



Who's Who A Political Directory

Torrance and Valencia Counties

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VOTER INFORMATION

All Voters:

Any person who is a U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or reaching that age prior to the next election can register to vote. To vote in an election, you must have registered or reregistered before voting begins or use same-day voter registration at polling locations in Torrance and Valencia Counties with a valid ID. You must reregister if you:

1. Legally changed your name (by marriage or otherwise).
2. Changed your residence.
3. Changed your party affiliation.

Party affiliation may be changed at any time prior to the close of voter registration.

VOTER INFORMATION continued

As of July 1, 2025, MVD customers who are qualified to vote will automatically be registered and will then receive a notice from the county clerk providing them with what they need to know for voting as well as how to decline to be registered.

Online voter registration is also available for New Mexico citizens with a state-issued ID (see www.sos.nm.gov for details), or you may obtain voter registration applications from the Torrance County Clerk (see page 10), Valencia County Clerk (see page 12) or public libraries.

Convicted felons cannot register or vote while incarcerated, but once they are no longer confined in a correctional facility, they can register and vote even if still on probation or parole.

Primary elections are held the first Tuesday in June and are open to registered members of the major parties. Independent (DTS) voters may also request a ballot for either party to vote in primaries.

Early voting runs three weeks prior to an election. **Absentee voting** is allowed for all county and state elections by application to the office of the Torrance County Clerk or Valencia County Clerk. No reason is needed. The time to apply varies from election to election. Contact the County Clerk for further information. Eligible voters can get on a permanent absentee list using NM.VOTE.org or on their paper voter registration form.

Major Political Parties in this region:

Democratic Party of Torrance County
PO Box 2206, Moriarty 87035

Republican Party of Torrance County
PO Box 1023, Estancia 87016

Democratic Party of Valencia County
PO Box 94, Belen 87002

Republican Party of Valencia County
PO Box 841, Los Lunas 87031

Democratic Party of New Mexico 505-236-4996
PO Box 27615, Albuquerque 87125

Republican Party of New Mexico 505-298-3662
5150 San Francisco Rd NE, #A Albuquerque 87109

For all political parties operating in New Mexico, contact the Secretary of State, 1-800-477-3632 or www.sos.nm.gov.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

All state officers are elected in even-numbered years for 4-year terms. www.nm.gov Next Election 2026 for all

GOVERNOR Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)

Address: State Capitol Bldg., Room 400 505-476-2200
Santa Fe, NM 87501 Fax 505-476-2226

The Governor, Chief Executive of the State, shares the responsibility of administering the state with other elected officials, represents the state, approves statutes enacted by the legislature, and appoints members of boards and commissions.

Email from website: www.governor.state.nm.us

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Howie Morales (D)

Address: State Capitol Bldg., Room 417 505-476-2250
Santa Fe, NM 87501 Fax 505-476-2257

The Lieutenant Governor acts as governor when the governor is absent from the state and if for any reason the governor resigns or is unable to perform his/her gubernatorial duties.

Email from website: www.lgo.nm.gov

SECRETARY OF STATE Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D)

Address: State Capitol Annex, Suite 300 1-800-477-3632
325 Don Gaspar Ave 505-827-3600
Santa Fe, NM 87501 Fax 505-827-8403
TTY # 505-827-3926

The Secretary of State affixes the Great Seal to official documents, maintains a repository of enacted legislation and required filings, is chief election officer supervising all elections. www.sos.nm.gov

STATE AUDITOR Joseph Maestas (D)

Address: 2540 Camino Edward Ortiz, Ste A 505-476-3800
Santa Fe, NM 87507 1-800-827-3512

The State Auditor ensures that financial affairs of every agency shall be audited each year. www.osa.nm.gov

STATE TREASURER Laura Montoya (D)

Address: 2055 So. Pacheco St., Stes 100 & 200 505-955-1120
PO Box 5135 (Mail) Fax 505-955-1195
Santa Fe, NM 87502

This official receives, pays out and tracks receipts/expenditures of all state money, investing the balance. <https://nmsto.gov>

ATTORNEY GENERAL Raul Torrez (D)

Address: Villagra Bldg, 408 Galisteo St., 87501 505-490-4060
Mailing: PO Dwr 1508, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508 1-844-255-9210
201 3rd St. NW, Ste 300 505-717-3500
Albuquerque, NM 87102 Fax 505-318-1050

The Attorney General gives legal opinions and advice as requested by public officials, represents the state in cases where the state is a party and represents the public interest. <https://nmdoj.gov>

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS Stephanie Garcia-Richard (D)

Address: PO Box 1148 505-827-5760
Santa Fe, NM 87504 Fax 505-827-5766

The State Land Office manages public land and uses the income for the support of state institutions. www.nmstatelands.org

STATE OF NEW MEXICO *continued***NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE**

During the Legislative Session, each legislator is assigned a direct dial number in the Roundhouse, available by calling:

Legislative Switchboard: 1-505-986-4300

Legislative Fax: 1-505-986-4610

Address: 334 State Capitol Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87503

<https://www.nmlegis.gov>

During the session, legislators can also be reached by mail through the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House at 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Ste 100, Attn: *Rep. name*, Santa Fe, NM 87501, or Office of the Chief Clerk of the Senate at 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Ste 115, Attn: *Sen. name*.

Legislators are now authorized to hire a legislative aide to provide continuous support to their district constituents. These aides are available year-round, but are located within the district, meaning contacting them is not the fastest route to comment on pending bills during a legislative session.

STATE SENATORS FROM TORRANCE AND VALENCIA COUNTIES

There are 42 members of the New Mexico Senate. Regular sessions begin in January. In odd years, these last for 60 days; in even years for 30 days. Senators are elected for 4-year terms.

Senate email: senate@nmlegis.gov

District: Next Election: 2028

Ant Thornton (R) 19 *Aide: Tracy Major*
Sandia Park *tracy.major@nmlegis.gov*
ant.thornton@nmlegis.gov

Joshua Sanchez (R) 29 *Aide: Samantha Inman*
PO Box 721 *samantha.inman@nmlegis.gov*
Bosque 87006
jas4nm@gmail.com

Angel Charley (D) 30 *Aide: Kristopher Rayner*
PO Box 209 *kristopher.rayner@nmlegis.gov*
Acoma 87034
angel.charley@nmlegis.gov

Elizabeth Stefanics (D) 39 *Aide: Anne Strader*
PO Box 720 *anne.strader@nmlegis.gov*
Cerrillos 87010
lstefanics@msn.com

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Judicial vacancies are filled through gubernatorial appointment from a list of potential nominees submitted by a nonpartisan judicial nominating committee. A newly appointed judge must run in a contested, partisan election at the next general election after appointment. Thereafter, the judge runs in nonpartisan retention elections, and must win at least 57% of the vote to continue serving.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Five justices are elected by the entire state for 8-year terms. This court is the state “court of last resort.”

	Next Election
Julie J. Vargas	2028
Briana H. Zamora	2032
Michael E. Vigil	2030
Shannon Bacon	2026
David K. Thomson, Chief Justice	2026
Address: Box 848	
Santa Fe 87504	1-505-827-4860
<i>https://supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/</i>	

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Ten judges are elected by the entire state for 8-year terms. This intermediate appellate court has appellate jurisdiction over most criminal cases and specific types of civil appeals.

	Next Election
Jennifer Attrep	2032
Jacqueline Medina, Chief Judge	2028
Zachary A. Ives	2028
Kristopher Houghton	2026
J. Miles Hanisee	2026
Gerald E. Baca	2030
Jane B. Yohalem	2030
Shammara Henderson	2032
Megan Duffy	2032
Katherine A. Wray	2030
Address: 2211 Tucker NE, Albuquerque 87106	505-841-4618
<i>https://coa.nmcourts.gov/</i>	

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT- District Judges

The State of New Mexico Seventh Judicial District is comprised of Catron, Sierra, Socorro and Torrance Counties. District judges are elected for 6-year terms. Judges also may serve as conservancy judges. The District Court’s jurisdiction is general and civil.

Division:	Next Retention Election: 2026
I	Mercedes Murphy, Chief Judge
II	Roscoe A. Woods
III	Shannon Murdock-Poff
Address:	903 N. Fifth St., Estancia 87016 505-384-2974, x40
	PO Box 78, Estancia 87016 fax: 505-384-2229
<i>https://seventhdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov</i>	

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM continued

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 7th district - TORRANCE COUNTY

Clint Wellborn

Next Election: 2028

Address: 903 N. Fifth St., Estancia 87016

505-384-2800

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE - TORRANCE COUNTY

Craig M. Davis

Next Election: 2026

Moriarty Magistrate Court

505-832-4476

1100 US Route 66

Moriarty 87035

<https://seventhdistrict.nmcourts.gov>

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - District Judges

The State of New Mexico Thirteenth Judicial District is comprised of Sandoval, Valencia and Cibola Counties. District judges are elected for 6-year terms. The District Court is a court of general jurisdiction.

Division:	Next Retention Election: 2026	District:
I	James L. Sanchez	Valencia
II	George P. Eichwald	Sandoval
III	Allen R. Smith	Valencia
IV	Amanda Sanchez Villalobos	Cibola
V	James A. Noel, Chief Judge	Sandoval
VI	Cindy M. Mercer	Valencia
VII	Christopher Perez	Sandoval
VIII	Cheryl H. Johnston	Sandoval
IX	Allison Martinez	Sandoval

1835 Hwy 314 SW, Los Lunas 87031

Mailing: PO Box 1089, Los Lunas 87031

District Court Clerk (Valencia) 505-865-2400

<https://thirteenthdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov>

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 13th District - VALENCIA COUNTY

Barbara A. Romo (D)

Next Election: 2028

Admin office: 701 South Main St., Suite 201

Belen 87002

505-861-0311

Mailing: PO Box 1919, Los Lunas 87031

Fax 505-861-7016

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGES - VALENCIA COUNTY

Division:	Next Election
I Miles R. Tafoya	2026
II John R. Chavez	2026
III Deseri A. Sichler	2026

Divisions I & III

1206 Main St NE, Los Lunas 87031

505-865-4637

Division II

639 Becker Ave, Belen 87002

505-864-7509

TORRANCE COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSION

Torrance County has a 3-member districted Commission elected by voters within their districts. The term of office is 4 years. Meetings: usually 9 AM every other Wed. at Torrance County Commission Chambers.

205 S. Ninth St., Estancia 87106

Mailing: PO Box 48, Estancia 87106

505-510-9200

www.torrancecountynm.org

	District	Next Election
Kevin McCall (R), Vice Chair	1	2026
Ryan Schwebach (R), Chair	2	2026
Linda Jaramillo (R)	3	2029

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Term of office is 4 years. After having served 2 consecutive terms, these county officials are ineligible to hold any county offices for one term.

205 S. Ninth St., Estancia 87106

Mailing: PO Box 48, Estancia 87106

	Next Election
CLERK Sylvia Chavez (R) 505-544-4369	2028
TREASURER Kathryn Hernandez (R) 505-544-4802	2028
ASSESSOR Jesse Lucero (R) 505-544-4320	2026
SHERIFF David Frazee (R) 505-544-4900 903 N. Fifth Street / PO Box 498	2026
PROBATE JUDGE Josie Chavez-Eaton 505-544-4696	2026

TORRANCE COUNTY continued

TOWN OF ESTANCIA

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings held 1st & 3rd Mon of the month at 6:15 PM at Town Hall, 513 Williams Ave.

Mailing: PO Box 166, Estancia 87016.

email: iacosta@estancianm.gov

505-384-2708

www.townofestancia.com

Fax 505-384-2267

Next Election

MAYOR Runnel Lee Riley

2029

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Albert Lovato, Mayor Pro Tem

2029

Martin Lucero

2029

Amy May

2027

Patrick Sanchez

2027

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Bruce Dile

2029

CITY OF MORIARTY

Council term of office is 4 years. Meetings are 2nd & 4th Wed. each month at 6:30 PM at Civic Center, 202 Broadway St. (S). Mailing: PO Box 130, Moriarty 87035

email: esanchez@moriartynm.gov

505-832-4406

www.cityofmoriarty.org

Fax: 505-832-6919

Next Election

MAYOR Steve Anaya

2029

CITY COUNCIL

Kenneth Ray Snow

2030

Jeremy Trujillo

2028

Kim Garcia

2028

Robin D. Spalding

2030

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Bobby Garcia

2029

TOWN OF MOUNTAINAIR

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings held 1st & 3rd Tues of the month at 6 PM in Council Meeting Room, 107 1/2 N. Roosevelt. Mailing: PO Box 115, Mountainair 87036.

email: townclerk@mountainairnm.gov

505-847-2321

<https://mountainairnm.gov>

Fax 505-847-2589

Next Election

MAYOR Peter Nieto

2029

TOWN COUNCIL

Gail Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

2031

Jesse Richard Torres

2029

Dustin Kayser

2029

Annette Padilla

2031

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Michelle Archuleta

2027

VALENCIA COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSION

The term of office is 4 years. Valencia County has a 5-member districted Commission elected by voters within their districts, serving staggered terms. Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed. at Valencia County Administration Office at 5 pm.

444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas 87031 Mailing: PO Box 1119, 87031

<https://co.valencia.nm.us>

505-866-2011

	District	Next Election
Gerard Saiz (R)	1	2026
Troy Richardson (R)	2	2028
Morris Sparkman (R)	3	2026
Joseph Bizzell (R)	4	2028
Dante Berry (R)	5	2028

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Term of office is 4 years. After having served 2 consecutive terms, these county officials are ineligible to hold any county offices for one term.

444 Luna Avenue

Mailing: PO Box 1119, Los Lunas 87031

	Next Election
CLERK Mike Milam (R) 505-866-2073	2028
TREASURER Ron Saiz (R) 505-866-2090	2028
ASSESSOR Celia Dittmaier (R) 505-866-2065	2026
SHERIFF Denise Vigil (R) 505-866-2400	2026
PROBATE JUDGE Wendy Wallace (R) 505-866-2432	2026

VALENCIA COUNTY *continued***VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS**

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings usually held 1st & 3rd
Thurs at 6 PM in Council Chambers, 660 Main Street NW.

87031. email: clerk@loslunasnm.gov

www.loslunasnm.gov

505-839-3840

Next Election

MAYOR Charles Griego

2027

VILLAGE COUNCIL

District

Christopher Ortiz

1

2029

Gino Romero

2

2027

Matthew D. Chavez

3

2029

James Runyon

4

2027

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Avilio Chavez

2027

CITY OF BELEN

Term of office is 4 years. Council meetings are usually 1st and 3rd
Mon at 6 PM at 100 South Main Street, Belen 87002.

email: dorothy.flores@belen-nm.gov

www.belen-nm.gov

505-996-2730

Fax 505-864-8408

Next Election

MAYOR Robert C. Noblin Jr.

2029

CITY COUNCIL

Frank F. Ortega

2029

Tracy Armijo

2027

Rudy Espinoza

2027

Steven L. Holdman

2029

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Keith Norwood

2029

CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings: usually 2nd & 4th Mon at
6 PM at the City Council Chambers, 360 Rio Communities

Blvd., 87002. email: jgauna@riocommunities.gov

www.riocommunities.net

505-861-6803

Next Election

MAYOR Joshua Ramsell

2029

CITY COUNCIL

Lawrence R Gordon, Mayor Pro Tem

2029

Matthew Marquez

2027

Thomas Nelson

2027

MUNICIPAL JUDGE vacant

VALENCIA COUNTY *continued***VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS**

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings are usually 3rd Thurs at 6 PM at
1455 West Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms 87068.

Mailing: PO Box 660, Peralta, 87068

email: clerkadmin@bosquefarmsnm.gov

505-869-2358

<https://bosquefarmsnm.gov>

Fax 505-869-3342

Next Election

MAYOR Chris Gillespie

2027

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Ronita Wood

2027

Manuel Zamora

2029

Erica DeSmet, Mayor Pro Tem

2027

James Bruhn

2029

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Ginger Eldridge

2027

TOWN OF PERALTA

Term of office is 4 years. Meetings: usually 2nd Tues. at
6 PM in Peralta Town Hall, 90-A Molina Rd.

Mailing: PO Box 1830, 87042. email: admin@townofperalta.org

<https://townofperalta.org>

505-869-2050

Next Election

MAYOR Joseph P. Chavez

2029

TOWN COUNCIL

Michael Leon Otero, Mayor Pro Tem

2027

Claudio Moya

2029

Joseph Romero

2027

Randy Smith

2029

MUNICIPAL JUDGE Tracy Aragon

2029

EDUCATION

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Public Education Commission has 10 members elected to 4-year terms from single-member districts. Torrance and Valencia County are in district 6. Advises the State Dept. of Education Secretary.

https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us

505-827-6661

	District	Next Election
Stewart Ingham (R)	6	2026

MORIARTY-EDGEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board meets the 3rd Tues of each month at 6 PM with a work session at 5 PM before the meeting also open to the public at the MESD Board Room at Mountainview Complex, 2422 Hwy 333, Moriarty 87035. School Board elections are held in odd-numbered years. Members serve staggered 4-year terms.

Mailing: PO Box 2000, Moriarty 87035

www.mesd.us

505-832-4471

	District	Next Election
Linda Hudson, Pres.	1	2029
Denny Young, V. Pres	2	2027
Jeffrey Lossing	3	2029
Albert Chavez , Sec.	4	2027
Winnie Burns	5	2029

ESTANCIA MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

The Board meets the 2nd Mon of each month at 6 PM at the Van Stone, 809 W. Joseph. School Board elections are held in odd-numbered years. Members serve staggered 4-year terms.

Mailing: PO Box 68, Estancia 87016

www.emsdbears.us

505-384-2000

	District	Next Election
Lee Widner, Pres.	1	2029
Hether Hedges, V. Pres	2	2029
Ashley Romero, Sec.	3	2027
Sarah Lucero	4	2027
Jonathan Barela	5	2029

EDUCATION *continued***MOUNTAINAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board meets once a month, usually on a Tues at 6 PM at the MPS Office Board Room at 901 West 3rd St. School Board elections are held in odd-numbered years. Members serve staggered 4-year terms. Mailing: PO Box 456, Mountainair 87036.

505-847-2333 www.mountainairpublicschools.net

	District	Next Election
Darrell Roberts, Pres.	1	2027
Victor Romero, V. Pres	2	2027
Kristin Oliver, Sec.	3	2027
Ray Sharbutt	4	2027
Kaisa Jones	5	2029

LOS LUNAS SCHOOLS

Elections are in odd-numbered years. Members serve staggered 4-year terms. Board meetings are usually 3rd Tues. of each month beginning at 6 PM in the Board Room of the Los Lunas Schools Administration

Building, 119 Luna Ave. www.llschools.net

505-865-9636 / fax 505-865-7766

	District	Next Election
Frank Otero, Pres.	1	2029
Sonya C'Moya, Sec.	2	2029
P. David Vickers, V. Pres.	3	2029
Michelle I. Osowski	4	2027
Dana Sanders	5	2029

BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Elections are in odd-numbered years. Members serve staggered 4-year terms. Board meetings are usually 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month at 5 PM in the

Administration Office Board Room, 520 North Main St., Belen

87002. www.beleneagles.org

505-966-1000 / 505-966-1050

	District	Next Election
Joanne Silva	1	2029
Aubrey E. Tucker	2	2027
Ralph Fernandez, V. Pres.	3	2027
Jim Danner, Pres.	4	2029
Larry Garley, Sec.	5	2029

NOTES

CONTACTING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Your views as a voter help determine how your elected officials may legislate on a given issue or what kind of policy decisions executive officers may make. Let your representatives and executive officials know what you think. Telephone calls to the offices of legislators have greatest impact, along with written letters. Emails are also useful.

Be brief in your message. State who you are and give your reasons for urging them to act as you recommend, providing any relevant details on the impact their actions may have on you, your friends or family members. If writing, include your address, and sign your name legibly. If they vote as you wish, let them know you appreciate their decision.

Address the President of the U.S. as "The President," other elected officials as "The Honorable (full name)." The salutation is "Dear Mr. President:" for the President and "Dear (Senator, Governor, Mayor etc.) (last name)," for other officials. The closing for letters to the President is "Very respectfully yours." The closing for all other letters is "Very truly yours," or "Sincerely yours."

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ELECTION CALENDAR for 2026

The Local Election Act consolidates most local elections. Local entities may opt out of consolidated elections and hold elections at their own expense. Voter information that varies from these dates will be included in the individual sections as available.

June 2, 2026

Primary Election

November 3, 2026

Regular Local Election

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and make a difference!*

“We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” —Thomas Jefferson

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Register and Vote!

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