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2013 VOTERS GUIDE

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LAS CRUCES MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

A municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. This municipal election will fill positions for City Council Districts 3, 5 and 6, and a Municipal Judge, Division II for the Las Cruces Municipal Court.

If you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on

election day, a resident of the city and are registered to vote in Doña Ana County, you may vote in this municipal election. If you live in Districts 3, 5, or 6, you will also be eligible to vote for a city council candidate from your district. All eligible voters can vote for the Municipal Judge, Division II.

If you have a question concerning the election, please contact the Las Cruces City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115 or check the online website: <http://www.las-cruces.org>.

The Voters Guide also is available online at the League's website www.lwvlc.org

VOTING INFORMATION

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Anyone who wants to vote in this election must have already registered to vote in Doña Ana County AND be a resident within the municipal boundaries of the City of Las Cruces. The registration books for registering to vote at the regular municipal election were closed by the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting on paper ballots begins on October 9, 2013. Absentee voting on machines using M-100 vote tabulators and AutoMark ballot markers begins on October 16, 2013. All absentee voting ends on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Absentee voting Monday through Friday will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday absentee voting will be October 19, October 26 and November 2 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Office of the City Clerk, 700 N. Main St.

Any person eligible to vote may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to give a reason to vote absentee. Applications for absentee ballots may be requested in person, from the Las Cruces City Clerk's Office at 700 North Main Street or by phone (575-541-2115) The City Clerk's Office will verify the application information and mail your absentee ballot to you. Friday, November 1, is the last day the City Clerk's Office will mail out absentee ballots. The ballot contains instructions for completion and return.

If you apply for an absentee

ballot and RECEIVE it, you must vote that ballot.

If you apply for but DO NOT RECEIVE the absentee ballot, go to the City Clerk's Office by Saturday, November 2. Your completed ballot must be received only at the City Clerk's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. A voter or a member of that voter's immediate family may deliver that voter absentee ballot in person to the City Clerk's Office, provided that the voter signed the outer envelope of the absentee ballot.

VOTING OFFENSES

Voters are obligated to report voting offenses to the City Clerk or the District Attorney.

Voting offenses are:

- Using, possessing, or carrying alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of a polling place.
- Any form of campaigning within 100 feet of a building containing a polling place.
- False voting, such as, voting or offering to vote although not qualified, voting in another's name, voting more than once during a single election, or assisting another person in committing a voting offense.

ELECTION DAY

On Tuesday, November 5, the voting convenience centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ANY QUALIFIED VOTER MAY VOTE IN ANY ONE OF THE VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTERS IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES FOR THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Branigan Library - 200 E. Picacho Ave.
2. Doña Ana County Government Center - 845 N. Motel Blvd.
3. East Mesa Recreation Center - 5589 Porter Dr.
4. Frank O'Brien Papen Center (Formerly Mesilla Park Recreation Center) - 304 W. Bell Ave.
5. Good Samaritan - 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
6. Grace Covenant Church - 3111 N. Main St.
7. Henry Benavidez Center - 1045 McClure St.
8. Meerscheidt Recreation Center - 1600 E. Hadley Ave.
9. Doña Ana Community College (East Mesa Branch) - 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.
10. Munson Senior Center - 975 S. Mesquite St.
11. Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico - 4 441 E. Lohman
12. Telshor/Missouri Fire Station - 2802 E. Missouri Ave.

There will be someone who speaks Spanish at each of the polling places and at the City Clerk's Office.

RUN-OFF ELECTION

In the event two (2) candidates receive at least forty percent (40%) of the votes cast for a particular office and tie, a runoff election shall be held within forty-five (45) days after certification of the results of the election. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office in question shall automatically become the candidates at the runoff election (Source: City Charter, Sec.7.05c).

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The information in this Voters Guide was obtained by means of questionnaires sent to all the candidates. Their answers are printed exactly as received by the League. Because of space restrictions, candidates are limited to a specific number of words. Also, lists are converted to paragraphs and responses are converted to normal text. Three dots at the end of a candidate's response indicate the word limit has been exceeded.