



Democratic Party of Valencia County presents

2026 Candidate Guide

This guide is meant to be a breakdown for individuals interested in running for office. For further information, please refer to the Office of New Mexico Secretary of State, Valencia County Bureau of Elections, and the DPVC Executive Officers.

Offices up for election:

Valencia County Elections:

County Assessor
County Commission District 1 & 3
County Sheriff
County Probate Court Judge
County Magistrate Judges Districts 1, 2, & 3

Statewide and congressional elections:

Governor
Lt. Governor
Secretary of State
State Auditor
State Treasurer
Attorney General
Commissioner of Public Lands
Court of Appeals
Public Education Commission
District 6
State House Districts 7, 8, 49, & 69
13th Judicial District Court Judge
Div. 9

Federal elections:

US Senator
US Representative Districts 1, 2

Filing date and location:

Valencia County elections:

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
at the County Clerk's Office -
444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM, 87031

Statewide and Congressional elections:

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
at the NM Secretary of State office -
325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300, Santa Fe, NM 87501

What to file:

Download the
NM Sec. of State
Candidate Guide:



Download all
forms from the
NM SOS office:



Required forms:

Declaration of Candidacy
Nominating positions (*for statewide and congressional elections only*)
Register with the Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS) and subsequent quarterly reports

Optional forms:

Affidavit of Designation *if someone else is filing for you*
Request for Address Confidentiality *if you want your home address to be confidential*



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Primary Election Financial Reporting Deadlines

April 13, 2026 - 1st primary report due

To include campaign activity from Oct. 7, 2025 through April 6, 2026

May 11, 2026 - 2nd primary report due

To include campaign activity from April 7, 2026 through May 4, 2026

May 28, 2026 - 3rd primary report due

To include campaign activity from May 5, 2026 through May 26, 2026

July 2, 2026 - 4th primary report due

To include campaign activity from May 27, 2026 through June 26, 2026

Residency Requirements:

To determine your residency, please refer to NMvote.org or speak with a DPVC executive committee member.



Nominating Petition Requirements:

Position: percent threshold, signatures

US Senator: 2%, 2,505

US Representative:
District 1: 2%, 946
District 2: 2%, 584

Governor: 2%, 2,505

Lt. Governor: 2%, 2,505

Secretary of State: 2%, 2,505

State Auditor: 2%, 2,505

State Treasurer: 2%, 2,505

Attorney General: 2%, 2,505

Commissioner of Public Lands: 2%, 2,505

Court of Appeals: 2%, 2,505

Public Education Commission:
District 6: 2%, 231

State House:
District 7: 3%, 33
District 8: 3%, 39
District 49: 3%, 44
District 69: 3%, 46

13th Judicial District Court Judge Div. 9
Valencia County Magistrate Judge:
District 1: 2%, 62
District 2: 2%, 62
District 3: 2%, 62



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Offices up for election and stated candidates (as of 01/27/2026):

Valencia County Elections:

County Assessor

County Commission

District 1: Christopher K. Williams (R)

District 3:

(District 2: Eric Henson (R) ???)

County Sheriff

County Probate Court Judge

County Magistrate Judges

Division 1: Miles Ross Tafoya (R),

Division 2: John R. Chavez (R)

Division 3: Andrew Milton Owen (R), Deseri Ann Sichler (R), Eric Montano (R),
Vanessa D. Aragon (R),

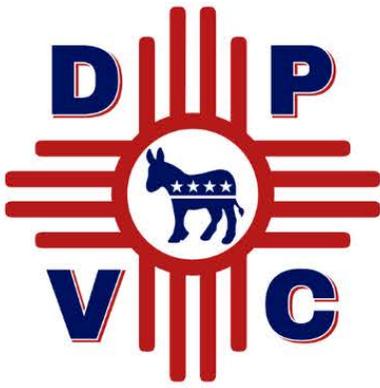
Federal elections:

US Senator: Ben R. Lujan (D), Christopher J. Vanden Heuvel (R), Matt Dodson (D),
Rex A. Wilson (R)

US Representative

District 1: Carlton R. Pennington (R), Ndidiamaka C. Okpareke (R), Steve Jones (R),
Melanie Ann Stansbury (D), Stephen W. Meyer (R), Thomas Wayne Riley (R)

District 2: Josefina Mejia (R), Thomas John Wakely (D) Gabriel Vasquez (D),
Ranee Greenwald (D), Virginia Ann Rice (D), Gregory G. Cunningham (R), Jose
Orozco (R),



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Statewide and congressional elections:

Governor: Doug W. Turner (R), Roland J. Gutierrez (R), Charles H. Milks Jr. (R), Gregory D. Hull (R), Margaret Sue Haber (D), Steve D. Lanier (R), Joyce Elaine Hill (R), Abram David De Loera (R), Luana Marquez (D) Belinda Robertson (R), Ken Gallegos Miyagishima (D), Arthur Merrill Ives (D), Deb Haaland (D), Dolores M. Baca (D), Duke Rodriguez (R), Geoffrey P. Luehring (D), James F. Ellison (R), Richard F. Uriarte (R), Sam Bregman (D)

Lt. Governor: Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D), Celia J. Larcom (D), Stephanie Garcia Richard (D), David M. Gallegos (R), Jackie Lee Onsurez (D), Andrew J. Cloutier (R), Aubrey Blair Dunn (R), Harold James Pope Jr. (D), Manuel Lardizabal (R)

Secretary of State: Katharine E. Clark (D), Ramona Goolsby (R), Amanda Lopez Askin (D), Sonya Lee Smith (D)

State Auditor: Joseph M. Maestas (D)

State Treasurer: Laura M. Montoya (D)

Attorney General: Raul Torrez (D)

Commissioner of Public Lands: Juan De Jesus Sanchez III (D), Matthew McQueen (D), Michael Jack Perry (R), Jonas Moya (D)

Court of Appeals: Kris Houghton (D), Scott Williams (R)

Public Education Commission District 6: Stewart Alan Ingham (R)

State House Districts 7: Tanya R Mirabal Moya (R),

District 8: Brian G Baca (R)

District 49:

District 69: Harry Garcia (D)

13th Judicial District Court Judge Div. 9: