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## **UPDATE: Los Alamos County Clerk Issues Statement in Response to National Non-Profit Voter Mailing**

**Los Alamos, New Mexico** — The Los Alamos County Clerk's Office would like to advise residents of a recent mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications by the Center for Voter Information (CVI), a national non-profit voter registration group, not affiliated with their office. The mailer, aimed at encouraging voters to send in an absentee ballot application, is legitimate. Voters, should they choose to do so, may complete and return the form to the County Clerk's Office. However, completing this form NOT required. Residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk's Office with any questions regarding election related mail.

"My office has already received several inquiries about this mailer, so we felt it was important to clear up any confusion and alleviate any concerns among voters" said Los Alamos County Clerk Naomi Maestas. "This mailing is legitimate, and voters may choose to utilize the form provided, however, you are not required to do so," adds Clerk Maestas.

Voters wishing to Vote-From-Home, must submit an application to the Los Alamos County Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will begin to be mailed out on Tuesday, October 6th. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 20th. Applications can be picked up in-person, requested by mail, or downloaded from our webpage ([www.losalamosnm.us/clerk](http://www.losalamosnm.us/clerk)). When made available by the Office of the NM Secretary of State, voters may also request an absentee ballot online at [NMVote.org](http://NMVote.org). Please keep in mind, the application must be completed *as you are registered*, otherwise it will be rejected. To confirm your registration information, simply visit [NMVote.org](http://NMVote.org).

In preparation for the Los Alamos County 2020 General Election, and pursuant to the election code, the Los Alamos County Clerk's Office intends to deliver each mailable voter in Los Alamos County an absentee ballot application in mid-September.

Voters may still choose to vote in-person during Early Voting or on Election Day for the 2020 General Election. Early Voting will be available at the Los Alamos County Municipal Building beginning Tuesday, October 6th, as well as the White Rock Town Hall beginning Saturday, October 17th. Early Voting ends Saturday, October 31st. On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, eligible voters may vote at any of the following Vote Centers: Los Alamos County Municipal Building, White Rock Town Hall and the Los Alamos County Golf Course, as recently designated by the Los Alamos County Council, with the passage of Resolution 20-11.

The deadline to register to vote by mail for the 2020 General Election is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th. The deadline to register to vote online at [NMVote.org](http://NMVote.org) is 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th. In-Person Same Day Voter Registration at the County Clerk's Office will be available Tuesday, October 6th thru Friday, October 16th, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 17th thru Saturday, October 31st, Monday– Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you would like additional information on anything related to the 2020 General Election in Los Alamos County, please call the Clerk's Office at (505) 662-8010. As the election season progresses, the Clerk's Office will share updates via the web at [www.losalamosnm.us/clerk](http://www.losalamosnm.us/clerk) and through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

VOTE-FROM-HOME LOS ALAMOS! Protect Yourself, Protect Your Neighbor, Preserve Democracy!

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