

DPBC 2022 Pre-Primary Election Overview

What is the DPBC Pre-Primary Election?

According to the rules of the NM Democratic Party, the Pre-Primary is when we Democrats in Bernalillo County elect delegates who will put their fingers on the scale and say who they prefer among Democratic Party candidates for the state primary election in June. A candidate for any particular office must receive at least 20% of the delegate votes to get on the June primary ballot, and the candidate who gets the most delegate votes for that office will have their name first on the ballot. (A candidate who gets less than 20% of the vote can still be get on the primary ballot if they collect additional petition signatures.)

What does the Pre-Primary Election ultimately lead to?

By weighing in on who appears (and where) on the Dem primary ballot in June, the Pre-Primary pretty much kicks off the action toward November. In June, registered Democrats in New Mexico vote in the Party's primary election using a ballot influenced by the Pre-Primary Delegate Election. The candidates chosen in the primary go on to the November election to run against Republican, Independent, Libertarian, Green, and/or write-in candidates.

Why should I be a delegate?

You can put your name in to become a delegate to the New Mexico Democratic Party Pre-Primary Convention, and influence which Democratic candidates are on the ballot for the June primary election.

- If two Dems are contending for the same office, one of them may more closely reflect the policies you support and your values--you might want to enhance the chance they are first on the ballot for the November election.
- There may be a series of candidates running for a number of statewide offices that you want to see elected.
- You may be a Democrat who regards yourself as a member of a demographic that is under-represented, and you want to assert the power of your vote.

How can I become a delegate?

If you are a member of the State Central Committee (SCC) or a Ward Chair, you are automatically a delegate. Otherwise, when you register to vote in the Pre-Primary, you must also declare yourself as a delegate candidate and be elected by other registered Democrats in your ward.

To see delegate ALLOCATIONS (ie, how many of Bernalillo County's 306 delegates your ward has been allocated), click here: https://bernalillodems.org/wp-content/uploads/DPBC_Allocation_2022.pdf

How do I stay up-to-date and in the loop?

Be sure to check the DPBC Blue Review newsletter every Tuesday and Friday. And/or visit our website for information anytime you wish: <https://bernalilloedems.org>