A commitment to equity, and privileging the voices and perspectives of stakeholders furthest from opportunity. Significant management and board governance experience, including managing budgets. Parent/ quardian of four.

Responding to the impacts of the pandemic, economic recession, racial unrest, and related stress. The district is fortunate to have an influx of federal funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) that come with a lot of flexibility in allowable uses. I would prioritize academic acceleration and tutoring, high-quality and culturally-relevant instructional materials and aligned teacher professional development, increased mental health supports for students, and community schools.

APS must first work to regain the trust of families. Some strategies that would help include home visits, community schools, dual enrollment and better communication, as well as improving the quality and rigor of academics. Instruction should be academically challenging, culturally relevant. School buildings should be warm and welcoming and families and students should be engaged at every opportunity. Principals should be supported to actively engage with their community and neighborhoods.

Students need academic acceleration and extended learning time that complements core instruction and whole child supports. Classroom instruction should be challenging and at grade-level or higher; it is inequitable to subject students to below grade-level content. All students need access to rich, highquality instructional materials across the subject areas, grounded in research, which supports culturally linguistically responsive approaches. Expand tutoring and community partnerships.

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#### **District 5 - Board Member**

### Emma Jean JONES



I have 15yrs experience working in school programs, and as an organizer. I am a mother of two, and was a student who experienced homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity in APS. I believe this experience prepared me to serve on the Board where I can uplift student voice, and strengthen wrap-around services. In my professional life, I have a proven record of policy development, advocacy, and budget management. As a non-profit Executive Director, I managed budgets in excess of a million dollars.

Ensuring equity, cultural competency, and language access are a key strategy in students, family, and teacher engagement. Multicultural, and multilingual curriculum which utilizes histories, cultures, and languages spoken by APS students and families. Expanding the bilingual program, bilingual seal, and ethnic studies. Supporting and incentivizing professional development to maintain a multilingual teacher workforce where teachers are respected, valued, and competitively compensated.

We must first identify why enrollment is so low. Is it because students moved to online schools, or did they leave the district? We must find ways to develop stronger relationships between the school community and families. Additionally, we must work to ensure that students who are not enrolled, have the support services they need to navigate the barriers that prevent them from returning. Lastly, we must work to ensure that students and families feel valued, safe, and are prepared.

"Lost learning time" really is a problematic phrase. I think it is important we give educators, administrators, and especially students grace when talking about the effects of covid on the learning environment. Furthermore, I think it is important we meet teachers and families where they are at, work to identify their needs post-pandemic, and include teachers and students in innovative solutions towards reaching academic goals.

### Uche M. OHIRI



I am a mother of two wonderful sons, one of which is serving in the US Army & the other is a student at UNM. Raising children in our city gave me a unique insight into the responsibilities of this office. I also have had a robust legal career, serving as a Magistrate in Nigeria & I have a strong background in the medical field. I currently serve as a Nurse Practitioner. Having the training/background in these critical fields prepares me well to handle the robust issues that face the APS Board.

I believe we need to improve graduation rates. I want to encourage the use of restorative practices in helping students graduate, train teachers in the use of these practices of corrective actions so that students become accountable for their actions, mend harm caused by their actions through a reflective method and maintain a trust relationship with students and teachers. The teachers in turn earn a trust relationship with their students in their efforts to instill knowledge and discipline.

We need to examine the root causes of this and analyze how much the COVID-19 pandemic impacted these rates and how we can correct for this. We should engage in public outreach to improve enrollment and improve our school buildings and infrastructure to make them more alluring for new students. Expanding upon community schools that provide wrap-around services to students in need could also be a good solution for improving student enrollment.

We should readjust the curriculum to accommodate this shift that occurred in our children's' lives. I believe active learning on the part of students will play a large role as well. As a medical professional, I understand the trauma and toll that the lockdowns had on our children and recognize that APS needs to create policies that help students heal from this trauma. We should not make children feel like they are 'behind' or insufficient because of something that was out of their control.

# Crystal Elaine TAPIA-ROMERO



I have over twenty years of early childhood education and leadership. As the founder of New Mexico Early Learning Academy, I am proud to share my successes from impressive quality ratings (five star rated), staff retention, and consistent enrollment growth. An advocate for early childhood ed providers, families & children on a local, state and federal level and can bring that expertise to the board. I can contribute visionary leadership, budget oversight skills, time management & passion

My top priority is to rebuild trust with the families of APS and the district. Once this is becomes a priority, we can focus on student outcomes, budget, and policy. APS needs to build collaboration with families. Open communication and transparency is needed so parents can trust the district again. Outcomes need to be improved so families can believe they are receiving the best education for their children. Families need to be followed up with directly so APS can address the decline in enrollment.

An extended school year. Expand resources to students who need services directly related to the loss of learning. Ex. tutoring, online support, on-demand library of lessons, peer groups.

#### **District 6 - Board Member**

### Arthur J. CARRASCO



I have severed on several local, state and national boards. I understand how an efficient board should work and how important it is to be a leader in polices and not a follower. I have spent 20 plus years reviewing financials for all size companies. I understand how important it is for money to be spent that will directly benefit the students of the district. I know how to develop and set objectives, goals, and plans. I will hold people accountable for their performance.

My priorities would be to address accountability, financial management and keeping kids in school. The superintendent should be given clear objectives, goals and plans. He should be accountability for meeting those. All APS spending should be reviewed and hard questions asked. Funds should be directed at providing the best education for the student. We have to motivate kids to make and keep them as students.

Enrollment is down 5190 students. APS must provide for the needs of each student. We are losing the competitive race to charter schools and private schools, because we don't have schools open, no teachers to fill class rooms, student to teacher ratios are to high, and we are not motivating our students.

We can not get back the time we lost due to Government restrictions. We must move forward, learn from the mistakes and plan for a better education system.

"The vote is a trust more delicate than any other, for it involves not just the interests of the voter, but his life, honor and future as well."

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What is the top priority and how do you plan to address it?

How should APS address the effects of lower student enrollment? How should schools address lost learning time as a result of Covid?

### **District 6 - Board Member** (continued)

### Celia **CORTEZ**

(WRITE-IN CANDIDATE)



I bring over thirty years of experience is in the business world, having worked in several competitive markets. With operations management experience, I can offer insight into the review of operational and maintenance budgets that other board members do not have. With my private sector experience I can bring a different approach to the board process and financial decisions.

Top priorities: 1) Focusing on improving literacy rates across all grade levels within APS. 2) Ensuring that all monies that can be used directly in the classroom are allocated there; this is where the learning happens. 3) Reviewing the auditing process to ensure it is a robust and in depth process that can identify any waste or fraud, so that all money makes it into education.

The falling student enrollment is due to several reasons, one of which is out of anyone's control. With a declining population growth, APS must plan operationally and financially for these likely continued declines, anticipating reduced funding. With the growth of private, charter and home schooling, I feel strongly that if APS improves it's literacy and math rates they will have better student retention rates.

To address lost learning time during COVID students must start this school year where they left off, every child is different. Some children thrived during COVID learning remotely. They learn better in a quiet setting without the distractions of a classroom. Others learn better in an in-person group setting. Parents, students and teachers will better know each children's need. For the children that find it hard to concentrate and learn remotely they must have the option of in-person learning.

# Josefina Elizabet I'm a retired English and Spanish OMINGUEZ classroom teacher with 28 years



I'm a retired English and Spanish classroom teacher with 28 years experience in 6 different districts, 22 years in NM and APS. I've taught a wide range of students in various programs: from gifted and AP/Honors to Special Education students mainstreaming into a Regular English class. I understand the complexities of how a district operates and how every department plays a vital role. And every bit as important, I'm the mother of 2 APS graduates and my grandchildren attend APS schools.

Making all our students' academic, physical, and emotional well-being is a top priority, especially for the most vulnerable and historically underserved. These are the equity concerns behind the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit. The current Public Education Department strategic plan has tactics to address these priorities, but we need to ensure the work gets done. How the Superintendent and his team execute those tactics and measure them is crucial to evaluating APS's success on

Low enrollment happened pre-pandemic. Schools need more choice to accommodate students' interests and learning styles. Covid will impact enrollment now and into the near future. We must protect all schools with marginalized children. This begins with providing safe learning environments, i.e., air purifiers; paying for additional virtual classes to medically fragile students. The classroom must be free of cuts. Capitol funds and monies from the American Recovery and Cares Act can accomplish this

I propose we ask, "how do we highlight what students did learn in the year of Covid?" How we incorporate students' experiences and challenges into teachers' required curriculum is essential. What students lost was structure and a sense of community inherent in going to school. Given that Covid continues as a threat, we need to buffer the consequences of that lost school connection. Improve access to online learning and access to social, medical, and mental health services at school sites.

### **District 7 - Board Member**

# Nicholas Dale At 25, I'll be the only APS board BEVINS member to have attended public



At 25, I'll be the only APS board member to have attended public school in the 21st century. I understand how to address cyber bullying, because I'm literate in the ever-evolving online apps and terminology being used by my generation. I understand the issues with the testing culture because I grew up in it. I know the trauma of participating in an active shooter drill because they started while I was in school. What qualifies me to sit on School Board? In short, my in-depth recent experience.

My top priority is ending the fiscal austerity being placed on our teachers and other APS staff. We live in a state that is fortunate enough to have a massive budget surplus, specifically set aside for education, in the Land Grant Permanent Fund. Despite this fact, we regularly rank 50th in education and our schools are going under-funded. I intend to end this by using my power as a school board member to reject any budget which fails to utilize our surplus funds.

Lower student enrollment is a multifaceted phenomenon. Shifting age demographics, declining population growth in Albuquerque, removal of students throughout the pandemic, and competition with charter schools are all factors that have contributed to the 5,000 student decline. Addressing these issues is a challenge for the entire community to solve. APS, for its part, can do its best help by providing the best possible learning environment for students regardless of enrollment numbers.

APS should adopt a year-round education model, as has been implemented in other states. This would allow us to be more flexible in determining where and when to add more school days as needed.

### Julie BRENNING



I have the character and experience to bring our community together to solve challenges in the district. I have 3 children, 2 in school with special needs. I'm the only candidate with professional experience solving challenges in our schools. I created an evaluation system that critiques and improves APS schools, I created a HS curriculum for work and education readiness, and I have professional experience working in the State Legislature, Bernalillo County Commission and APS schools.

My top priority is making sure our students can safely learn in person and ensuring there is transparency on the school board in this joint decision-making. Data indicates children experience the best learning outcomes when they attend in person schooling. As a board member I will follow the guidelines of science, experts in the field and data to keep them safe in school. I will share your input to those around the table and listen to our community as we make these decisions together.

Innovation must be a top priority. We need more experiential learning, flexibility for the needs of each school and student and innovative learning opportunities in the classroom. I will break down barriers that lead to less innovation. Our students need choices, whether virtual or in-person learning. We must address systemic issues which result in lower enrollment. Confidential discussions with parents and students will identify blind spots in our communications, programs, and services.

The COVID pandemic caused real difficulties, yet students and families learned during this time; how to face challenges and adapt to unforeseen circumstances. Data clearly shows the need for longer school days. The additional "genius hour" will focus on experiential learning and skill building for the future. It will help with learning loss and is supported by parents, families and educators. I also support K-3 literacy and math interventions, creating a plan for students to make improvements.

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

- John Quincy Adams

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

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### **District 7 - Board Member** (continued)

# Courtney I. **JACKSON**



My children attend APS, and I want to ensure that the needs of our school children come first, ahead of politics. I excel at organizational management and working with a team to achieve common goals. I have a history of board leadership which gives me the skillset needed to set policy and strategically plan for long term goals. My desire to sit on the APS School Board is to improve our education system for every child and not as a stepping-stone for another political position.

APS needs to prioritize student learning so our children are empowered to chase their dreams. The APS School Board should provide clear guidance on policy with measurable goals that are data driven, and those policies should be managed effectively to ensure our students succeed. I will hold APS accountable to real metrics and achievable goals that educate our students, which in turn will generate productive members for our community upon graduation.

APS needs to have a clear plan to understand why student enrollment is declining. The district needs to know which students left, where they went, and why they left. APS must understand what families felt they were not receiving from the schools, and then proactively assess and adjust priorities to bring them back. If we reform APS to prioritize student learning and shift dollars out of the bureaucracy and into the classroom, I am confident student enrollment will rebound.

We are now in the third school year of interrupted learning for our students, and the challenge for our teachers and students is immense. First, APS needs to perform a districtwide assessment to identify where our students stand academically. Then, APS needs to provide robust, high-quality professional development for accelerated learning to make sure teachers are prepared and well-trained. A portion of the \$230 million in the ESSER III funds should be used to provide for these necessities.

# **Moriarty-Edgewood Public Schools**

School board members serve four-year terms. The candidate must be a qualified elector of the state, physically reside in the District and have physically resided in the District on the date of the school board's proclamation calling a regular school district election.

What are the two or three best ways to improve district schools?

How would you allocate the increased funds coming from the federal government?

How can the board foster the recruiting and retention of teachers with full credentials?

What programs or approaches, if any, should be developed to raise the graduation rate?

#### **Position 1 - Board Member**

### Linda R HUDSON



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# Rebecca "Becky" I think that advocating for raises for teachers, especially during this time, would help districts to retain



teachers, especially during this time, would help districts to retain teachers. The shortage of teachers and use of long term subs is not helping our kids. We also need to advocate for smaller classroom sizes. New Mexico is ranked last in education, we need to be researching what other states are doing to erase the gap our students need to overcome, to catch up with peers from other states. Offering a wider variety of trade school classes for students.

I would like to purchase text books for every student, for each class, to take home as a reference for times when they can't be at school due to quarantine, etc. Live streaming equipment for every classroom for the same reasons. Hiring bilingual instructional coaches. Investing in work/study opportunities. Offering courses in computer science, wind/solar and other trades. Investing in future technology, our district currently has chromebooks for each student, so we need to be looking ahead

Offering stipends and buying supplies they need to assist them with teaching. Having mentoring available for new teachers. Encouraging and supporting all teachers to become Google Certified Educators. Providing professional development for every staff member in our district. Fostering an environment of support, and respect among administrators, teachers, and students.

First of all we need to have students in person for learning, as much as possible. many kids had so many issues last year with spotty, or no internet, and just not being able to engage and focus on the teachers. We also need to provide extra tutoring to help catch the kids up from basically losing an entire year of education. Focusing on mental health, and providing support in that area. Hiring bilingual instructional coaches to help struggling students so they don't give up.

### **Position 5 - Board Member**

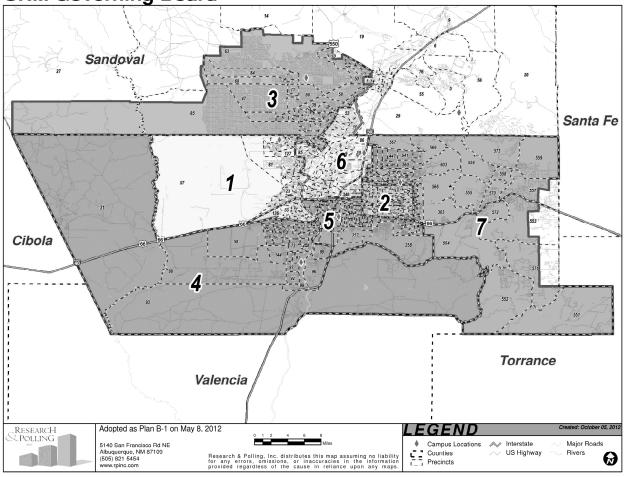
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### CNM BOARD CANDIDATES

The Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) Board is responsible for policies that govern all phases of the educational programs for CNM. The Board is composed of seven members who are elected by district to staggered four-year terms. Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 are on the ballot in this election.

**CNM Governing Board** 



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 do you see as the biggest opportunities and challenges for CNM?

How do you see community college education changing to address student technology needs postpandemic?

### District 1 - College Board

### Charles N. **OFELT**



Having a 40+ years broadly based background in business and law, I have the capacity to analyze what works and what doesn't. I listen carefully and can work with others collaboratively to determine viable solutions. No one can predict the future accurately and all plans are subject to change as conditions change. I am used to taking these two fundamentals into account in my thinking. My critical thinking skills should apply well to the Board's oversight function.

My top priority is to ensure CNM's stability as an institution, that it continues its superlative performance. If it isn't broken, don't try to fix it.

New Mexico's small population and workforce is CNM's biggest challenge, but also an opportunity. CNM has the opportunity to attract a higher percentage of those who want to and need to learn, and to work with area employers to help those who have difficulty in qualifying for work, so as to expand the available workforce.

Until I am closer to the problem and have a better understanding of both the prevailing conditions and projections for the future, I cannot provide a meaningful response.

### District 3 - College Board

# Thomas E. SWISSTACK



I spent my professional and public service career helping youth and young adults redirect their lives to become engaged, responsible, and productive community members. This same intent aligns with CNM's vision "Changing Lives, Building Community." My strongest ability is to ground among find common stakeholders and encourage forward movement to achieve CNM's strategic goals and the collective goals of our communities, counties, cities, and employers across the state

My top priority for CNM is help elevate and expand our college, career, and technical pathways for all students. I plan to address is by continuing to build and maintain a strong partnership between the board and CNM's President. Our President and staff are the most influential people in maintaining our outstanding institution. I will support their success which in turn will have a positive influence on CNM's students, our many partners, and other colleges and universities.

CNM's biggest opportunity is to broaden and bring to scale opportunities for our state's diverse people to gain skills for employment, prepare for further education, and become the kind of citizens that contribute back to our state. CNM's biggest challenge is address an 18% decline in student enrollment because COVID forced many students, especially those historically underserved, to delay community college or drop out because of the economic hardships the pandemic created.

CNM made two discoveries during and post pandemic. One is that we learned some of our faculty and staff members need more preparation to serve students remotely. Two, our learning platforms revealed that many students struggle to learn through online platforms. As CNM continues to recover from the pandemic, integrating different modalities, providing innovative educator training, and using data will be key to meeting the educational demands of today's and tomorrow's students.

### CNM BOARD CANDIDATES

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What do you see as the biggest opportunities and challenges for CNM?

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### **District 5 - College Board**

### Nancy A. BACA



I began serving on the board in 2016. Since then I have chaired the Planning and Capital Outlay Committee and served on the Audit, Finance, and recent Presidential Search Committees. I spent nearly two decades as a local journalist. I am a small business owner and community volunteer. These experiences have given me an in-depth knowledge of the strengths and challenges facing CNM. I will continue to be an advocate for CNM and its mission to offer accessible. affordable education to New Mexico.

My top priority is to better promote CNM's numerous programs to diverse individuals in every phase of their lives, from completing a GED to polishing skills or completely changing careers. CNM can help meet these workforce demands in our changing economy. I will continue to advocate for and promote CNM, and fight for new ideas for sustainable funding to accomplish these goals.

The greatest challenge facing CNM is also its biggest opportunity: the changing economy and workforce demands impacted by the pandemic. I hope New Mexicans seeking career transitions and the growing number of job opportunities will consider CNM. The college will continue to provide employers and prospective students personalized training programs and a tailored education to meet the needs of our economy.

At the onset of the pandemic, CNM was able to pivot and immediately offer online learning opportunities to students. This semester, classes are a hybrid of in-person and online instruction to allow students to tailor their learning and continue to have access to an affordable education. I see CNM continuing to provide these opportunities and pursuing additional technology as student needs change.

### **District 7 - College Board**

### Robert P. SCHOENFELDER



I have proven expertise over the past 40 years in the following: • Managing schedules, budgets, quality, and regulatory compliance on environmental projects that ranged in value from \$20,000 to \$5,000,000. • Developing and managing a group of technical staff that grew to more than 20 members. • Managing corporate Environmental, Health, and Safety Programs for a company of 2,500 employees in 45 offices across the US. • Conducting program audits and reporting to senior management groups.

My top priority is to support the Governing Board of CNM to ensure the school meets the evolving educational needs of the community and to oversee the systems in place to ensure ethical management and operations of the school. I will leverage my skills in support of the Governing Board's activities and will openly and honestly work with the Chairman and the members of the other 6 Districts while actively participating in all board meetings and functions.

Our biggest opportunities are related to the growing and developing business environment in NM. Currently those are related to the film industry and the information technology fields. Challenges for CNM are recognizing the developing needs of our local employers, the skills needed for success in new businesses (small and large) and refining the flexible and remote learning systems that became necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We learned from the pandemic that in-person classes are not the only way to educate adults, and that technology can be leveraged to support remote learning. I see increased flexibility in the educational settings to be offered by CNM, continuous improvement in those settings, and opportunities to a wider range of students to benefit from CNM courses and certifications as they use those new settings.

# Paradise Hills Special Zoning District

The Paradise Hills Special Zoning District is a zoning district located in the northern part of unincorporated Bernalillo County. The purposes of the district are to lessen congestion in the streets and public ways; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public requirements; to conserve the value of buildings and lands; and to encourage the most appropriate use of land within its boundaries. The Commission is composed of five members, elected to staggered four-year terms. Two Commission positions are on the ballot in this election.

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 is the most important issue facing your district and how would you address it?

How would you improve communications with your district?

### **Seat 1 - Commissioner**

### Elizabeth K HALEY



I am retired, after owning a consulting and planning business. I earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Architecture from the University of New Mexico. My practice involved interpreting public surveying the built policies. environment and leading interdisciplinary teams. I have served on Federal Reserve policy groups and coauthored congressional testimony on project review. My work supported federal housing budget justifications and policy.

The Commission's major task was to meet or exceed the document control, records compliance and data retention of other zoning entities without paid staff and with limited resources. I developed an online permit application and automated records system through the Commission website. I expanded the Commission's capacity for online meetings and compliance to state statutes

Zoning Enforcement is the most important issue still unresolved by the Commission. The New Mexico Zoning Statutes for Special Zoning Districts limits funding for districts, but not Counties or Cities. Zoning permit fees are the only funding streams available to the Commission for permitting operations. The Commission is delegated authority by the state statute for zoning enforcement without revenue streams other than fines. More equitable State Statutes for Special Zoning Districts are needed.

The Ordinance was last updated in 2009. The Commission's online capacity for public comment seeks comments and can convey how the zoning ordinance works for the Paradise Hills Community, including incorporating new best practices into the Ordinance where appropriate. I am an officer of the Paradise Hills Civic Association and vice president of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations. I developed online presentations in Zoom meetings to discuss regional zoning choices.

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

– Mahatma Gandhi

# Paradise Hills Special Zoning District

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 is the most important issue facing your district and how would you address it?

How would you improve communications with your district?

### Seat 2 - Commissioner

### Valentine W. VAUGHN Jr.



I am a retired P.E. (Professional Engineer) and have built and been involved with major projects on all continents except Antarctica. Most of the projects pertained to oilfield structures and equipment. I designed and built first of a kind buildings and major equipment during this period of my professional career. I owned and operated Vaughn's Engineering Consultants in the Salt Lake area in the 1990s. As a young person, I helped my Father clear lots and build houses.

My top priority is to reorganize the ordinance to be more understandable and fairer to the 3,300+ property owners in the zoning district. The ordinance does not address many of today's situations, such as solar and the need for improved enforcement. The ordinance even falls short on defining lot lines, setbacks, and property owners hobbies such as vintage car collecting to name only one.

The inability of the commission to provide enforcement. I have repeatedly requested the members of the our Commission to arrange for a meeting with the Bernalillo County Zoning Commission to resolve the enforcement issue. The Bernalillo County Zoning Commission receives all of the funds from taxes and other sources that should be received by the Paradise Hills Special Zoning Commission for enforcement. If the situation is to continue, then the County must work with our Commission.

Many of the property owners in the Paradise Hills Special Zoning District do not know that they are in a special zoning district and therefore do no attempt to comply with the ordinance. I want the Paradise Hills Special Zoning Commission to send a letter of introduction to all property owners in the District informing them of the existence of the District and how to access the website.

### **Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District**

The Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) promotes the conservation, improvement, and responsible use of the natural resources on the 918,000 acres of rural and urban lands within its boundaries in Bernalillo and southern Sandoval Counties. Responsibilities include control and prevention of soil erosion, prevention of sediment and floodwater damage, furthering the conservation, development, beneficial application and proper disposal of water. The Ciudad SWCD governing board is composed of five supervisors, elected for four-year terms.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What do you believe is the most important issue the Soil and Water District should focus on and how would you address it?

What strategies would you employ to deal with what is called a "mega-drought"?

How do you think communication about district service could be improved?

### Position 3 - Supervisor

### <sup>Zoe</sup> ECONOMOU



I have served as a supervisor at Ciudad SWCD since 2008. I've been a champion of reuse, recycle, regenerate and serious about conservation since the late'60's. I haven't missed but a couple of meetings in 12+ years. I was a market farmer and practiced organic gardening for many years at my, and my husband's, EcoStep Farm in the South Valley.

Pursuing funding and working toward a mill levy for the District so that we can get even more done in the interest of educating the public about soil health, water availability, fire suppression and helping both public and private property owners create defensible space around their built structures. Also preparation for post fire regeneration by having seeds and seedlings available. Since we are currently grant driven, funding is not provided for promoting the District, paying for audits etc.

Mega drought? How about mega climate change? Let's not forget the soil aspect of the District. Healthy soil is imperative in using, keeping and conserving both soil and water. Soil and water conservation districts were born out of the Dust Bowl to assist in avoiding a repeat of that disaster. Working with Mother Nature against hard circumstances is what we do, mega drought or not.

Having a mill levy would provide funding for better communication by allowing compensation for time spent by our tiny staff to create quality media, literature and a greater presence in the District and on social media to inform the public of who we are and what services we can provide. Meanwhile, check out our website CiudadSWCD.org

# Frederick J. **SNOY**



My Bachelors degree is in Biology/Ecology. I have been interested and passionate about all living things my whole life. I have been in animal husbandry (human) as a practicing physician my whole career. During that time I have owned and operated a llama farm, have been an avid gardener and orchardists. I spend a great deal of time in the outdoors, hiking camping, exploring and bow hunting when I can get a permit. I have run a small business for many years.

I would say visibility. It seems the District flies under the radar except in certain circles, and the important work they do should be known about and accessible to everyone.

If the basis of this mega-drought mess in climate change and global warming, we should direct our efforts there. Everything the district does is on the right track and helpful, but we are falling behind because o f burning carbon and over-population.

Re-Vamp the budget and fundraising directing more toward education and motivation.

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

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

#### Ciudad **Water Conservation**

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What do you believe is the most important issue the Soil and Water District should focus on and how would you address it?

What strategies would you employ to deal with what is called a "mega-drought"?

How do you think communication about district service could be improved?

### Position 4 - Supervisor

### **Kaelan Ashby** DREYER



I think my experience of working in both agriculture and conservation makes me qualified for this office. I have worked on a conservation crew and different local farms before, and i currently operate a small farm plot in the North Valley. Having a hand in working with both areas that the Ciudad SWCD deals with and understanding how the two areas impact each other would add a great perspective to the local board. I'm also willing to hear a variety of perspectives relating to the issues.

The most important issue that the District should focus on is dealing with the local impact of droughts. Although NM farmers and ranchers have been dealing with periods of droughts for years, there is no doubt that climate change is making them worse. One solution would be to continue to support projects in the East Mountains that help water runoff (which will help increase the water supply), another would be to promote drought minded solutions to local farmers (which i will touch on next)

I did mention some in the last question, another big one is i would push to make Hemp more accessible for NM farmers to grow. Hemp has been shown to be more drought resistant than other crops, But currently NM farmers must go through a bureaucratic process in order to be allowed to grow it. I would encourage to the NM Department of Agriculture to further deregulate the cultivation of Hemp in order to allow more NM farmers be able to grow both economic this environmentally beneficial crop.

Unfortunately it seems that many local people have little knowledge of the district's existence. I think the best way to improve the district's communication and also awareness to the public would be a bigger social media presence. Since so many people are on social media these days the district should have a more visible presence on these platforms. Another good way would to be have more presence at local events relating to conservation agriculture.

# GLASS

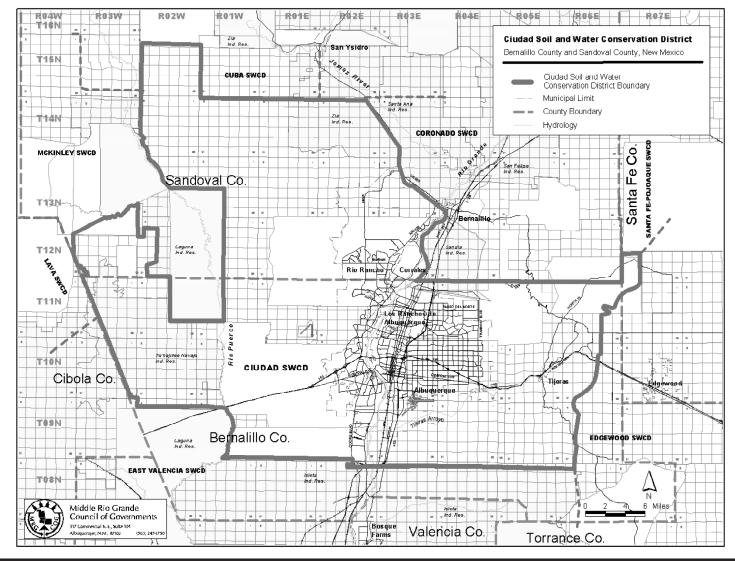


James Steven I have an MS in Biology and 45 years of professional experience in natural resource conservation (23 years in local government). After 18 years on Ciudad Water Soil Conservation District Board, I thoroughly understand the mission and operation of the District. I represent seven New Mexico SWCDs as Region 1 Commissioner on the state Soil & Water Conservation Commission which provides me a broad perspective about effective interagency collaboration, which is essential for District success.

Ciudad SWCD must pursue a source of reliable recurring revenue over the next two years. 90% of District funding is via competitive grants with terms of 1-3 years, which limits our ability to sustain programs long-term. I will seek to expand on existing funded partnerships with local governments and I will pursue any other authorized sources of funding stabilize District operations. Reliable revenue will enable the District to better communicate with and serve our urban and rural land-owners.

I have long advocated for crucial drought response strategies such as water conservation, rainwater harvesting and low-water-use urban development criteria through my Board memberships at Ciudad SWCD, Arid Low-Impact Development Coalition and Water Protection Advisory Board. In addition to conservation, a mega-drought may require developing new water sources and new water sharing approaches. and I serve on the MRCOG Water Resources Board where such regional water resource issues are considered.

Effective public communication is challenging when most District funding sources are grants with limited public outreach funds, so a reliable source of recurring revenue improve will help public communication about District services in line with our existing outreach plan. I encourage voters to visit the District Facebook page and website (www.ciudadswcd.org), where they can review the public outreach efforts outlined in our 2021-2022 Action Plan and learn more about Ciudad SWCD services.



### Albuquerque Arroyo Metropolitan Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA)

The Albuquerque Arroyo Metropolitan Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) is responsible for planning, construction, and maintenance of major flood and stormwater control facilities that protect life, property, and the environment in the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area. AMAFCA's jurisdiction includes most of the developed areas of Bernalillo County, except for the East Mountain area and the Rio Puerco basin. AMAFCA is governed by a five-member Board of Directors, elected by district for staggered six-year terms. District 1 and District 2 positions are on the ballot in this election.

What abilities do you have that qualify you for this office?

What do you believe is the most important issue AMAFCA should focus on for the next two years and how would you address it? How might climate change affect the activities of AMAFCA?

How do you think communication about AMAFA services could be improved?

#### **AMAFCA District 1 - Director**

### Elizabeth NEWLIN TAYLOR



I am qualified for this office through my 30-year career in law in New Mexico and my pre-law career in journalism. Before attending UNM law school, I covered governments for newspapers and investigated how they work-and how they don't work. As a lawyer, I specialize in water law. I currently represent both private and public entities. I understand how public entities should work to accomplish their missions while citizen allowing input and implementing responsible fiscal policies.

The most important issue facing AMAFCA is construction and maintenance of its network of ditches and other facilities that protect us from catastrophic flooding. Sounds boring, but it's the infrastructure that will preserve our homes, businesses and the environment. AMAFCA needs to continue to look forward and plan for the infrastructure that will protect against the increasing challenges brought on by climate change and population growth.

Climate changes will affect AMAFCA because extreme weather events will continue to increase, and they will get worse. In other words, the droughts will be worse, and severe rain events will become more frequent. For example, AMAFCA needs to plan for 1,000-year floods instead of 100-year floods. It's hard to envision a future that will be significantly different from the present, but that's what AMAFCA must do to protect the citizens of the Albuquerque metro area.

First, the AMAFCA website is good, but it could be improved. For example, the district maps do not clearly show common street names, which makes it difficult to determine district boundaries. Second, the pandemic forced AMAFCA to conduct its meetings online, with the benefit that many more people are participating. That should continue. Finally, the tumbleweed snowman tradition should continue because it reminds Burquenos that AMAFCA exists, and it brings joy to the community.

### **AMAFCA District 2 - Director**

### Orlando G. MARTINEZ, Jr. (WRITE-IN CANDIDATE)

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"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

- John F. Kennedy

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

- Winston Churchill

### ALBUQUERQUE BOND QUESTIONS

### 2021 General Obligation Bond Program by Purpose

The 2021 General Obligation Bond election questions, including all projects for each bond question, are also available on the City's web site: https://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/programs/2021-g-o-bond-program. If you have any questions, would like a hard copy, or would like a presentation on the capital program, you may contact Mark M. Motsko, CIP Official at 505-768-3830 or e-mail mmotsko@cabq.gov

### **Public Safety Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$24,796,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, study, construct, modernize, automate, renovate, rehabilitate, recondition, landscape, furnish, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire land, buildings, property, vehicles, apparatus, and equipment for, police, fire and community safety department facilities?

Apparatus Replacement	\$2,400,000
Facility Construction, Renovation, and Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Construction of Fire Station 12	\$7,000,000
Kathryn Public Safety Center	\$7,000,000
Fire Station 18 Additional Bay	\$100,000
Southeast Area Command, Phase 2	\$5,000,000
Renovation and Repair APD Facilities	\$1,000,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 1	\$100,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 3	\$100,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 4	\$100,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 5	\$200,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 7	\$300,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 8	\$150,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 9	\$100,000
1% for Public Art	\$246,000
	\$24,796,000

### <u>Senior, Family, Community Center, Homeless, and</u> Community Enhancement Bonds

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$28,410,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, construct, demolish, equip, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, expand, repair, study, landscape, streetscape, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property for, city-owned community centers including those for families, youth, senior citizens, homeless, and for other community enhancement projects?

Senior Affairs Renovation/Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center	\$1,000,000
Palo Duro Senior Center	\$1,000,000
Cibola Loop Multigenerational Center	\$6,000,000
Renovation, Repair, Security and Technology Improvements:	
Existing FCS Facilities	\$2,000,000
Loma Linda Community Center	\$2,000,000
Joan Jones Community Center	\$750,000
Health and Social Centers Upgrades	\$500,000
Snow Park Community Center	\$1,000,000
Westgate Community Center Renovations	\$250,000
Westside Community Center Construction, Phase II	\$3,500,000
Metropolitan Gateway Facility Renovations	\$2,000,000
District 3 Community Facility	\$4,500,000
Homeless Encampments	\$500,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancemen	t Projects -
Council District 1	\$240,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancemen	t Projects -
Council District 2	\$250,000

Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects -

Council District 3.....

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Council District 6
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects -
Council District 7
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects -
Council District 8
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects -
Council District 9
1% for Public Art
\$28,410,000

### **Parks and Recreation Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$27,265,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, map, plan, design, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, furnish, equip, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property, vehicles and equipment for park and recreational facilities, including public parks and facilities within those parks, swimming pools, tennis courts, sports fields, other recreational facilities, open space, medians, bikeways, bosque lands, and trails?

Pool and Spraypad Renovations	\$1,400,000
Regional Park Facilities Development and Renovation	\$1,200,000
Urban Forestry	. \$450,000
Open Space Bosque Restoration	. \$300,000
Balloon Fiesta Park Improvements	. \$500,000
New Park Development	\$1,250,000
Park Security	. \$500,000
Golf Course Equipment and Improvements	\$1,000,000
Walker Property	\$4,000,000
Indoor Sports Complex	\$2,250,000
District 1 Pickleball Courts	. \$450,000
Pat Hurley Dog Park	. \$300,000
Vista del Norte Park	\$1,000,000
North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center	\$3,000,000
2% for Open Space Land Acquisition	\$2,800,000
North Domingo Baca Pool & Aquatic Center - Council District 4	. \$500,000

Tijeras Arroyo Bio-Zone/San Miguel Archaeological Site -

Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 1 . . . . . . . . .

\$400,000

\$245,000

\$270,000

\$27,265,000

# **Energy and Water Conservation, Public Facilities,** and System Modernization Bonds

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$15,950,000 of its general obligation bonds to modernize, make energy and/or water-efficient, upgrade, equip, improve, acquire, plan, design, survey, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, furnish, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property, vehicles and equipment for, public buildings, facilities, and systems?

\$1,000,000
\$1,000,000
\$1,900,000
\$1,000,000
\$400,000
\$1,000,000
\$300,000
\$500,000
\$400,000
\$300,000
\$305,000
\$335,000
\$750,000
\$500,000
\$800,000
\$950,000
\$150,000
\$4,200,000
\$160,000
\$15,950,000

### **Library Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$4,157,000 of its general obligation bonds to acquire property, study, plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, modernize, preserve, automate, upgrade, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire books, media, and equipment for, public libraries?

Library Materials	\$3,200,000
Library Building Repairs and Renovations	\$500,000
Library Projects - Council District 1	\$65,000
Library Projects - Council District 3	\$100,000
Library Projects - Council District 7	\$200,000
Library Projects - Council District 8	\$50,000
1% for Public Art	\$42,000
	\$4,157,000

### Street Bonds

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$21,816,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, automate, modernize, sign, enhance, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire property and equipment for municipal streets and roads, interstate roadways and interchanges, medians, trails, bikeways, walkways, sidewalks, railroad crossings, and bridges?

Reconstruct Major Streets and Intersections	\$1,500,000
ADA Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,200,000
Major Paving Rehab	\$1,000,000
Intersection Signalization	\$1,000,000
Mandatory Traffic Sign Replacement/Pavement Markings	
(Federal Mandate)	\$1,250,000

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Bridge Repair	\$1,000,000
Median and Interstate Landscaping	\$1,140,000
Advanced Right of Way Acquisition	\$500,000
Pavement Signs and Markings	\$1,250,000
McMahon Boulevard	\$3,000,000
Replace Street Maintenance Equipment	\$1,200,000
Albuquerque Traffic Management System/Intelligent	
Transportation System (ITS)	\$1,000,000
Advanced Transportation Planning and Engineering	\$350,000
Intersection Level of Service	\$400,000
Winter Salt Shed Renovation	\$800,000
Coors and Unser Median Landscape	\$1,000,000
Market St. and Ladera Dr. Intersection	\$750,000
Trails and Bikeways (5% Mandate)	\$1,040,000
Street Projects - Council District 1	\$350,000
Street Projects - Council District 2	\$500,000
Street Projects - Council District 3	
Street Projects - Council District 4	\$170,000
Street Projects - Council District 5	
Street Projects - Council District 6	
1% for Public Art	\$216,000
9	\$21,816,000

### **Public Transportation Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$1,111,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, recondition, modernize, automate, study, furnish, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property, vehicles, and equipment for public transportation facilities?

Maintenance Equipment Upgrades and Improvements	\$500,000
Transit Technology	\$150,000
Bus Stop/Station Improvements	\$250,000
Park and Ride	\$200,000
1% for Public Art	\$11,000
	31,111,000

#### **Storm Sewer System Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$4,651,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, extend, enhance, study, monitor and otherwise improve, and to acquire property and equipment for the storm sewer system?

NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit Compliance (EPA)	\$1,300,000
South Broadway Master Plan Project	\$1,705,000
Storm System Water Quality Facilities and Low Impact Retrofit for	or Municipal
Fac	\$600,000
Advanced Planning and Engineering	\$300,000
Emergency Action Plans and Rehabilitation for City Dams	\$200,000
Pueblo Alto Flood Mitigation	\$500,000
1% for Public Art	. \$46,000
	\$4,651,000

### **Museum and Cultural Facilities Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$3,966,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, repair, refurbish, modernize, preserve, maintain, expand, enhance, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire artifacts, exhibits, furnishings and equipment for City-owned museums and cultural facilities?

Balloon Museum Collections Storage Repair,	
Renovations, or Relocation	\$890,000
Balloon Museum Facilities Repair, Renovation, and Collections.	\$220,000
KiMo Theatre Remodel and Repair	\$500,000
Cultural Theatre Renovations	\$225,000
Albuquerque Museum Repairs, Renovations and Upgrades	\$250,000
Albuquerque Museum History Collections	
Storage Repair, Renovation or Relocation	\$875,000
Albuquerque Museum Master Plan Phase III:	
Education Center Design	\$500,000
Casa San Ysidro	\$65,000
Explora - Cradle to Career Campus	\$200,000
Albuquerque Museum Xeriscaping Sculpture Garden	\$200,000
1% for Public Art	\$41,000
	\$3,966,000

### **Affordable Housing Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$3,333,000 of its general obligation bonds in support of the Workforce Housing Act to provide resources for the construction and rehabilitation of high quality, permanently affordable housing for low to moderate income working families, including affordable senior rental?

Affordable Housing	\$3,200,000
1% for Public Art	\$33,000
	\$3,333,000

### **Metropolitan Redevelopment Bonds**

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$4,545,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, study, construct, develop, demolish, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, modernize, preserve, secure, expand, equip, landscape, streetscape, repair, enhance, acquire or otherwise improve non-right of way and right of way land, property, facilities or infrastructure owned by the City of Albuquerque for Metropolitan Redevelopment Projects within adopted Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas in order to implement the objectives of the New Mexico Metropolitan Redevelopment Code?

Rail Yards Redevelopment	\$2,500,000
Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Improvements	\$2,000,000
1% for Public Art	. \$45,000
	\$4,545,000

### Albuquerque Soccer Stadium Question

Shall the City of Albuquerque acquire property for, and to design, develop, erect, construct and otherwide improve a public stadium for multiple uses, including, but not limited to, professional soccer events, to be financed by up to \$50,000,000 of its gross receipts tax revenue bonds?

### A few words about this election

This is the second consolidated municipal election conducted under the Local Voter Elections Act. Municipal elections are nonpartisan. It is the first time county clerks have been tasked with putting together election information on municipal races, and races for smaller elections such as Water and Sanitation Districts and Public Improvement Districts.

All municipalities in Bernalillo County have candidates running for local offices. Answers to questions asked by the League are contained in this publication and can be found online at VOTE411.org.

All municipalities in Torrance and Valencia Counties are participating in this election. Candidates for local offices, school board elections, and soil and water conservation districts have all been sent questions by the League. Their answers can be found online at VOTE411.org

All municipalities in Sandoval County did not choose to opt in to the Local Elections Act and their local elections will be held in March 2022. However, School Board candidates, Soil and Water Conservation District candidates and some Public Improvement District candidates in Sandoval County will be on the ballot this fall. All candidates were sent questions by the League. Their answers can be found at VOTE411.org

The Bernalillo and Sandoval County elections have some unusual elements. For the first time Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) and Tax increment Development Districts (TIDDs) were placed on a general election ballot. These entities only involve a few thousand voters.

The Public Improvement Districts are set up by the City of Albuquerque and the City of Rio Rancho when a group of property tax owners or local developers request a PID for the purpose of a local amenity such as a park or a drainage project.

Property owners living in PIDs are taxed each year to pay for the specific amenity. The PIDs are governed by locally elected boards. Board candidates have to be property owners in the district.

The boards of Ventana West Public Improvement District, Juan Tabo Hills Estates Public Improvement District, Montecito Estates Public Improvement District, and The Trails Public Improvement District in Bernalillo County are all up for election this fall. But no candidate registered for office in any of these districts, so the PID board positions will not appear on any ballot.

A similar thing happened in Sandoval County. Although municipal candidates are not scheduled to be on this ballot, candidates for the PIDs and TIDD boards are up for election.

No one can vote for board members of Lomas Encantada/Enchanted Hills PID, Stonegate Community PID, Broadmoor Heights PID, Stonegate Community TIDD or Tierra del Oro PID because no candidates applied. Since there are no candidates running, the races will not appear on the ballot.

There are candidates in Mariposa and Cabezon Public Improvement Districts and those candidates will be on the ballot.

In time, as current board terms expire, the Albuquerque City Council and the Rio Rancho City Council will fill the vacant board positions by appointment for the term.

## **APS Bond Questions**

### **APS Bond Question 1: General Obligation Bond**

"Shall the Albuquerque Municipal School District No. 12 be authorized to issue up to \$200,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purposes of (1) erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; (2) purchasing or improving school grounds; (3) purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in the public schools; (4) providing matching funds for capital outlay projects funded pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act, or (5) any combination of these purposes?"

- YES For the Measure
- NO Against the Measure

### **APS Bond Question 2: Buildings Act Tax**

"Shall the Albuquerque Municipal School District No. 12 impose a property tax levy of \$3.838 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of residential property and \$4.344 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of non-residential property allocated to the Albuquerque Municipal School District No. 12 for the property tax years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 for the purposes of A. erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for or furnishing public school buildings; B. payments made pursuant to a financing agreement entered into by a school district or a charter school for the leasing of a building or other real property with an option to purchase for a price that is reduced according to payments made; C. purchasing or improving public school grounds; D. purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to and from extracurricular school activities; provided that this authorization for expenditure does not apply to school districts with a student MEM greater than sixty thousand; E. administering the projects undertaken pursuant to Subsections A and C of this section, including expenditures for facility maintenance software, project management software, project oversight and district personnel specifically related to administration of projects funded by

the Public School Buildings Act; provided that expenditures pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed five percent of the total project costs; and F. purchasing and education technology improvements, excluding salary expenses of school district employees, but including tools used in the educational process that constitute learning and administrative resources, and which may also include: (1) satellite, and fiber-optic transmission; computer and network connection devices; digital communication equipment, including voice, video and data equipment; servers; switches; portable media devices, such as discs and drives to contain data for electronic storage and playback; and purchase or lease of software licenses or other technologies and services, maintenance, equipment and computer infrastructure information, techniques and tools used implement technology in schools and related facilities: (2) improvements, alterations and modifications to, or expansions of, existing buildings or tangible personal property advisable house otherwise necessarv or to accommodate any of the tools listed in this subsection?"

- · YES For the Measure
- NO Against the Measure

### **Moriarity-Edgewood Public School District**

### **General Obligation Bond Questions**

"Shall the Moriarty-Edgewood School District No. 8 be authorized to issue up to \$11,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of (1) erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings, (2) purchasing or improving school grounds, (3) purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public schools, (4) providing matching funds for capital outlay projects funded pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act, or (5) any combination of these purposes?"

FOR the school district bonds	
AGAINST the school district bonds	

"Shall the Moriarty-Edgewood School District No. 8 be authorized to continue to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the Moriarty-Edgewood School District No. 8 for the property tax years 2021, 2022, 2023 2024, 2025 and 2026 for capital improvements in the District and Estancia Valley Classical Academy including payments made with respect to lease purchase arrangements as defined in the Education Technology Equipment Act or the Public School Lease Purchase Act, but excluding any other debt service expenses for: (1) erecting, remodeling, making

additions to, providing equipment for or furnishing public school buildings, including pre-kindergarten classroom facilities; (2) purchasing or improving public school or pre-kindergarten grounds; (3) maintenance of public school buildings, including public school or pre-kindergarten grounds, including the purchasing or repairing of maintenance equipment and participating in the facility information management system as required by the Public School Capital Outlay Act and including payments under contracts with regional education cooperatives for maintenance support services and expenditures for technical training and certification for maintenance and facilities management personnel, but excluding salary expenses of school district employees; (4) purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities; (5) purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; and (6) purchasing and installing education technology improvements, excluding salary expenses of school district employees but including tools used in the educational process that constitute learning and administrative resources?"

FOR public school capital improvements tax	
AGAINST public school capital improvements tax	

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