



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

*County candidates are not required to file nominating petitions, however they are required to submit a \$50 fee at time of their declaration of candidacy. To waive this fee, candidates must submit a nominating petition with no fewer than 10 signatures for offices elected by district and no fewer than 20 signatures for offices elected countywide at the time of their declaration of candidacy.

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

For more information:

This guide is an evolving project; changing to best serve your needs as a candidate. For a more-fully developed and up-to-date guide to the Candidate and election process, please visit:



Nominating Petition Requirements:

Position: percent threshold, signatures, (10% above minimum recommended)

US Senator: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

US Representative:

District 1: 2%, 946, (1,041)

District 2: 2%, 584, (643)

Governor: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Lt. Governor: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Secretary of State: 2%, 2,505 (2,756)

State Auditor: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

State Treasurer: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Attorney General: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Commissioner of Public Lands: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Court of Appeals: 2%, 2,505, (2,756)

Public Education Commission:

District 6: 2%, 231 (255)

State House:

District 7: 3%, 33, (37)

District 8: 3%, 39, (43)

District 49: 3%, 44, (49)

District 69: 3%, 46, (51)

13th Judicial District Court Judge Div. 9

Valencia County Magistrate Judge:

District 1: 2%, 62, (69)

District 2: 2%, 62, (69)

District 3: 2%, 62, (69)