

Engaging Voters in 2016

A Word from our Vice Chair

Vice Chair Juan Sanchez III, May 3, 2016

Every spring and fall we hold our State Central Committee (SCC) meeting to conduct party business and prepare for the year.



Volunteers for the Day of Action gather at Belen High School before going door to door.

This spring we also organized a Community Day of Action to coincide with our SCC meeting and ensure voters know what's at

stake this election. I am happy to report that we had great turnout for our Community Day of Action and SCC meeting in Valencia County. The whole day was productive and provided valuable opportunities for our members to get involved.

I'd like to give a special shout out to those SCCmembers who arrived early and participated in our Community Day of Action. The volunteer activities helped Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez and local State House candidates reach voters in their community.

Together, we knocked on over 600 doors and made over 400 phone calls. Not bad for a morning's worth of work! We also heard excellent updates from our official DPNM Caucuses and Committees about their work to move our party forward. Our meeting ended with the election of our Democratic National Committee (DNC) delegates.

Congratulations to Joni Gutierrez and Ray Sanchez! They will represent the Democratic Party of New Mexico at DNC meetings and events in Washington D.C. I look forward to working with you again at future DPNM gatherings to help Democrats win up and down the ticket!

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Democrats are at the forefront of protecting our Land, Water, and Air

Sonia Gonzalez, May 3, 2016

Democrats are not turning a blind eye to the fact that our changing climate has been causing more severe weather conditions in New Mexico. Climate change is real, it has become more threatening, and the time to act is NOW.

By denying and ignoring that climate change is happening or that it is being caused by human activity, Republicans are making a huge mistake that we cannot afford.

Our Democratic candidates for 2016 presidential elections have voiced their concerns about climate change. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton says that "Every child and every family in America deserves clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a safe and healthy place to live. This is a justice issue. It's a civil rights issue." This is a clear contrast to GOP candidates who have little to say on the matter let alone a plan in place.

Living in a place where water is scarce, New Mexicans know the value of the resources we have. We pride ourselves on the land, which provides us so many opportunities to

enjoy the outdoors through the numerous trails, fishing waterways, national monuments, and national parks. We value our rainfall and the clean air we breathe.

During his term as Land Commissioner Democrat Ray Powell fought for fourteen renewable energy projects, and the expansion of the Sandia Science & Tech Park and the Innovation Park.

Governor Susana Martinez and current Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn have done very little to maintain and improve our resources. Her oil only energy plan continues to pose a threat to our land and water. And with oil prices dipping, it does little to benefit our economy.

On Earth Day not only do we reflect on how endangered our earth is, but also who is willing to stand with New Mexicans and protect our resources. So how can New Mexico take action? By electing state officials that will do what's best for New Mexico and protect its natural beauty.



Photo courtesy of BLM New Mexico

Voter Registration deadline is fast approaching!

Addison Flores-Thorpe, May 3, 2016

In order to be able to vote in the primaries, voters must be registered 28 days prior to the election, which means that the deadline for 2016 is May 10.

Those who wish to register can do so by visiting their local county clerk's office and filling out a voter registration form or print out a national voter registration application and mail it to your local county clerk's office or to the office of the New Mexico Secretary of State.

If applicants wish to submit their application by mail they should include the following:

- Copy of photo ID
- Copy of proof of name and residency (utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, etc.)

The eligibility requirements for registration are as follows:

- Must be 18 years old by Election Day
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be a resident of New Mexico
- Must have civil rights restored if convicted of a felony
- Must not have been judged mentally unfit

Individuals may register when applying for a driver's license or renewing their license at the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) office.

If an individual's address or name has changed, they will need to fill out a new voter registration application.

If an individual is from New Mexico, but lives out of state and wishes to register as a New Mexico voter, they can register through the Federal Voter Assistance Program website (<http://www.fvap.gov/new-mexico>).

New Mexicans can also register online at the New Mexico Secretary of State Voter Services website (www.sos.state.nm.us). Find the registration application by scrolling over Voter Information on the top left corner of the page and then choosing an option under Voter Registration.

Those who are currently 17 years old, but will be 18 by election day may register as well. Don't forget to register and vote Democrat!

MAY 10

Last day to register for June 7 primary; early voting begins (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

MAY 10

Cibola County Democrats monthly meeting (5:30 p.m.)

MAY 12

Eddy County Democrats monthly meeting (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

MAY 14

State Platforms and Resolutions Committee (SPARC) Meeting (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Cómo Registrarse Para Votar: Paso por Paso

Sonia Gonzalez, May 3, 2016

Residentes de Nuevo México, con tanta emoción rodeando nuestra elección primaria y nuestra elección general. Nuestra comunidad se quiere asegurar que nuestros familiares y amistades se han registrado para votar. Simplemente le queremos recordar a nuestra comunidad como es el proceso paso por paso, fechas importantes, y lo que está en juego, esta elección le dará a nuestros candidatos Democráticos los resultados para ganar.

Paso 1: Requisitos

- Tener más de 18 años de edad, para el día de elecciones
- Ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- Ser residente de Nuevo México
- Si ha sido declarado culpable de un delito grave, derechos civiles debe haber sido restaurados
- Mentalmente estable

Paso 2: Llenar la solicitud de registro para votantes

La solicitud es simple y directa, la información necesaria es muy básica. La solicitud de registro para votantes puede ser llenada en tu oficina local del secretario del condado, en la oficina del departamento División de Vehículos Motorizados de Nuevo México (MVD), en otros casos en línea. Puedes visitar la página oficial del secretario del condado para poder bajar esta solicitud y llenarla.

Paso 3: Someter tu solicitud de registro para votantes

Es muy importante recordar cuando sometas la solicitud de registración de votantes, que debes en enviarla al menos 28 días antes de cualquier elección. La fecha oficial de cuando se debe entregar la solicitud para poder participar en la elección primaria es Mayo 10 del 2016.

Si estas visitando tu oficial local del secretario del condado o tu oficina local del MVD, tu solicitud de votantes es puede entregar rápidamente. Si bajaste tu solicitud de la página oficial todo lo que tienes que hacer es mandarla por correo dirigida ala oficina del secretario del condado local.

Paso 4: Votar

En el proceso de registrase para votar, el paso más emocionante y gratificante es el de votar por tu candidato Democrático.

Para registrase para votar es simple pero efectivamente muy importante, cada voto puede hacer una diferencia. Asegúrate que tus familiares y amistades están informados en este proceso.

¿Sabías que?

Para las personas que no puede ir físicamente a la sitio de votantes. Todo lo que tienen que hacer es pedir la solicitud de votantes ausentes, llenarla, y mandarla. Simple.

Fechas que recordar:

Mayo 10 del 2016 fecha tope para registro de la Elección Primaria

Junio 7 del 2016 Elección Primaria Octubre 11 del 2016 fecha tope para registro de la Elección General Noviembre 8 del 2016 Elección General