2020 ELECTION CYCLE NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE VOTER GUIDE

A NON-PARTISAN COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR THE EVERYDAY VOTER

> COMPILED BY NEW MEXICO SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

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ABOUT NMSAE



ABOUT THE VOTER GUIDE

Given the current public health emergency, NMSAE has elected to produce a non-partisan Voter Guide intended to connect associations and their members to candidates.

To facilitate the development of the Voter Guide, NMSAE created an online candidate questionnaire that asks a series of questions designed to educate associations about the candidates.

NMSAE does not support, oppose, or make recommendations regarding any political party or candidate. The New Mexico Society of Association Executives is a membership organization comprised of association professionals and industry partners, representing over 60 New Mexico-based associations and professionals societies. In turn, our member organizations represent tens of thousands of their own members, which means our impact

For more than 55 years, NMSAE has been working with associations to advance New Mexico and has served as a key influencer and leader of growth and innovation in the association community.



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates the candidate did not reply to the questionnaire and publicly available information was used to provide information about the candidate.

WILLIAM E SHARER (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Small Business Owner. He served as an infantryman in the United States Army. He was elected to the New Mexico Senate in 2000, and he has served as a state senator since 2001.

Education

Graduated from Farmington High School, the New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico State University

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Sharer serves as a Republican member of the New Mexico Senate, representing the 1st District, which is fully situated within San Juan County.

Senator Sharer was born in Albuquerque and grew up in Farmington. He graduated from Farmington High School, the New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico State University.

Senator Sharer currently serves on the Senate Corporations & Transportation Committee and the Senate Indian & Cultural Affairs Committee.

Website: williamsharer.com

New Mexico State Senate District 2

STEVEN P NEVILLE (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Real Estate Appraiser. Senator since 2005

Education BS in agronomy and genetics and MS in agricultural economics and animal science from New Mexico State University.

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Neville serves as a Republican member of the New Mexico Senate, representing the 2nd District, which is fully situated within San Juan County.

Senator Neville earned his BS in agronomy and genetics and his MS in agricultural economics and animal science from New Mexico State University.

Senator Neville currently serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

SHANNON D PINTO (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Secondary Level Math Teacher

Education Bachelor of Business Administration-Financial Management

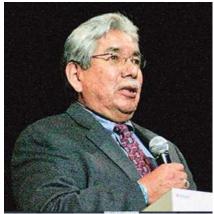
Why do you want to be a state legislator?

Advocate on the part of those who have little influence to have their voices heard and maintaining the relevance of basic needs.

What do you want voters to know?

There have been very few opportunities in past elections that the importance of voting was insurmountable, this year's vote is integral for the people's voice.

ARTHUR P ALLISON (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Previously served as the Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, and worked as division director for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development. He also worked as planning director and acting general manager of the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry. He is a former chairman of the board of the Dine Development Corporation.

Education

Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and pursued an MBA from Ball State University **Excerpts from publicly available sources**: "Allison is a native of the Tohatchi region of the Navajo Nation and owns Five-Star Security, a Farmington company that provides security services throughout the Four Corners region."

"In 2011, Allison was appointed by Governor Susana Martinez as Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department."

"Allison has previously worked for the Navajo Division of Economic Development and the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry."

GEORGE K. MUNOZ (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Small business owner, general contractor, real estate developer, farmer and rancher, and State Senator since 2009

Education

Attended Gallup Cathedral and graduated from Gallup High School. Attended University of Arizona

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I have represented Gallup and the surrounding area in the New Mexico Senate since 2009. I am grateful for the support I have received across the district and all that we have been able to accomplish in the last decade."

"I am running for re-election to continue my work on legislative initiatives that I strongly believe will improve the plight of communities throughout Senate District 4."

Website: munozfornm.com Facebook: facebook.com/nmsenatormunoz

ANGELA R OLIVE (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Administrative Assistant

Education Gallup High School; UNM-Gallup EMT

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I am a Constitutional Conservative. I will fight to cap the annual percentage rate of small loans to 36%, reformulate the calculation for Federal Impact Aid to rural school districts, create an independent redistricting commission, and simplify the tax codes for businesses. I will also fight to uphold the US Constitution and the NM Constitution."

LEO JARAMILLO (D)



Occupation & Professional Background I'm a former broadcast news writer/producer, public school educator, adjunct professor and coach. Currently, I'm a Chief of Staff (COS)/Administrative Officer at Los Alamos National Laboratory where I serve as a an advisor in the areas of human resources, management, finance, and strategic planning for the Associate Laboratory Director of Facilities and Operations. In 2019 I was elected to the Rio Arriba County Commission and currently serve as Commission Chair.

Education

University of New Mexico Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication and Journalism Focus Area: Broadcast Journalism Awarded: May 2000 Why do you want to be a state legislator? In 2019 I was elected to the Rio Arriba County Commission and currently serve as Commission Chair. I have worked in collaboration with State, County, City, and Pueblo elected officials as well as Non-profits to find solutions to issues affecting our community in the areas of homelessness, mental health, residential care for the elderly, and community health and wellness. I want to be a state legislator to continue working on advancing northern New Mexico while tackling deep rooted issues.

What do you want voters to know?

As a leader, my vision has always been about empowerment of people which is why the Stronger Together campaign is not about me, it's about us. Democracy only works when we collectively get involved and work together on advancing our communities while identifying and tackling the major issues we collectively face.

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DIAMANTINA P STORMENT (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired educator. Former Human Rights Commissioner appointed by both Governors Bruce King & Susana Martinez.

Education

BA-Double Major-Economics/Philosophy-UNM; MA-Guidance & Counseling-NMHU; EdD-Educational Leadership-UNM

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"It's time to rid New Mexico of the "Good Ol' Boy" system by electing people for the people. I will make a difference for our New Mexico families. It is time we take our state back to benefit the people's needs. My number one priority will be New Mexico's children."

"I am a political outsider who will not fear to take on the career politicians in Santa Fe. My efforts at the capital will include that our district and all New Mexicans are represented and that their voices are heard. My personal convictions regarding accountability and transparency at all levels, is indisputable. I welcome the opportunity to share my thoughts, and listen to yours, pertaining to my position on accountability within our state government."

LEE G WEINLAND (L)*



Occupation & Professional Background Worked for Los Alamos National Labs and owned my own businesses in real estate, and video production since 1975

Education

College degrees from the University of Minnesota in communications, business, & music

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I am ready with ideas & drive to help create a more fair, balanced, and safe environment for us all to live, work & play freely in New Mexico. I cherish your thoughts & opinions on how to make our home here a better, stronger place to live. And I support anything that makes us all stronger, healthier, safer, and at peace. In short, I love New Mexico! I stand by you regardless of your party affiliation or religious beliefs as a free American."

"I respect all of our personal freedoms given to us by the Constitution. This includes the right to bear arms, worship, medicate, privacy, play, & work how we choose. We are only a free people if we resist the government's push to remove our rights and tax the heck out of us and bleed us dry and imprison us with smothering laws."

Website: lpnm.us/lee-weinland

ROBERTO J GONZALES (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Retired Educator. New Mexico State House Representative from 1995-2019; Senator since 2019

Education

BS from the University of New Mexico and his MA from New Mexico Highlands University

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Gonzales is a New Mexico native and retired educator who was first elected to the House in 1995 and appointed to the Senate by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in 2019.

Senator Gonzales is a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

New Mexico State Senate District 7

PAT WOODS (R) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background

Education BA Agriculture Economics

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

There are 5 members currently serving involved in agriculture. I am the ultimate small businessman. I have 3 to 4 employees who are highly skilled and very responsible. When tax questions arise, someone paying those taxes should ask questions. Infrastructure is critical in my business. Internet is more important than ever. Electric grid stability is a concern as we move forward with renewable energy. Education is critical as is morality. Water is the driving force of economic development.

What do you want voters to know?

I care about our state. We should not be last in every category. The buzz words of the day social justice, economic justice, free college, free housing and don't forget free healthcare. Someone in our society has to produce something of value before government can tax their earnings. If you're a exceptional earner we want you in our state because you create jobs and pay taxes. I believe everyone has the responsibility of carrying their own load.

PETE CAMPOS (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Full-Time Citizen Legislator. Former Mayor of Santa Rosa. 27.5 years as an educator: At-Risk Teacher, Migrant & High School Counselor, Academic & Support Services Associate Superintendent & President of Luna Community College. NM State Senator-30 years.

Education

BA-Double Major-Economics/Philosophy-UNM; MA-Guidance & Counseling-NMHU; EdD-Educational Leadership-UNM

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I have always been committed to serving others. I enjoy constituent service, working on a broad range of policy and budgetary issues. Most importantly, I am focused on the well-being of our state and apply all my experiences to finding solutions to the problems that affect New Mexico.

What do you want voters to know?

I am first and foremost immersed in helping people find health and economic solutions to COVID-19. I am focused on the well-being of every person. That has taken each and every day - addressing collective and individual issues - since we began to address the contagious, life threatening and economic issues affecting our state's population. That's been my priority!

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MELISSA K FRYZEL (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Legislative Analyst with the Republican House of Representatives. I will be starting as the Data Coordinator for Republican Party of New Mexico

Education

Bachelors in Psychology at University of Texas Permian Basin in 2016

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Never, in my life, did I think I would be getting into this field. I was opposed to it for many years. However, like many Americans, the legislative turmoil over the past year, lit a fire under many of us. That fire is yet to be extinguished."

"I grew up a Democrat. My grandparents were two amazing JFK era Democrats, who taught me the values I still adhere to today. However, as time has progressed, the party that they were faithful to has dissipated. It has been hijacked by individuals who do not have our country's best interest in mind. It is because of my grandparent's beliefs and what they taught me about life and civil responsibility, that I made my decision to become a Republican in 2010."

BRENDA G. MCKENNA (D)



Occupation & Professional Background I am honored to serve as a Field Representative for Congresswoman Haaland--I am currently on leave for the campaign. I have served as Chair for the former Nambé Pueblo Gaming Enterprise Board; Examiner for Quality NM; Public Relations Director for the League of Women Voters of Central NM ; and co-coordinator for the Nanbé-Tewa Language Revitalization Program.

Education

M.S., M.S., Organization Development, Central Washington University B.A., Psychology, Syracuse University Pojoaque High School

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I view public office as a responsibility and opportunity to serve my community. I have been in the trenches working in the community as a Field Representative for Congresswoman Deb Haaland and as a volunteer for many organizations including the League of Women Voters. I am a lifelong Democrat and I want to increase the number of women and Native Americans in the Senate. Only 21% of the State Senate are women and just 5% are Native American.

What do you want voters to know?

I will listen and work hard for voters of Senate District 9. I will serve with integrity, energy, and strength. My priorities are adapting our budget to protect people from COVID19 and the boom and bust cycle of the oil & gas industry by diversifying our economy. Protecting small business from job losses and closings during COVID19 and its aftermath. And ensuring that K-12 and early childhood ed are fully funded and—especially given the current economy-- there are no cuts to these programs.

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JOHN S. CLARK (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Owner of JC Blinds

Education Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at the University of Northern Colorado

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Our State Government should run like a fair and honorable business, yet it has failed New Mexicans time and again; it is riddled with cancerous problems that are seemingly impossible to rectify. However, as a businessman and a common sense conservative, I will hit the reset button and use my effective and proven business experience to help get our state back on track to a healthy place."

"He believes you should always be and do your best, and work hard to earn the trust of others. John is not a politician; he is a business and family man that doesn't want partisan politics in government to manipulate and control our businesses, schools, liberties, rights, and families. "

CANDACE GOULD (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background 15 years as a small business owner.Founding board member and Executive Director of the Heart Gallery of New Mexico, dedicated to helping foster children. State Senator since 2017

Education High School

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"A top priority is to break the cycle of poverty and create opportunities for every New Mexican to succeed. Our state can be a safe place to find a goodpaying job and raise a family. I will fight to cut red tape so local small businesses can thrive and create jobs. New Mexico should be one of the safest states in the country. I will work to strengthen laws that will improve public safety to protect our neighborhoods and communities."

"I understand the importance of creating an education system that prepares our children for the jobs of tomorrow, the importance of ensuring that we have a thriving economy where our kids are able to find jobs when they graduate, and why it's critical that we protect our children by fighting for safe neighborhoods."

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KATY M DUHIGG (D)



Occupation & Professional Background Election-protection and consumer-protection attorney, former Albuquerque City Clerk, former House Judiciary Committee Analyst, former Election Protection Coordinator for Common Cause New Mexico, former member of Bernalillo County Code of Conduct Review Board and Valuation Protest Board, for executive secretary and governance counsel member of RFK Charter School.

Education

JD from UNM School of Law in 2008, BA from University of Oregon in 2002

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I have spent my entire career working for the little guy, advocating for governmental and electoral ethics, and serving my community. The current crisis underscores the need for new approaches to grow and diversify our economy, ensure that all New Mexicans have access to high-quality, affordable health care, and address inequalities that leave significant portions of our community vulnerable during challenges like the ones we face now. I want to help New Mexicans thrive, in good times and bad.

What do you want voters to know?

This campaign is all about community, and we will need the community's help, and input, to make our vision of a stronger New Mexico a reality. Please go to KatyDuhigg.com to get involved, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly about the issues you care about (505-600-1343). It's also vitally important that high risk members of our community are safe and cared for during this crisis, so if anyone needs help getting groceries, or connecting with services, please contact me.

LINDA M LOPEZ (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Senator district 11 since 1997. Consultant

Education

BBA from the College of Santa Fe (now Santa Fe University of Art and Design) in 1987 and with an MBA in 1992.

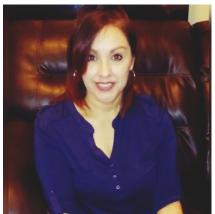
Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Linda has spent her public career fighting for the needs of those who most often do not have a voice in the halls of government, but make up such a large part of our state. She has sponsored and pushed legislation aimed at ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry in our state, that no pregnant women is denied neonatal health care because their income status, and that Government serves its role in helping those most in need."

"As a NM State Senator, she represents all New Mexicans, and not just deep-pocket political donors and those with political connections, as has been the case for far too long."

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MARY PRICE (R)



Occupation & Professional Background For over 15 years I have been an independent contractor. I am proud to say that I have been taking care of disabled individuals to promote a better quality of life for them, to help them reach their goals, and their dreams.

Education

A graduate from Manzano High School with several prerequisite courses completed from CNM, formally TVI.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I want to make a positive impact in New Mexico. The current laws that are on the books don't give the people in the community the executive power. I believe in a smaller government. My goal is to bring a smaller government and more power to the people in the community.

What do you want voters to know?

I want to make a difference in my state. I'm dedicated to common sense, compassion, integrity, & conservative views. I want to be a part of the team that takes us from the worst in education, crime, & violence to the best. I'm tired of family & friends moving to our neighboring states for lower taxes, a safer living environment, & better education. I oppose efforts to restrict gun rights from law abiding citizens. I'm not a politician. I'm a New Mexican and I want what's best for New Mexico.

JERRY ORTIZ Y PINO (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background I am a retired social worker who spent 42 years working as such in communities all over the State of New Mexico for public and private agencies (for profit and non-profit) and for three institutions of higher learning. Upon my retirement in 2004, I ran for the office I now hold, State Senator for District 12 (downtown Albuquerque and surrounding historic neighborhoods). This is the only elected position I have ever held. I chair the public affairs committee and the interim health committee.

Education

I hold a masters degree in social work from Tulane University's (New Orleans) School of Social Work (1968). My bachelor's degree was earned in Latin American Studies at UNM in 1965.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I have several crucial issues that I am committed to working on until they pass. The highest profile among them are the regulation and legalization of cannabis; the Health Security Act; Diversification of New Mexico's economy (reducing our dependence on Federal and Oil revenue sources); Local Option Liquor Excise Tax (to fund treatment of drug and alcohol abuse), and an overhaul of our Community Mental Health System.

What do you want voters to know?

I eagerly invite meetings with constituents, singly or in organized groups, to discuss the issues facing New Mexico and my district. As a retiree, I am able to meet during working hours (once the pandemic permits), in the evenings or on weekends. Two or three times a year I schedule open Town Halls in my district and receive most of my legislative proposals during these sessions.

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LISA MEYER-HAGEN (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Worked on Capitol Hill for Senator Pete Domenici as Assistant to Pete's Chief of Staff, previous director of Care Net Pregnancy Center

Education

Graduated from UNM in 1989 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Human Services

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"With New Mexico's inherent resources, combined with the majority of citizen's collective desire to thrive, it is beyond concerning as to why New Mexico is not prospering and flourishing. Study after study confirms the same thing across all sectors: New Mexico is a train wreck. Measured across social, cultural, economic, or educational sectors, our State consistently lands at the bottom of every good list and at the top of every bad list. We can do better and we will!"

"It's time for new thinking, new vision, new principles, and new resolve. New Mexico is gasping for air. New life and breath need to be pumped back into our State so that its very soul, its virtue, and freedoms are revived. The citizens of New Mexico deserve to thrive. By running for New Mexico State Senate District 12 I plan to be a part of that which will breathe LIFE into our great State again!"

BILL B O'NEILL (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Development Director- PEP Representative from 2009-2012; Senator since 2013

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator O'Neill served in the House of Representatives from 2009 to 2012 and in the Senate since 2013.

Senator O'Neill is a member of the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Additionally, Senator O'Neill is the Vice Chair of the Behavioral Health Interim Subcommittee and a member of the Land Grant Interim Committee, Legislative Health & Human Services Interim Committee, and the Science, Technology & Telecommunications Interim Committee.

MICHAELA M CHAVEZ (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"My story is the story of many New Mexicans. I come from a humble background. I am an ordinary person who has the same concerns and struggles as you do. I am also straightforward. What you see is what you get. I was raised to respect my neighbors and help where I can. The residents of District 13 deserve more responsive leadership. As your state senator, I will make sure your voice is heard in Santa Fe."

"My husband, David, and I have been married for 16 years. We are parents to two extraordinary children. Our New Mexico roots run deep. My family's history here stretches back hundreds of years. Like many New Mexicans, we've worked hard for what we have. We know what it's like to struggle to overcome obstacles. Because of this, we also know what it means to lend a helping hand in a time of need."

FREDERICK J SNOY, II (L)*

Occupation & Professional Background Urologist, Urology Group of New Mexico, P.C.

Education

Unable to find publicly available information

MICHAEL PADILLA (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Chairman and CEO, Altivus CRM Solutions, 20 years.

Education Los Lunas High School

University of New Mexico University of Phoenix

Why do you want to be a state legislator? I want to continue bringing a moderate voice to the New Mexico Senate, remaining actively working on issues related to poverty, including but limited to: Economic Development and Job Creation; Early Childhood Education; Access and Expansion of High Speed Broadband Internet; and, CYFD Child Protective Services Reform.

What do you want voters to know?

I work year round, not just during the session, I host a massive job fair in my district every year that helps thousands find jobs, am an active participant in my community through constant outreach outreach, and am highly accessible.

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MARY K INGHAM (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired physical therapist from Carrie Tingley Hospital

Education

Degrees from University of New Mexico in Physical Therapy and Family Studies.

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Mary Ingham believes New Mexican's voices should be heard. She is especially passionate about the sanctity of life, the financial sustainability of our state, our judicial system, and our students."

"She is a patriotic American and loves New Mexico. Mary's heart breaks when she sees New Mexico at the bottom of so many quality of life lists and only topping the list for things like leader in late term abortions. Mary is a self-described, 'regular, commonsense person, who is new to politics.'"

DANIEL A IVEY-SOTO (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Executive Director for County Clerks; Former State Elections Director, prosecutor, and teacher. Successful entrepreneur, having started and grown two small businesses. In the Senate since 2013.

Education JD and MBA from UNM

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

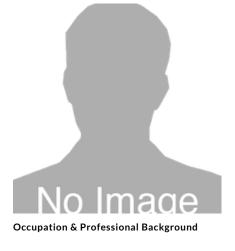
"Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto is a life-long public servant. Currently serving as Executive Director for County Clerks, Daniel is a Former State Elections Director, prosecutor, and teacher."

"Also a successful entrepreneur, having started and grown two small businesses focused on helping others and improving our community, Daniel will take a uniquely broad base of experience in public/private sector to the Roundhouse. Over the past few years, Daniel has written over a dozen bills that have passed the Legislature and all legislative work to date has been based on a philosophy of good government and accountability."

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SANDRA B RAUSCH (R)*

Unable to find publicly available information



Education

ANTOINETTE SEDILLO-LOPEZ (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background I served as a law professor at UNM for 27 years, and as the executive director of a domestic violence agency. I am now serving as a state senator. I am a consultant to nonprofits and a part-time lawyer.

Education

I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico and my law degree from UCLA School of Law.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

Serving my constituents and the residents of this state as a state senator has been most gratifying. Debating the issues facing our state and working hard to craft solutions has been a privilege. I had a unique opportunity to cosponsor the domestic violence and gun safety legislation and then to train judges and lawyers--many former students--on it. I believe I have a lot to offer and I am eager to continue to do so, especially during the difficult times we face during the pandemic.

What do you want voters to know?

My slogan is justice, equity and stewardship. I would like voters to know that these values inform my consideration of the issues that we address as legislators. While we will not be able to have traditional campaign events, I am eager to connect with voters in various ways to hear about views and to communicate about the issues we currently face--the economy, education, social services and the environment.

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CHELSEA ANN FLANDERS (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Small business owner

Education

Graduated from Cibola High School, attended a trade school to become a licensed cosmetologist

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I am now running for Senate because I know and love our community, and I'm committed to make New Mexico a better place for our next generation."

"Last year, my husband and I were discussing different opportunities our family had that would move us outside of this great state. We decided to stay as we knew we could do our part to make New Mexico a better place to live. Despite not knowing where to begin, a few months later, I realized the best way to effect change would be by serving the people of this state by running for State Senate."

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MIMI STEWART (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background State Representative 1994-2014; Public School teacher from 1977-2010.

Education

BA cum laude, in Sociology/History, Boston University 1971; MS in Education from Wheelock College, 1977, Boston, MA (now part of Boston University)

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

Although I am in my 26th year (20 in the House, 6 in the Senate), and I've passed over 100 bills, I still find the work challenging, important for my community, and within my skill set. There are still significant issues that we face, now more than ever, and I still have the energy and effort to do this work.

What do you want voters to know?

I try to make myself available to my constituents; I try to be involved in the issues in my community; and I am committed to continue to improve our schools and the safety of our schools and neighborhoods, and to promote local small businesses, jobs in clean energy, and ensure state services for those in need.

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RODNEY D DESKIN (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background

Education

Unable to find publicly available information

BILL TALLMAN (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background have served for over 30 years as a city manager in several full service, medium sized cities. I have overseen budgets of one half billion dollars, implemented many cost saving measures, worked with the private sector to create thousands of jobs and spearheaded the construction of multiple construction projects including a 11,500 seat multi-purpose arena in Moline, IL. During my first term as a Senator, I received awards from the AARP and the Assoc. of Commerce & Industry.

Education

BA Syracuse University MA Univ. of Cincinnati

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I enjoy the debate and discussion of issues, as well as dealing with my constituent's problems, complaints and issues with state government. I would like to continue to work on the following issues: reform the state's tax structure, improve educational outcomes, increase access to affordable and quality health care, grow renewable energy and diversify the economy. I believe my experience as a city manager is a good background for someone wishing to serve in the state legislature.

What do you want voters to know?

I would like my voters to know that I have a well deserved reputation as a hard worker who is accessible and will respond promptly to all of their calls and emails. I believe that rebuilding our economy, improving educational outcomes and increasing access to affordable, quality health care are the top 3 priorities in my district. Once the the economy has rebounded from the pandemic then lowering the crime rate will rise up to a top concern.

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RYAN A CHAVEZ (R)



Occupation & Professional Background Current Policy Analyst for the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Previously worked as the Director of Public Affairs for New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Policy Analyst for Governor Susana Martinez, and grassroots efforts for campaigns with the Republican Party of New Mexico. Appointed to serve on the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents by Governor Martinez during my graduate studies.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Master of Arts in Public Affairs from New Mexico Highlands University.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

Through my professional experience, and as a native New Mexican I have seen our state suffer, first hand, because of the decisions made in Santa Fe. New Mexico is my home and we have so much potential and I believe we need new leadership to turn things around and make New Mexico a better place to do business and a safer place to live and raise a family.

What do you want voters to know?

I want voters to know that I want to hear from them now to see what issues are important to them. If I'm elected I will always listen to their concerns and ideas. I will continue to reach voters in my district in a variety of different ways to share more about me and my policy platform and ask for their feedback.

MICHAEL S CORDOVA (L)*



Excerpts from publicly available sources: "Principled Libertarian candidate for New Mexico State

Senate District 18."

Occupation & Professional Background

Education

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cordova4NM

CLAUDIA M RISNER (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired Navy Captain

Education

M. S. in Systems Management, University of Southern California, 1987; M. S. in Systems Technology – Joint Command, Control and Communications, Naval Postgraduate School, 1990; M. A. in National Security and Strategic Studies, U.S. National War College, 1994; PhD in International Studies, majoring in International Political Economy and Transnationalism from Old Dominion University in 2018

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Claudia's vision is of a stronger New Mexico with an invigorated local economy, a more resilient environment, an education system that primes the next generation to excel in the workforce, timely and effective health care for all veterans and military families, and improved rural infrastructure. These goals are within our reach if we work together to achieve what is in the best interest of our communities for now and the future."

"The skills she honed as a problem solver, interagency coordinator, communicator, negotiator, and researcher will enhance her effectiveness in the legislature. During her military career she lived the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment. These values continue to guide her as she changes course to serve in a new capacity in New Mexico."

Website: risnerforastrongernm.com Facebook: facebook.com/RisnerForAStrongerNM Twitter: @Risnerfornm Instagram: @risnerforastrongernm

GREGG W. SCHMEDES (R)



Occupation & Professional Background Medical Doctor - board certified in Ear, Nose, Throat, and Head & Neck surgery I serve as the current State Representative for House District 22

Education

Medical Doctorate - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Electrical Engineering, B.S. - University of Texas - Austin

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

New Mexicans need representation that will allow them to live freely. We need a more business friendly environment, where individuals are free to practice entrepreneurship. I want to continue to serve in the state legislature to fight for limited government, better public safety, and individual liberty.

What do you want voters to know?

Our campaign has received overwhelming grassroots support. The reason for this is my dedication to listening to people and fighting for their freedom. I'm dedicated to bringing conservative change to the legislature. In order to achieve prosperity for New Mexico, the legislature must treat all individuals equally, not favoring certain groups over others.

JOHN D MCDIVITT (L)



Occupation & Professional Background I am a retired Naval Officer and Financial Consultant. While in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps I was primarily a logistician. My career in the financial services industry was varied as I worked in commodities, securities, retirement planning and insurance and held virtually all registrations and licenses including registered principal.

Education

Michigan State University BA cum laude 1972

Various certifications from a multitude of Navy courses Virtually all FINRA registrations as

mentioned above

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I want to be a State Senator because I believe the polarization in politics has become toxic between the two dominant political parties. As a Libertarian I believe I can more easily "cross the aisle" because my first and foremost responsibility is to the voters who elect me. I am in no way beholden to either the Democrats or the Republicans and can and will work with members of either party to achieve constitutional, fiscally rational and reasonable solutions for all New Mexicans.

What do you want voters to know?

I seek to bring a spirit of co-operation to Santa Fe. All too often votes are along party lines. I believe individual legislators should be able to think for themselves and not just toe the party line. I also want voters to know that despite the challenge of the COVID-19 crisis the draconian orders that have shaped our lives in the past weeks have no constitutional basis. When this crisis has passed will government willingly give back the liberty that it had no right to take in the first place?

MARTIN E. HICKEY (D)



Occupation & Professional Background CEO, NM Health Connections & True Health NM; Former CEO/Chief Medical Officer, Lovelace Health Systems; Assoc. Prof, of Medicine, Medical Director, Faculty Practice Admin. for Managed Care Services, Rural Health Director, UNM Medical Center Internist & Director of Rural Health, ABQ Veterans Administration; Internist, Medical Director, Diabetes Coordinator, Indian Health Services, Navajo Nation Board, beWell; Board, NM Medical Insurance Board; Board, United Way Campaign; Former Chair, NM Hospital Asso Asso

Education Masters of Science in Preventive and Administrative Medicine, University of Wisconsin; Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency, University of Rochester; M.D., Rush Medical College; B.A., Social and Behavioral Health, Johns Hopkins University

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

In the New Mexico State Senate, there are no physicians who know how the healthcare system works in New Mexico. I would bring healthcare delivery and administrative expertise to the legislature, which is critical, given the times in which we live. As a physician, my life's work is in the pursuit of affordable, accessible healthcare for all. I taught medicine and provided medical care to the indigent at UNM Medical Center and provided medical services on the Navajo Nation for seven years.

What do you want voters to know?

We have a plan to improve the lives of ALL New Mexicans. We must expand access to primary care and behavioral health providers and remove copays for generic chronic disease drugs to help halt the spiraling cost of prescription drugs.We must fund universal early education. We need better-paying jobs that take advantage of our state's strengths: cultural diversity; an amazing landscape; abundant wind and sun; and hardworking, creative people. And we must renew our commitment to the environment.

Website: martinhickeyforsd20.com Facebook: facebook.com/Martin-Hickey-for-SD20-112929456737899/

JOHN C. MORTON (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired U.S. Air Force and Retired Federal Employee

Education

Bachelor of General Studies in May 1981 from the University of Idaho

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"John wants all New Mexicans to have the opportunity to live, work and thrive in a safe and productive state. As your State Senator, John will work tirelessly to reduce crime, reduce taxes, eliminate wasteful spending, reform education, and protect the state permanent fund."

"John was born in Virginia but has made New Mexico his home for over 36 years with his wife Deborah of over 23 years. He is a 1981 graduate of the University of Idaho. He loves New Mexico and understands the many challenges that have held New Mexico back for almost 90 years. John is dedicated to making New Mexico a safer, job ready and prosperous, business friendly state."

MARK D MOORES (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Senator since 2013, former executive director of the New Mexico Dental Association, former chief of staff to Lt. Governor Walter Bradley, and former Field Representative for Congressman Steve Schiff

Education

BA in political science from the University of New Mexico; MBA from the University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management.

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Moores has served in the State Senate since 2013 and serves as a member of the Senate Rules Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senator Moores also serves on the following Interim Committees: Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee, Indian Affairs Committee, Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee, and the Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee.

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ATHENA A CHRISTODOULOU (D)



Occupation & Professional Background Consultant, technology entrepreneur; Retired U.S. Navy Engineer; Previously president of NM Solar Energy Association, restaurateur, educator, and household CEO/human development researcher.

Education

Professional Science Masters (UNM, 2012); MS Environmental Engineer (UCF,1994); BS Civil Engineer (NCSU, 1983)

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I have worked for many years to influence public policy in New Mexico. I believe the best way I can now contribute is as a lawmaker. We need to diversify our economy and our tax base. We need to foster a better working relationship between government and the private sector, especially in our schools. And we need to ensure that our future is environmentally safe so that we can build the future.

As a legislator, I will be able to have a greater impact on these issues.

What do you want voters to know?

My campaign is a grassroots campaign. I am not backed nor beholden to any special interest. I will reach out to voters personally. If I cannot meet them, I will call them. While State issues overlay what I will do as a Senator, I will be responsive to my district, to my neighborhoods. This campaign is about connecting with the people I will directly serve.

BENNY SHENDO, JR (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Senator since 2013

Education BS in Business from the University of Colorado Boulder

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Benny has cabinet-level experience in education, health care, infrastructure building, natural resource allocation, environmental preservation and economic development. His respect for others and love for "doing the right thing," has given him the opportunity to work with so many people, creating prosperous relationships among diverse demographics."

"Benny has proven his ability to negotiate some of the most pertinent concerns to all New Mexicans. His senior leadership experience working at all levels of governmentcommunity, state, national, and international cultural building is a great change for the communities and Tribal Nations represented throughout the vast landscape in District 22."

Facebook: facebook.com/BennyShendoforNMSenate

SUSAN E AGUAYO (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Founder and Operating a non-profit Kassy's Kause. Coordinator for Postpartum Support International

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Susan Aguayo isn't a politician. She's a wife, mother, and grandmother devoted to serving God and putting the real needs of our community first."

"Susan understands we need greater mental health care for our residents. After losing her daughter, Kassandra, to perinatal depression, she started a non-profit to find solutions for this debilitating disease and has become a strong advocate for addressing pressing issues like New Mexico's high youth suicide rates.Susan also wants to support families by ensuring quality education and looking out for our rural communities."

SANDER RUE (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Small businessman. Senator since 2009

Education

Graduated from Manzano High School; Bachelor of Business Administration from University of New Mexico

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I continue to work in requiring state government to become more open and transparent so the citizens of New Mexico can become fully engaged in the policy-making process and better understand how their tax payer dollars are being spent."

"It has been an honor and privilege to represent our families. Over the years, I have received numerous awards and recognition for my bi-partisanship and government transparency legislation. My most significant achievement to date has been legislation creating the New Mexico Sunshine Portal."

Website: sanderrue.com Facebook: facebook.com/ruesander Twitter: @ruesander

HAROLD J POPE, JR (D)



Occupation & Professional Background Retired U.S. Air Force Officer serving 20+ years as a Dental Technician, Project/Program Manager, Chemist, and Foreign Military Sales Advisor. May 1993 -May 1997 and May 2002 - June 2018 Appointed as Facilities Transition Advisor for the Municipal Development Department by Mayor Timothy Keller. Feb 2019 - June 2019 Chairman of the Board, March of Dimes, Jan 2018 - Dec 2019

Board Member, Community Policing Council, City of Albuquerque, Jan 2018 - Jan 2019 and Jul 2019 - Present

Education

Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, University of New Mexico Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AFB, AL Master of Science, Pharmacy, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I'm running for State Senate because New Mexico is at a crossroads; we can no longer allow our families to struggle and the state to languish at the bottom in national rankings, we need bold and visionary leadership, not the same ineffective policies. I listen and care deeply about my community and will be their voice in Santa Fe, ignoring big money and corporate interests. Let's move forward together and lift up our people in order to build a New Mexico for all of us.

What do you want voters to know?

New Mexico is truly the land of enchantment but there are still many challenges that need to be addressed like education, the environment, public safety, jobs and healthcare. These issues cannot be solved by one person and it will take a collective effort from all stakeholders in search of solutions that are not based on ideology but based in data driven outcome-based solutions. Harold has the experience and vision to bring people together in order to tackle these critical issues.

NANCY RODRIGUEZ (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background New Mexico State Senator/Former County Commissioner/former County Mgr/Consultant

Education

MBA (Master of Business Administration) with concentration on Human Resources Management and Management Information Systems

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

As a State Senator for 25 years i have a deep appreciation for public service. The great needs of the people in my district and the State of New Mexico call for experience, knowledge and stability in their elected public servants. The challenges before us financially, socially and economically as we are witnessing with this Corona virus pandemic, require a solid foundation of experience and commitment and it is crucial that elected officials be grounded in public service.

What do you want voters to know?

My campaign is about continuing to serve my constituents. The voters in my district have elected me for 25 years and with my extensive experience as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Chair of the Legislative Committee on Disabilities, Chair of the Mortgage Finance Authority Oversight Committee, member of the Legislative Health & Human Services Committee, the Water & Natural Resources Committee, the Science & Technology Committee, I will continue working as a team with my constituents.

LEIGHTON C CORNISH (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Active duty soldier, medic in 1998; 2009 2nd Lieutenant assigned to the Artillery. Leighton served as an Artillery officer during his third deployment to Afghanistan. There he served as a Public Information Officer as well as a Fire Direction Officer. Analyst during the 2017 New Mexico State Legislature

Education Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Management

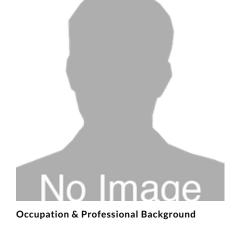
Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I am running for State Senator in District 24 because in so many elections New Mexico returns the same politicians to the office and we see the exact same results. And 50 out of 50 is not acceptable. I am in a position where I can be an active member of our State senate."

"I will fight to bring back the values that we New Mexicans believe in, Faith, Family, and Freedom. I will fight to reverse the Bridge-Too-Far legislation that occurred during this past legislative session and work for a future we can be proud to leave to our children and grandchildren."

SCOTT E MILENSKI (L)*

Unable to find publicly available information



Education

PETER WIRTH (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Attorney. Representative from 2004-2008; Senator since 2008

Education

Stanford University in 1984 with a B.A. degree in economics and Spanish; J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1990

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Senator Peter Wirth is a third term state Senator and the Senate Majority Leader. He serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Conservation Committee. He spent four years as a Representative in the State House from 2004 through 2008."

"Prior to his service in the legislature, Peter was actively involved in the Santa Fe community."

Website: senatorpeterwirth.com

RICARDO A VARGAS (R)



Occupation & Professional Background I am a mortgage loan professional working in Santa Fe. I have worked in the financial industry, film and television and have also worked as a sales professor for over 15 years.

Education

B.A. Communications Mass Media degree from Northeastern Illinois University

Why do you want to be a state legislator? The Republican Party in district 25 has been grossly neglected over the last two decades. Voters need an opportunity to consider an alternate point of view from the liberal rhetoric that has usurped the local political discourse.

What do you want voters to know?

I am part of the forgotten Americans that need to be considered again.

JACOB CANDELARIA (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Attorney; Small Business Owner; Senator since 2013

Education Bachelor's degree from Princeton University; JD from UNM

Excerpts from publicly available sources: Senator Candelaria has served as a State Senator since 2013 and serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

Senator Candelaria serves as the Vice Chair of the Interim New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee.

The Senator also serves as a member of the following interim committees: Courts, Corrections & Justice Committee; Economic & Rural Development Committee; and Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee.

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MANUEL LARDIZABAL (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Businessman

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"As a leader, I have 11 years of experience working with the New Mexico Department of Corrections and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and one of my top priorities is to make the district that I love safe and prosperous for everyone. It is an honor to run for the New Mexico State Senate to represent my district and the constituents of Albuquerque's westside."

"My wife Grace and I have been married for 25 years, we have 4 beautiful children and we have owned and operated a local small business in Albuquerque since 2004. Let's unlock New Mexico into its purpose."

STUART INGLE (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Farmer. Senator since 1985. Currently serves as Minority Floor Leader.

Education

B.S. from Oklahoma State University in 1970

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Ingle has served as a State Senator since 1985 and serves as the Senate Minority Floor Leader.

Senator Ingle serves as a member of the Senate Public Affairs Committee, Senate Rules Committee, and the Senate Committee's Committee.

JAMES S WILLIAMS (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Rancher and Small Business Owner; Past president of the Quemado Independent School Board; Current Chairman of Quemado Soil & Conservation District; Current President of New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts; Current national board member of National Association of Conservation Districts; Current board member of New Mexico Cattle Growers Association; Past Board Member of New Mexico Jr Livestock Foundation; Past President of Catron County Farm Bureau

Education Bachelors degree from NMSU in Agriculture Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Due to my position with the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts I have been able to spend time in Santa Fe for the past three years during the legislative session and have witnessed 1st hand the political dysfunction with my own two eyes. In those 3 years I have noticed a trend happening of rules being broken, disrespect for procedure, frivolous spending and harmful legislation being introduced."

"As a businessman, rancher, husband, father and grandfather I know we need to make positive changes not only for today but also for tomorrow and the days after. By having your support together we can improve our educational opportunities, create economic development and create a better place to live and work in Catron, Grant and Socorro counties."

Facebook: facebook.com/James-Jimbo-Williams-for-NM-Senate-District-28-102543148041632

SIAH C. HEMPHILL (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background Educator for 25 years: teacher, school psychologist, and director of special education.

Education

Cobre and Silver High School; Graduated from Western New Mexico University

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"In the State Senate, I will champion: Our kids' education through smaller classes and early education for every child. Affordable and accessible healthcare for everyone. Our local small businesses so we create new job and career opportunities. Needs of rural communities and protecting our natural resources like water."

"I have been an educator for 25 years—a career I turned to after my son was born with multiple disabilities. I'm running for the State Senate to fight for the kids who I teach, children who are disabled, and all of the parents who work hard to make ends meet."

GREGORY A BACA (R) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Incumbent New Mexico Senator District 29 2016-Current; United States Navy: Nuclear Operator 1989-1995; Public Service Co. New Mexico: Real Time Power Trader 2000-2004; Business Owner various enterprises: 1996 - Current; Baca Law Offices: Attorney 2011 - Current

Education

Nuclear Machinist School; Naval Nuclear Power School; Engineering Laboratory Technician School; Radioactive Material Shipping School; Radiation Controls and Monitoring School; AS Sociology University State of New York; BS Business Administration University of Phoenix Juris Doctor UNM School of Law

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

New Mexico is a great State rich in its people, culture, and natural resources. Our State, along with the rest of our great Nation, is going through troubling times with dipping oil prices and battling a national health emergency. Our state will require levelheaded, well informed leadership to heal ourselves and recover our economy during the tumultuous times we find ourselves in. My background, education and experience have provided me tools for this occasion.

What do you want voters to know?

My Campaign is a grassroots campaign that started with a desire to improve the quality and lives of the citizens of New Mexico and continues with emphasis in integrity, common sense, and care for the people I serve. People of this State deserve the best this Nation has to offer where opportunities abound, and futures are bright. With the right leadership these goals are in reach.

Website: bacaforsenatenm.com Facebook: facebook.com/gregory.baca.75

PAUL A BACA (D)



Occupation & Professional Background

Education Belen Schools NMSU-Studied Business and Finance

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I know the people, I have my finger on the pulse of the needs of the District and New Mexico. I feel passionate about making our community a better place, I have done that through my business and our continued volunteer service and involvement in our community.

What do you want voters to know?

My campaign is "Powered by the People", we have a grass roots campaign that has been organized and is energized by working people. Educators, Former Superintendents, Business Owners, Public Employees and hourly wage earners who are concerned that the current state of our Representation does not represent who they are and do not understand the needs of our District. As a business owner who employs approximately 32 employees and a CEO, I understand and have a connection to our District.

JOSHUA A. SANCHEZ (R)*



Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Throughout his life and his career, Joshua has learned what it takes to serve others, bring people together, and achieve what's best for everyone involved. As a leader, he takes pride in preserving our farming culture, protecting our local resources, and leaning on the integrity it takes to do the job right."

Occupation & Professional Background Business Owner Sanchez Demolition, Inc.

Education Graduated Belen High School

Website: jas4nm.com Facebook: facebook.com/joshuasanchezNM

PAMELA M. CORDOVA (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired teacher who taught high school and at-risk students in Valencia County for over 25 years

Education

University of Phoenix, University of New Mexico, Western New Mexico University, Eastern New Mexico University **Excerpts from publicly available sources:** "I am a retired teacher and a lifelong member of the National Educational Association (NEA-NM). My husband is a military veteran. I am running because we must do better for our kids and our families—today and for the future."

"My roots in our community run deep, as does my family's commitment to public service. My mom was a state representative from Valencia County from 2000-2006 and my father a small businessman. I was born and raised in Los Chavez, a rural farming community north of Belen."

JOSEPH CERVANTES (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Attorney; Representative from 2001-2012; Senator since 2013

Education J.D. from UNM Law School; Master of Architecture from California Polytechnic State University.

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Joe has led the fight for transparency and accountability by passing the laws that opened the State budget process to the public, amended the State Constitution to assure greater qualifications for certain public officials, ensured Lottery profits are invested in college scholarships, and protected whistleblowers who courageously come forward to expose government wrongdoing. Joe fought to increase classroom time spent teaching students and worked with educators to modernize teaching methods."

"As a Senator, I have prioritized economic stability for families by passing legislation that brings jobs to New Mexico. I will prioritize funding and reform of our criminal justice system to ensure efficient and consistent penalties for crime and address the backlog of our courts."

Website: joe4nm.com Facebook: facebook.com/joe4nm Twitter: @senjoecervantes

JOHN T ROBERTS (R)*

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Education

CLIFF R PIRTLE (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Farmer; Senator since 2013

Education Roswell High School

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

Senator Pirtle has served as a State Senator since 2013 and serves on the Senate Indian & Cultural Affairs Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

The Senator also serves as a member of the following interim committees: Indian Affairs Committee, Land Grant Committee, and the Legislative Health & Human Services Committee.

WILLIAM BURT (R) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background NM Senate for ten years. Business owner for thirty one years. Vice Chair of Bank34 board. Member Senate Finance Committee. Member Legislative Finance Committee. Member Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. Member Science and Technology Committee.

Education B. A. In Mass Communications-NMSU

Why do you want to be a state legislator? I am a NM native. I love NM.... we can do much better.

What do you want voters to know?

Pro 1st & 2nd amendments. Pro life. Pro business. Pro Veterans & Military. Support our police, first responders & firefighters. Pro oil & gas. Love my family and God.

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DENISE A LANG-BROWNE (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background Long-time member of NAACP (served two terms as Treasurer); Long-time member of Otero County Community Health Council (served two terms as Secretary); Long-time member of Behavioral Health Local Collaborative 12

Education Degree in Accounting from NMSU

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I'm asking for your vote because this county needs a new voice. We need a voice that will speak fairly for the people of Otero County. Having spoken with many of you, I can say that the people of Otero support well-paying job creation in innovative industries. We want to improve the quality of our public schools and we want to protect our public lands. We want our children to be able to find work that pays a living wage so they can remain in our state."

"I'm the daughter of an Air Force officer, was married to a Vietnam veteran and am most grateful to be a mother and grandmother."

RON GRIGGS (R) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background I am currently retired. I previously owned Alamogordo Title Company in Alamogordo and worked as a landman for Texaco Inc. I served on the Alamogordo City Commission for 12 1/2 years and served as Mayor for nearly 3 years.

Education

I graduated from Alamogordo High School and then from New Mexico State University. I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

New Mexico is at a crossroads. Our economy, thanks in large part to the oil and gas industry, was booming but the crash in oil prices along with the corona virus has hammered us. We must develop a more equitable tax structure and bring more higher paying jobs to New Mexico. There are ways to do that and I want to be a part of those solutions.

What do you want voters to know?

New Mexico has been my home for most of my life. I have kids and grandkids who live here. I want them and all New Mexicans to have opportunities to succeed and prosper. We can't grow and improve our state if we continue to elect the party that has brought us to this point and has controlled New Mexico for the last 90 years. It is time to change the dynamic in New Mexico.

Facebook: facebook.com/ron.griggs.31

DARREN M KUGLER (D)*

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Occupation & Professional Background Former judge of the New Mexico 3rd Judicial District Court

Education

J.D. University of New Mexico School of Law; Bachelor's University of New Mexico

NEOMI MARTINEZ-PARRA (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background Special education teacher. Former vice chair of the Democratic Party of New Mexico

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Neomi has traveled all across New Mexico and met with voters to discuss their needs. She has worked hard with many Democrats and Republicans in her area to bring awareness to elected officials."

"Neomi Martinez-Parra lives in Lordsburg, NM with her husband, daughter and elderly mother. Professionally, she has worked as a Special Education Teacher with students that have high needs, academically and emotionally. She understands first-hand how difficult it can be for her students and their families to thrive in rural New Mexico, where opportunities and resources can be limited."

Website: neomi4nmsenate.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/NeomiforNMSenate35

CRYSTAL DIAMOND (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Former director of Sierra Soil & Water Conservation District; elected member of the Truth or Consequences School Board, where she serves as Secretary; President of the Sierra County Farm & Livestock Bureau; serves on the board of directors for NM Cattle Growers's Association and NM Farm & Livestock Bureau

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I'm running to be your next State Senator from New Mexico District 35 because I have become increasingly concerned by the radical policies being pushed by progressive outsiders in our district. These radical policies will destroy working families, our community's way of life, and are not in line with the values of District 35. This race isn't about left vs right — it's about right vs wrong. Sadly, the special interest groups who are backing my opponent have battled farmers and ranchers for years, want to tear up the 2nd Amendment, and care more about urban issues than they do the issues affecting our community."

Education

Attended New Mexico State University and received degrees in Agricultural Economics and Agriculture Business

JEFF STEINBORN (D)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Southern New Mexico Director for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. Representative from 2007- 2010 and 2013-2016; Senator since 2017

Education

University Hills Elementary School and Lynn Junior High School. High School at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. Earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Texas, Austin, and completed graduate level coursework at the Institute of World Politics in Washington DC

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I am running for the State Senate to continue fighting for good jobs, transparency and ethics in state government, and strong education system."

"I am committed to protecting the best of New Mexico and creating a strong future for our children."

Website: jeffsteinborn.com Facebook: facebook.com/JeffSteinbornForSenate

ROGER MARTIN BAKER, II (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background U.S. Navy Veteran

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I will work to get New Mexico back to the ideals of our Forefathers, who founded this country -- as Abraham Lincoln said in his Gettysburg Address: '...government of the people, by the people, for the people...'."

"Our state suffers because so many of our current leaders have strayed from the actual ideals of both the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of New Mexico. I plan to work to get us back to what makes this state and our country so great."

Website: rbaker4nm36.us Facebook: facebook.com/rbaker4nm36

WILLIAM P SOULES (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Semi-retired teacher and educator. Approximately 30 years in education including, university, community college, principal, teacher. Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education for 8 years. Two terms in NM Senate

Education

BA in Psychology from NMSU MA in Psychology from NMSU Ph.D. In Interdisciplinary Study (Curriculum & Instruction, Education Management, Counseling, and Psychology) from NMSU

Why do you want to be a state legislator? I am the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. Education is critical in NM and with the current crisis and lawsuits, I am able to bring perspective and vision to how we move forward to improve our education systems. Children need someone to be their voice in Santa Fe. I also feel I am an effective legislator on environmental issues.

What do you want voters to know?

I am running to continue the work the Legislature has done to invest in education and the future of our state. We have great wealth in our resources, culture, people, history, and talent. We need to continue to look up and out to a bright future.

Facebook: facebook.com/BillSoules Twitter: @SenatorSoules

DAVID W GALLUS (R)



Occupation & Professional Background Retired Philadelphia Policeman 25 years Retired Electronic Technician for US Postal Service 13 years

Education High School Grad. Some College

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

I don't feel as though our local Legislators are representing the wishes of their constituents. I have attended many City Council, County Commission and State Legislative Sessions. And although many citizens show up to the meetings and voice their opinions and wishes, they are largely ignored. The legislators seem to have an agenda different from the majority of their constituents. I want to solicit ideas from the constituents, and use accurate data to find solutions to the challenges we face.

What do you want voters to know?

I am a Christian, Constitutional, Common-sense Conservative. My main platforms are: Education, Jobs, Family and Security. Eligible voters need education on candidates and I strongly support School Choice. Reduce Regulations and Taxes to grow our Business Community and jobs. I strongly support Pro-Life with support and education for mothers and fathers-to-be. Strong Border Security, eliminate all sanctuary status for law breakers and uphold 2nd Amendment rights for all law-abiding citizens.

CARRIE HAMBLEN (D)*



Occupation & Professional Background CEO/President, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce

Education MA, Communication Studies, Masters of Public Administration, NMSU

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"Carrie believes in creating change at the community level, supporting grassroots efforts that are representative of the areas affected, and bringing all voices to the table to move New Mexico forward."

"Carrie is proud to be the CEO/President of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. In her free time, she serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, assists nonprofit organizations with their events, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends."

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CHARLES R WENDLER (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired after 37 years as a teacher and school administrator

Education

Unable to find publicly available information

New Mexico State Senate District 39 ELIZABETH STEFANICS (D) - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background I am currently retired. Former occupations include: University Professor; Executive Director of Nonprofits; Santa Fe County Commissioner (2 terms); NM State Senator (2 terms); State Risk Management Director; Deputy Secretary of NM Human Services Department; Executive Director of NM Health Policy Commission.

Education

Educational background: BS – Eastern Kentucky University; MS – University of Wisconsin – Madison; Ph.D. – University of Minnesota; Risk Manager for Public Entities (AIPCU IIA); Professional Mediation.

Why do you want to be a state legislator?

The district (39) is very diverse as it covers parts of 6 counties. I have the time and energy to travel the district and to appreciate all aspects of the district - counties, cities, towns, villages, communities, farms, ranches. My experience in health care, county commission work, the state legislature, and in parks and recreation has given me some insights and skills in assisting my district.

What do you want voters to know?

I care about my constituents, my communities, and the state of New Mexico. The work that I do on the interim committees (Health and Human Services, Economic and Rural Development, Land Grants, Water and Natural Resources, Investments and Pensions, Disability Concerns, Revenue Stabilization) allows me to learn, to hear the issues, and to problem solve. I care and will try to represent my constituents and their needs.

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JOSEPH C. TIANO (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Served as a law enforcement officer for 24 years and is now retired.

Education Graduate of Santa Fe High School and attended UNM and NMSU

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I'm running because New Mexico's state government has turned its back on New Mexico's people, and as a result New Mexico is always in the wrong column and at the bottom of every good list."

"He is a Constitutional conservative and is seeking public office to bring our state back to the integrity outlined in our founding principles."

CRAIG W BRANDT (R)* -INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Served for 7 years in the Air Force. Served as Social Services director for the Salvation Army. Served as a pastor and associate pastor since 1995. Served the Rio Rancho community as School Board Vice President. Senator since 2013

Education BA from Oklahoma Baptist University. Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I believe we must take a new direction as a state if we want to improve in education and poverty."

"I'm Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, Pro-Family. I believe that the less government intervention in our lives the better."

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New Mexico State Senate District 41

DAVID M. GALLEGOS (R)*



Occupation & Professional Background Retired from the natural gas industry after 30 years and currently works as a manager in construction. Served in the House of Representatives since 2013

Education

Excerpts from publicly available sources:

"I will be a voice for our area. I will be a voice for our jobs. I will be a voice for our local industry which is so critical to our economy and our livelihoods. I will stand up for this community in Santa Fe."

"David has a heart for service and has been an advocate and leader in the local community, serving on the Eunice school board for 21 years."

GAY G KERNAN (R)* - INCUMBENT



Occupation & Professional Background Educator. Senator since 2002

Education BA from University of Mississippi.

Excerpts from publicly available sources: Senator Pirtle has served as a State Senator since 2002

and serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senator also serves as a member of the following interim committees: Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee, Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee, and the Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee.

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