

Hello,

I am your North Valley neighbor and Democratic Party Ward Chair. I'm walking to discuss issues of most concern to you.

In 2020 we had a record voter turnout, which allowed us to move forward with an amazing legislative agenda in 2021:

- **We protected women's Freedom to Choose.** In New Mexico, the Supreme Court's decision repealing Roe v. Wade did not change a woman's right to right to safe and effective abortion and reproductive health care in New Mexico because we repealed laws criminalizing abortion;
- **We took major steps to protect our land and environment,** including
  - ✓ Setting bold statewide renewable energy standards, which allow for development of community solar and growing our wind and solar economies
  - ✓ Creating a pathway for a low-carbon energy transition
  - ✓ Creating stringent methane reduction rules that prohibit routine venting and flaring and require capture of 98% of gas waste by 2026
  - ✓ Committing to conserve 30% of New Mexico's land by 2030
- **We invested money in the education of all New Mexicans by**
  - ✓ Increasing college scholarships so that any New Mexican can get a college degree or certificate tuition-free;
  - ✓ Delivering historic educator pay raises (making our salaries higher than those of surrounding states and allowing us to attract thousands of new teachers to New Mexico) and expanding instructional and professional development time for educators
  - ✓ Doubling affordable Pre-K enrollment
  - ✓ Investing over \$1 billion in New Mexico's schools
  - ✓ Allowing voters to approve a Constitutional Amendment providing further funds for early childhood and K-12 education
- **We have taken steps to lower the cost of health care for New Mexicans by**
  - ✓ Lowering the cost of health insurance premiums
  - ✓ Making prescription drugs more affordable by capping the monthly cost for insulin and importing lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada
  - ✓ Cutting copays for behavioral health care.
- **We have taken steps to grow our economy by attracting new and well-paying jobs** to New Mexico, (especially those in film and technological innovation), **expanding and improving our infrastructure, extending high-speed internet throughout New Mexico, and allowing tuition-free training** at NM universities for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs.
- **We have taken steps to lower crime by**
  - ✓ Providing more money to hire additional police, train them, and expand their operations
  - ✓ Working together with national, state, and local branches of law enforcement to focus on shutting down international drug rings and catching criminals at all levels

**We also enjoy the freedom of voting in a way that makes it easy to register to vote and vote, while knowing that our votes are secure and accurately reported.**

**Your vote matters. At a time when many politicians are working to restrict our freedoms, we must stand together as a state to protect ours!** Vote in 2022. Early and absentee voting begin on October 11, 2022, together with same day registration. Election Day, with same day registration, is November 8, 2022.

**Make a plan to vote now. If you or somebody you know would like to register to vote or has questions about candidates or voting, please feel free to give me a call or text at 505-934-5817 or send me an email at [swan1936@comcast.net](mailto:swan1936@comcast.net). Thanks.**

Betsey Swan, Chair Ward 15C  
Democratic Party of Bernalillo County



# OTE Democratic 2022

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

## Our Candidates In Contested Races

United States Representative, DISTRICT 1	MELANIE ANN STANSBURY
Governor:	MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
Lieutenant Governor	HOWIE C MORALES
Secretary of State	MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
Attorney General	RAÚL TORREZ
State Auditor	JOSEPH M MAESTAS
State Treasurer	LAURA M MONTOYA ((not to be confused with Harry Montoya, the Republican candidate for Treasurer)
Commissioner of Public Lands	STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD
State Representative, District 15	DAYAN "DAY" MERCEDES HOCHMAN-VIGIL
County Commissioner, District 1	BARBARA CHRISTINE BACA
County Sheriff	JOHN D ALLEN

## Proposed Constitutional Amendments

**Amendment 1:** to allocate 1.25% of the five-year average of year-end market values of the money in the Land Grant Permanent Fund (LGPF) to early childhood education services and the public school permanent fund. A "yes" vote supports allocating 1.25% of the five-year average of year-end market values of the money in the Land Grant Permanent Fund (LGPF) to early childhood education and the public school permanent fund; however, the allocation would not if the average year-end market value for the preceding five years of the LGPF fund balance was below \$17 billion. Democrats have tried to get this on the ballot for the past 10 years. Let's support it.

**Amendment 2:** to require state funds for infrastructure that provide household services to be approved by a majority vote in each chamber of the legislature. A "yes" vote supports authorizing the legislature to appropriate state funds for infrastructure that provides services primarily for residential use—such as internet, electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater—through a majority vote in each chamber. Currently the Constitution prohibits the funding of infrastructure for these services, leaving many NM households without one or more types of vital residential infrastructure.

**Amendment 3:** to provide that a judge appointed to fill a vacancy be up for election at the first general election one year after the appointment. A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to provide that an appointed judge shall be up for election at the first general election one year after being appointed. Presently, an appointed judge must run in the next general election after appointment.

## Proposed Bonds Issues

Passage of these three bond issues would allow NM to issue bonds in the following amounts:

- Bond Question 1, \$24,470,000 in bonds for senior citizen facility improvements;

- Bond Question 2, \$19,266,000 in bonds for public libraries;
- Bond Question 3, \$215,986,000 million in bonds for public higher education institutions, special public schools, and tribal schools.

## Voting

### Absentee Voting (Voting by Mail):

- Go to nmvote.org and scroll down to request an absentee ballot electronically
- If you do not have access to the internet, call the Bernalillo County Clerk at (505) 243-VOTE (8683) option 2, and an application for an absentee ballot be mailed to you. Complete the application and mail it back to the County Clerk so that it is received by November 3, 2022.
- The last day to request an absentee ballot for the 2022 General Election is November 3, 2022
- If you vote by absentee ballot, you may complete it and return it by mail. The ballot must be received by 7:00 pm on election day, and it is recommended that ballot mailed locally be sent no later than November 3. You may also deposit your completed ballot in a locked drop box at any voting location by 7:00 pm on election day

### Early Voting

- **County Clerk's Annex**, 1500 Lomas Blvd NW, Suite A, 87104, Tuesday, October 11 to Friday, October 21, 2022, Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm
- **Additional locations**, including County Clerk's Annex and Los Ranchos Villa, 6601 4th St NW, Suite U, 87107, Saturday, October 22 to Saturday, November 5, Monday - Saturday 10am to 7pm

**Election Day Tuesday, November 8, 7am to 7pm**

## Voter Registration

**Same Day Voter Registration** at all voting locations. You may register and vote on the same day if you are a citizen and will be of at least 18 years of age by November 8. To register and vote, you must know your Social Security Number and bring a current and valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student identification card or other government document, including identification issued by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo that shows your name and current address.

**Electronic Voter Registration.** Go to nmvote.org to register electronically by October by October 11, 2022. If you register on-line, you will need to provide the same proof of identification that you must provide with same day voter registration.

For questions or more information about candidates, registration, or voting, contact  
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