



Dear Registered Voter,

During the recent special legislative session, Senate Bill 4 (SB4) was passed, which outlines special guidelines for the upcoming General Election. One provision allows county clerks the option to mail each mailable voter a mail ballot application. While voters have three options as how to cast a ballot this upcoming election (by mail, early voting, or on election day) the recent Public Health Order (PHO) issued by the Secretary of Health, deemed the safest way to vote during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is absentee by mail ballot. Thus, all eligible registered New Mexicans are advised to apply for an absentee ballot and cast their ballot by mail for the upcoming General Election. I encourage voters to please vote from the comfort and security of your home. If you would like to vote-from-home, please fill out the attached application completely and return it to our office at your earliest convenience. You may also apply on-line utilizing the NM Secretary of State online portal at www.NMVote.org, which is a very efficient process.

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Please keep in mind, all the required fields of the absentee application must be completed as you are registered; otherwise, we are required to reject the application. To confirm your voter registration information, simply go to www.NMVote.org. Pursuant to the election code, the deadline to return an application is Tuesday, October 20th.

Only one application is needed per voter; if you have already sent an application to us or have already applied on-line, please disregard the enclosed application. Please visit www.NMVote.org to confirm if our office has received and processed your application.

Absentee ballots will begin to be mailed Tuesday, October 6th. Voted absentee ballots are physically due to our office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. The ballot can be returned via the United States Postal Service (USPS) in the postage-paid return envelope that will accompany your ballot. The USPS recommends that voters mail their ballots no later than Tuesday, October 27th in order to ensure they are received by our office on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. Ballots may be hand-delivered to an election worker at any Los Alamos County Vote Center during early voting or on election day or in-person to our office - there will be a secure drop box outside our office door. Beginning October 12th ballots can also be dropped off at our drive-thru ballot drop, which will be staffed by bi-partisan election workers in the parking lot of the Municipal Building during the hours/days of absentee/early voting.

Alternatively, if you choose to vote-in-person we ask that you please bring your patience as the ballot will be long and COVID Safe Practices will be implemented per the PHO recently issued.

In-Person Early Voting begins October 6th through October 16th, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 1000 Central Avenue. Extended hours, days, and locations begin on October 17th through October 31st, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday at the White Rock Town Hall - Training Room, 139 Longview Drive; as well as the Municipal Building - Council Chambers.

Election Day Voting November 3rd 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following locations: County Municipal Building - Council Chambers; White Rock Town Hall - Training Room; and LAC Golf Course Community Building - Multi-Purpose Room, 4244 Diamond Drive.

The deadline to register to vote by mail is 5:00 p.m. on October 6th. The deadline to register online at NMVote.org is 11:59 p.m. on October 6th. In-Person Same-Day Voter Registration at the County Clerk’s Office will be available during the hours/days of absentee/early voting.

No matter how you choose to cast your ballot in the upcoming General Election, make sure you are election-ready with a voting plan that works best for you! During this continued Public Health Emergency, please know, my staff and I are taking every precaution possible to ensure voters and election workers feel safe and welcomed at each vote center. We are also prepared to handle the influx of absentee ballots we are expecting to receive. Voting may be somewhat different this election cycle, but please know we are working hard to ensure your voice is heard and the election process will continue to be conducted in a safe, fair, ethical, and transparent manner.

While this letter does not include all the provisions for this election, it is intended to provide key information to you, the voter. For detailed information, please visit our webpage, or call or e-mail us. Don't forget to follow our social media outlets to keep abreast of the latest details of the upcoming 2020 General Election.

Thank you for your very valuable time.

All the best,



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Your Los Alamos County Clerk



VOTE-FROM-HOME LOS ALAMOS! Protect Yourself, Protect Your Neighbor, Preserve Democracy.
Request your absentee ballot today!