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## President's Communique

Hi League Members!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We have received many donations to help with expenses for the Voter Guides. It appears the English and Spanish guides will cost approximately \$7,000 for about 20,000 copies. (The actual cost is not finalized until all Spanish translation costs are known.) Your contributions, business donations, and the dues from our membership, have helped us achieve this goal. Please watch for the guides in the Las Cruces Bulletin (English) and in the Camino Real Media (Spanish); both will publish around Oct. 11.

After you read through the guide, please respond to a survey that is included this year (see page 7). We're interested to know how readers think we can improve the publication for future elections.

Meanwhile, we are getting ready to distribute the 2024/25 LWVSNM Handbook & Membership Directory.

Unfortunately, several individuals for various reasons chose not to renew their memberships; we appreciate their past participation and hope they will return to our group in the future. At the same time, we welcome several new members, many of whom are from Grant County!

Please don't forget to mark your calendar on Dec. 7, 2024 for attendance at the Legislative Conversation and Holiday Social. Co-hosting the event again this year will be AAUW and NAACP-DAC.

After the General Election is over, SNM will refocus on updating the Library Position. If you're interested in that project, please [let VP Beth Bardwell know](#). We'd like to have some input meetings in the months ahead before bringing any proposed changes to members at the Annual Meeting, either in 2025 or 2026.

■ Jo, LWVSNM President

## Immigration to be Addressed in 2025; No October Meeting

Please adjust your calendars — the October general membership meeting is being switched to January '25 to accommodate our out-of-town speakers. We'll hear about "Dignity not Detention" efforts of the NM Immigrant Law Center. Their legislative ideas will be shared on Jan. 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., so please, **SAVE THE DATE.**

## Candidates to Face LWV Questions

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are the dates for two candidate forums co-sponsored by LWVSNM, AAUW and NAACP-DAC. Both forums will be held at City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. We'd love to have members attend the event and submit questions to those running in the General Election.

Oct. 1 will feature the D.A. candidates and County Commission district #4. Oct. 8 will feature several NM Senate races.

An unfortunate surprise is that several candidates from other races declined to participate. The League follows an "empty-chair forum" policy which prevents us from allowing only one candidate in the race to participate. ([Read an example of this policy.](#)) The policy is to prevent any inkling of favoritism or bias by the League for the candidate who attends. Our forums are nonpartisan and ensuring a balance also means the League did not want to be put in a position of giving one person a leg-up.

Candidates who *were* willing to show up were disappointed that based on their opponent's decision to decline, they were not allowed the opportunity to provide their side of the issues to voters. The SNM Board will rediscuss this rule and determine if it should be changed for future elections. Please share your thoughts on this.

■ Jo Galván Nash



Beth Buskirk – Silver City  
 Lisa Carlson – Las Cruces  
 Lori Fleuter – Silver City  
 Lauren Rosenberg – Las Cruces

### 2024/25 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Jo Galván Nash – President  
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 Kathe Kanim – Voter Services Director  
 Kate Mangelsdorf – Membership Director  
 Eileen VanWie & Josie Miller – Youth Engagement  
 Co-Directors

Eileen VanWie — Education Committee Director  
 Nancy Stanton — Development Director

and

Tom Krajci — Otero Unit Liaison  
 OPEN – Public Relations Director  
 Jo Galván Nash – The Voter Editor  
 Ruth Jaure — Historian  
 Kate Mangelsdorf, Chair, and Rebecca Courtney,  
 Member – Nominating Committee  
 OPEN — 3<sup>rd</sup> Member for Nominating Committee

### EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 8



There are about 2 dozen locations around the city where hundreds of extra Voter Guides should be placed for the public. But we need help distributing them! If you can drop some off, [email Jo Nash](#) or call her at 575-339-7115. See locations on page 4.

Beginning Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> there is a need for Poll Watchers! If you can volunteer, please [contact David Rice](#). See more information on page 4.

*Thank you!*

### Upcoming Calendar Events

#### OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 1, Tues.: **SNM Voter Services Committee**, 1 pm, Zoom, contact [Kathe Kanim](#)

Oct. 1, Tues.: **LWVSNM Forum #1**, 5:30 pm, City Hall, contact [Beth Bardwell](#) for information

Oct. 2-4, Wed-Fri: **Rosh Hashanah**

Oct. 5, Sat.: **Vote411 Goes Live**, [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

Oct. 7, Mon.: **Regular Board Meeting**, 5:30pm, via Zoom, [contact Jo Nash](#)

Oct. 8, Tues.: **Early Voting Begins Statewide**

Oct. 8, Tues.: **LWVSNM Forum #2**, 5:30 pm, City Hall, contact [Beth Bardwell](#) for information

Oct. 14, Mon.: **Indigenous People's Day**

Oct. 14, Mon.: **Education Committee**, 5:30 pm, via Zoom, contact [Eileen VanWie](#)

Oct. 15, Tues.: **Voter Services Comm.**, 1 p.m., via Zoom, contact [Kathe Kanim](#)

Oct. 21, Mon.: **Short Board Mtg.**, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom; [Contact Jo Galvan Nash](#)

Oct. 31, Thurs.: **Halloween**

## Immigration's Impact to the Economy

Members of the SNM Board attended an incredible, and timely, presentation on the “Economic Impacts of Migration.” The benefits and costs of US migration are a key debate in the 2024 election. The presenters were Kristie De Peña, Senior Vice President for Policy and Director of Immigration Policy at the Niskanen Center in Washington D.C. and Madeline Zavodny, a professor at the Univ. of North Florida and a former economist at the Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas and Atlanta.



*Kristie De Peña*

One of their salient points was that immigrants contribute to the economies of the communities where the migrants settle. De Peña said many states welcome migrants to fill jobs, and some states actually pay the newcomers a “bonus” if they go to their state. She mentioned states like Kansas, Washington, Missouri and Ohio that are seeking a younger workforce so they “lay out a very nice welcome mat” to the migrants who resettle there.

Zavodny said the data shows immigrants are bringing different skills that are needed in US cities. She said despite negative political conversations, the immigration population continues to grow; In 2023, 14% of the US population were foreign-born. And, she said immigrants do start businesses, pay taxes, and fill the high- and mid-level skill voids.

For a deeper dive on this topic, Zavodny [suggested this information from the US Congressional Budget Office.](#)

LWV supports the idea that there is a need to change the narrative on immigration in the United States and instead, people should focus on the strategic and economic advantages of immigration. The experts’ presentations are worth watching. [Click here if you're interested.](#) The passcode to watch is **&A9?=9Jp**.

## Voter Registrations Abound

LWVSNM voter registration agents (VRAs) have been working hard to register citizens of Doña Ana County so they can participate in the upcoming general election. In September, they volunteered at the Day of Remembrance at Young Park, spent several hours at Branigan, Anthony and Hatch libraries, worked at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Las Cruces Convention Center, and helped students at NMSU register. Over 40 people were registered as first-time voters or were updating their registration. The VRAs helped even more people find out if they were still registered, learn dates for Early Voting and places to vote.

The VRAs also registered several hundred students last spring in Las Cruces and Anthony high schools.

Thanks to everyone involved and to the Doña Ana County Election Bureau for its support.

- *Rebecca Courtney, Voter Services Committee*

## Help Local Voters

There are two great ways to help anyone needing election information:

**1** [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is the online one-stop-shop for all kinds of information that is specific to each voter by simply entering their address. Plus, they can read their candidates’ viewpoints.

**2** Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections has produced nice posters in English and Spanish (see pages 11-12) that give a lot of information most voters need. And don’t forget to mention to friends and neighbors that they can **SKIP THE LINES!** Voting Convenience Centers allow voters to go to any polling location. So, there’s no need to stand in a long line on Election Day.

**NOW  
HIRING!**

**ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Election officials are paid for their service, including training.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must attend training
- Must be registered to vote
- Must have basic computer skills and mobile phone
- Must not be related to any candidate on the ballot

**Apply now:**  
[www.DacElections.com](http://www.DacElections.com) (Under Election Official tab)  
 or call 575-647-7428

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**Clerk's Office**  
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## Volunteer to be a Poll Watcher during early voting or Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

If you want to serve as a poll watcher, you must be appointed by the LWVSNM. You must also successfully complete training and receive appointment from the NM Secretary of State.

**What does a watcher do?** We suggest that poll watchers observe processes at a polling location for at least two hours. Watching for several intervals would provide a stronger assessment. A watcher might elect to observe during the period of early voting or on election day (or both!). In keeping with an orderly voting process, watchers from a given organization for a given location must be identified prior to the election and only one watcher for an organization may be present during a given period.

Serving as a poll watcher is a pretty low stress opportunity to support or improve our elections. **Please consider this opportunity.** If you want to be a watcher, please contact Dave Rice (843-368-8232 [text or voice]; [dr45236@gmail.com](mailto:dr45236@gmail.com)).

Thanks!

▪ *Dave Rice, Voter Services Committee*

## Voter Guides Distribution – Can you help?

The Voter Guides will be inserted in the Las Cruces Bulletin (English) and by Camino Real Media in southern Doña Ana County (Spanish). But volunteers are needed to hand-deliver guides to about 24 other city locations. If you can take guides, it would be a huge help — even one location is appreciated! Beginning Oct. 11, call or email Jo at 575-339-7115, [jogalvan.nash@gmail.com](mailto:jogalvan.nash@gmail.com) to get a bundle of the publications. Here are the remaining locations where the League would like to place them:

- NMSU Corbett Center; ESC Building; Zuhl Library
- DACC East Mesa Main Building; Espina Building at NMSU
- City Hall, Main St.
- DAC Government Center, Motel Blvd
- LC Public School Administration, Loretto Town Centre
- MVD, Wyatt Dr.
- Memorial Medical Hospital Lobby
- Three Crosses Hospital Lobby
- Mountain View Hospital Lobby
- Burrell College, Arrowhead Dr.
- Ben Archer Health Centers (Motel Blvd; Thorpe Rd; Del Rey)
- NM Dept. of Health, Solano Dr.
- La Clinica de Familia (Alameda; Calle de Alegre)
- Good Samaritan, Terrace Dr.
- Solstice Senior Living Center, Roadrunner Parkway
- **OTHER LOCATIONS YOU SUGGEST**

## AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

Automatic voter registration, or AVR, was developed as an easier way for Americans to register to vote. By making voter registration an “out-opt” as opposed to the traditional “opt-in” method, barriers to registration are removed. New Mexico has made headway with AVR. [CLICK HERE](#) to read some interesting information distributed by Dick Mason from the LWVNM Action Team.



## Tune to Public Media for Televised Forums

League members will once again co-host televised candidate forums alongside Anthony Moreno, content director for KRWG TV. The PBS station at NMSU has offered this great opportunity to the League to ask questions of various candidates. Although the schedule is still being refined, here are the dates and times, as of Sept. 30:

### BROADCAST DATES AND TIMES:

Oct. 3, 7:00 pm, NM Senate District #36  
7:30 pm, NM Senate District #38  
8:00 pm, NM House of Reps. District #34

### BROADCAST DATES AND TIMES:

Oct. 10, 7:00 pm, NM House of Reps. District #38  
7:30pm, NM House of Reps. District #36  
8:00pm, NM Senate District #28

Oct. 17, 7:00 pm, NM House of Reps. District #53  
7:30pm, NM House of Reps. District #39  
8:00pm, NM House of Reps. District #51

Oct. 24, 7:00 pm, Doña Ana County District Atty.  
7:30pm, Doña Ana County Clerk

Check [www.krwg.org](http://www.krwg.org) or [www.lwvsnm.org](http://www.lwvsnm.org) for updates to the schedule.

## *In Memoriam*



It is with a heavy heart to share the news of the passing of three LWVSNM members — **Kathy Nickodemus, Judith LaPointe and Sue Lashley.**

Kathy passed away on May 23, 2024. She had been a local League member from 2018 through 2024 and was active with the League's Immigration Committee. Her words in a 2019 Las Cruces Sun-News Letter-to-the-Editor still rings true today. She wrote ... *"We need as a country to have a functional immigration system ... the system is broken. There are not enough judges, therefore, it takes years for cases to be heard. We need people and legislatures who are willing to work for systemic change..."*. She was also known to share her thoughts with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission on environmental impact regarding nuclear waste. Kathy will be missed by family and friends.

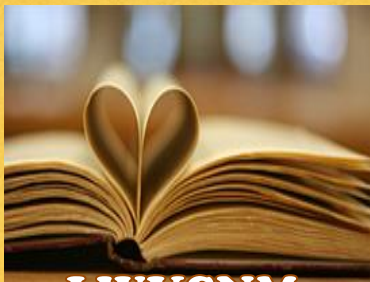
The lovely Judy LaPointe passed away recently. She maintained her membership in the League for many years, serving on the SNM Nominating Committee in 2018 and on the Immigration Committee. She was a volunteer in many other ways and gave her time to the Legal Aid Office and on the Board of the Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony. Judy was among those who marched in Washington, DC against the Iraq war, and she visited Cuba with the National Lawyer's Guild. There was a memorial for her on September 1 at Good Samaritan.

Sue Lashley was also a longtime League member until 2023 when she moved to Austin where she passed away on August 27, 2024. During the past decade Sue was the League's membership director, treasurer, Observer Corps, and served on the League's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee.

Sue received her teaching credentials in 1976 and taught mathematics (primarily calculus) for students from elementary school to college until 1997. In addition to her work with the League, she enjoyed square-dancing, tutoring, singing and crafting, as her friends from Good Samaritan can attest. A local celebration of life was held on Sept. 28 at First Christian Church; she will be interred in Pittsburgh where she was born.

May Sue, Judy, and Kathy rest in peace.





## LWVSNM BOOK CLUB

The book club meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

If you want to participate, contact Erika at [grafwebster@icloud.com](mailto:grafwebster@icloud.com)

### OCTOBER 3

#### **The Hamilton Scheme: An Epic Tale of Money and Power in the American Founding by William Hogeland**

Marshaling an idiosyncratic cast of insiders and outsiders, vividly dramatizing backroom intrigues and literal street fights—and sharply dissenting from recent biographies — William Hogeland’s *The Hamilton Scheme* brings to life Hamilton’s vision and the hard-knock struggles over democracy, wealth, and the meaning of America that drove the nation’s creation and hold enduring significance today. But what did Hamilton really want for the country? What risks did he run in pursuing those vaulting ambitions? Who tried to stop him? How did they fight? It’s ironic that the Hamilton revival has obscured the man’s most dramatic battles and hardest-won achievements — as well as downplaying unsettling aspects of his legacy. Thrilling to the romance of becoming the one-man inventor of a modern nation, our first Treasury secretary fostered growth by engineering an ingenious dynamo — banking, public debt, manufacturing — for concentrating national wealth in the hands of a government-connected elite. Seeking American prosperity, he built American oligarchy.

### NOVEMBER 7

#### **Small Acts of Courage: A Legacy of Endurance and the Fight for Democracy by Ali Velshi (Author)**

Small acts of courage matter. Sometimes, they change the world. Our history books are filled with the stories of those who fought for democracy and freedom—for idealism itself—against all odds, from Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. In this book, Velshi taps into 125 years of family history to advocate for social justice as a living, breathing experience—a way of life more than an ideology. With rich detail and vivid prose, he relates the stories of regular people who made a lasting commitment to fight for change, even when success seemed impossible. This exploration of how we can breathe new life into the principles of pluralistic democracy is an urgent call to action—for progress to be possible, we must all do whatever we can to make a difference.

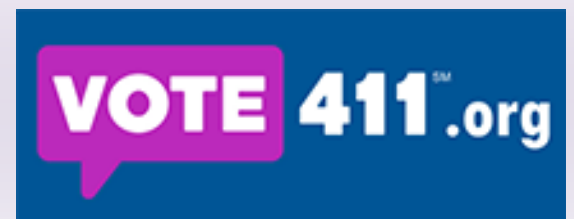
## Election Flyers Flood Southern DAC

A flyer for wide distribution has been designed in Spanish and English that describes the election process for voters. Under Eileen VanWie’s coordination, nearly 9,000 flyers have been printed; the bulk will be inserted in utility bills from the Camino Real Regional Utility Association (CRRUA) which primarily serves Sunland Park and Santa Teresa. Many flyers will also be hand-delivered to busy centers in southern Doña Ana County like the Intercultural Women’s Center in Anthony, the Anthony library, and other agencies.

The League opted to reach out to rural and monolingual Spanish-speaking residents encouraging them to get registered and vote. A major donation was made to LWVSNM to pay for nearly half of the printing cost.

If you happen to live in the southern end of the county, let a Board member know if the flyer was contained in your bill, or email [lwvsnm@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsnm@gmail.com).

### Do This on Oct. 4 ...



On October 4, 2024, click the graphic! It’s the planned launch date for Vote411 to go live! Read the answers from the candidates in your area and from the statewide candidates, too.

# Fill Out the Voter Guide Survey!

<https://www.lwvsnm.org/voter-guide-community-survey/>



Contained within LWVSNM’s English Voter Guide (to be inserted in the Las Cruces Bulletin) will be this QR code that will direct the community to a League survey. We’d also like our members to fill out the survey that will give us information about how the public gets the Voter Guide and what improvements they suggest for the future.



When using a QR code, just point your Smart phone’s camera at the code. Your phone will automatically “find” the website where the survey is located. Then click on that

website. If you don’t like using QR codes, simply go to the League’s website at [www.lwvsnm.org](http://www.lwvsnm.org). On the home page, the survey is a simple click on the red box that reads “Take Our 2024 Voter Guide Community Survey.” There are only a few questions to answer. We will share the results with our members in the November *Voter*.

If you don’t get a copy of the Voter Guide, and you specifically want a printed copy, you can contact the league

## Treasurer’s Report September 2024 • Prepared by Kathy Brook, Treasurer

*The full Treasurer’s report is reviewed monthly by the LWVSNM Board. It is available to other members on request.*

<b>Beginning bank balance</b>	<b>\$15,120.03</b>
<b>New Income</b>	<b>\$4,847.50</b>
Dues	\$1,207.50
Donations, general fund	\$405.00
Donations, restricted	\$3,235.00
PayPal Fees	(\$224.06)
<b>New Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,075.00</b>
Get Out the Vote Flyers	\$725.00
Contribution to LCPS grant for multicultural education	\$350.00
<b>Closing bank balance, September 24, 2024</b>	<b>\$18,868.47</b>
<b>Restricted Funds (included in the bank balance)</b>	<b>\$7378.50</b>
Diversity	\$3,030.00
NM Listens	\$0
Otero Unit/LWVSNM	\$736.00
Social Media	\$0
Voter Guides	\$3,237.50
Youth Engagement	\$375.00

The Diversity fund was reduced by (\$65) to cover the dues for a new member and increased by the transfer of \$500 from the NM Listens fund and by a generous donation by a member. The Otero Unit fund was reduced to cover the dues of the donor and the social media funds were moved to the Voter Guides fund by action of the board. The Youth Engagement fund was reduced by the amount of a donation to the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation.

Note: we are entering the high expense months for our League so the bank balance will drop considerably as we pay for the English and Spanish voter guides and make our contributions to the state and national Leagues.

## NAACP DAC Chapter September Meeting

There were two guest speakers at the Sept. 21, 2024 meeting. The first was Micah Pearson, CEO of InsideOut. He is a mental health advocate and community organizer. He talked about his experiences with mental health services and the advocacy that InsideOut does for mental health issues. Later in the meeting he emphasized the need to reopen the Crisis Triage Center. He also said there should be a 72-hour hold policy that avoids a criminal record but keeps someone in custody long enough to get a psychiatric evaluation.

City Councilor Becky Corran was the second speaker. She talked about the need to counter the divisive rhetoric that is overwhelming public input and discourse. She said this is a problem nationally but also locally.

- There was some discussion of the "shopping cart ordinance."

It will go into effect in October. Councilor Corran said several people and groups have helped raise money for the Community of Hope to offer roller-luggage cases and garden carts to people who have been using shopping carts.

- Councilor Corran said that someone with a shopping cart outside the parking lot where the cart belongs can be charged with a petty misdemeanor. The idea behind the ordinance is to direct that person to service programs but the charge can lead to the person being entangled in the legal system.

- Corran said that half of the calls last year to the Project Light program could not be addressed because of a lack of staff and money.

There were discussion of a wide range of topics during the remainder of the meeting.

- *Jennifer Kreie, LWVSNM and NAACP*

## UPCOMING GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

### LC City Council:

Oct. 7; Oct. 15 (work session); Oct. 21; Oct. 28 (work session); Oct. 28, TIDD Board Meeting; all meetings at 1:00 p.m., City Hall

County Commission: Oct. 8 at 9:00 a.m.; and Oct. 22 at 9:00 a.m., DAC Govt. Center.

LCPS School Board: Oct. 1, 4p.m., (Work Session), Admin. Bldg. Conference Rooms; Oct. 22, 6 pm, Trujillo Admin. Bldg. Board Rm.

### NMSU Board of Regents:

Check here to join webcast. Regents meet in the ESC Building at NMSU.



## Community Radio Promotes League Activities

KTAL radio (101.5 FM) a community-based radio station that delves into local issues, invited the League on Sept. 24 to talk about the upcoming election, voter registration, and the League's history. During the morning show "café con leche" host Greg Smith visited with three SNM members (photo left to right): Jo Galván Nash, SNM President; Kathy Brook, state LWV Co-president; and Rebecca Courtney, voter services committee member.

They promoted the two Voter Guides being published in early October, voter registration, upcoming candidate forums, history of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and other activities that the League focuses on during the year.

In addition to being a regular radio host, Smith is a former city councilor, fine arts advocate, writer, and an instructor at Doña Ana Community College.



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Courtney

*Getting-out-the-vote activities were among the messages given by League members on KTAL radio.*



### **LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Regular Session**

September 3, 2024

Observer: Jen Kreie

No issues relating to League priorities were discussed at the meeting.

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### **DONA ANA COUNTY COMMISSISON • Regular Session**

September 10, 2024,

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

*Members Present: Chairman Christopher Schaljo-Hernandez, Manuel Sanchez, Susana Chaparro, Diana Murillo, Shannon Reynolds, and Interim Manager Stephen Lopez.*

On August 19, 2024, Doña Ana County and Scott Andrews entered into an employment agreement so that the new county manager could begin his employment on Oct. 7, 2024. The International City/County Management Association is holding its Annual Conference September 21-25, in Pittsburgh. County documents stated it would be beneficial to have Andrews attend the Annual Conference. The employment contract amendment would require Andrews to attend the conference in exchange for the county paying his registration and travel expenses. The contract change was approved 5-0.

Approval was also given to a grant request totaling 12 million (which would require a 30% county match of \$5.1 million) from the US Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. The potential four-year award would allow the County to complete several projects outlined in the county's Strategic Plan to increase internet access for county sites. Supporting strategic planning measures include expediting the timeline of community centers with accessible internet services. The project will fund digital equity inclusion activities such as economic stability through workforce development and economic opportunities, social and civic engagement, and stronger digital connectivity between residents and County departments. If awarded, the funds would be spent over a four-year period.

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### **LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Regular Session**

September 16, 2024

Observer: Kathy Brook

Topics on the agenda included acceptance of a grant for active transportation (relating to multi-use trails and bike and pedestrian improvements), reimbursement to a developer (from impact fees) for construction of a neighborhood park in the Metro Verde area, and a required review of the municipal code relating to park impact fees (which cannot be modified until Realize Las Cruces is concluded).

The liveliest discussion focused on appeal of a Planning and Zoning Commission decision to rezone land at Roadrunner Pkwy and Morningstar Drive. By a vote of 4-3, the Council voted to uphold the decision to allow for a 60-unit apartment complex. The opponents of the complex preferred to keep the zoning for 40 single family residents. Aside from changes to the nature of housing in an established neighborhood, there were concerns about traffic on the two streets. Councilor Bencomo, in her comments at the end of the meeting, spoke to the need for more traffic calming in the city.

The city is currently running a Know Your City seminar series on Wednesday evenings. These sessions are open to the public with no registration required.



## OBSERVER REPORTS

### **LAS CRUCES BOARD OF EDUCATION • Regular Session**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:00 pm

Observer: Eileen VanWie

*Members Present: President Teresa Tenorio, VP Pam Cort, Secretary Robert Wofford, Ed Frank, and Patrick Nolan*

There were two public comments. A Mayfield High School science teacher was concerned about the LCPS professional development for science teachers being inadequate and was seeking improvement from the district. She was able to attend science teacher training given by the PED, which she said was excellent and she brought the PED professional development back for a group of LCPS science teachers. A parent had several questions and concerns. There were concerns about bullying and threats to students in schools; about providing more resources for teachers in classroom management.

NEA-LC President Julie Wotjko described a calendar survey that was developed for students, faculty, and parents to complete. The NEA will be marching in the Pride Parade downtown on Saturday, October 5. The Board and others were invited to join them.

Centennial High School senior Brunson reported students had discussed the year-round calendar and there were about 50% who support it and 50% that oppose it. Concerns about the calendar were the short breaks meant jobs could not be done during the summer, internships were cut short, and two weeks off are too short.

Superintendent Ruiz described a roundtable discussion with Representative Gabe Vasquez on the benefits to 413 students in the Head Start program. Superintendent Ruiz had visited several schools since the last Board meeting.

In old business Dr. Roberto Lozano and Sean Barham presented Revisions to Policy ACA Sexual Harassment, which were discussed, and the revised policy was unanimously approved. Policy GBAA – Gender Equity Staff was deleted because it is included in the new ACA policy. Likewise, Policy JICK Sexual Harassment of Students and Policy JBA – Title IX Gender Equity (Students) were also deleted for the same reason.

Ms. Shirley O'Brien presented the third reading of Policy IHB – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. The policy was passed 5-0.

In new Business, the Board took action to authorize legal counsel and the Superintendent to proceed with the legal strategy as discussed in Executive Session, in the matter titled *Student v. Las Cruces Public Schools*, DPH 2425-06 (before a special education due process hearing officer) was approved.

# 2024 General Election



## Alternate Early Voting Locations

Open October 19th-November 2nd  
Tuesday-Saturday  
11AM-7PM

### ANTHONY

**Anthony Public Library**  
750 Landers Rd,  
Anthony, NM 88021

### CHAPARRAL

**Doña Ana Community College-  
Chaparral**  
755 Prescott Anthony Dr,  
Chaparral, NM 88081

### HATCH

**Hatch Valley Public Schools  
Student Services/Training Center**  
350 Main St,  
Hatch, NM 87937

### LAS CRUCES

**Corbett Center Student Union**  
1600 International Mall,  
Las Cruces, NM 88003

### Doña Ana Community College- East Mesa Campus

2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd,  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

### Las Cruces City Hall

700 N Main St,  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

### MESILLA

**Mesilla Town Hall**  
2231 Avenida de Mesilla,  
Mesilla, NM 88046

### SUNLAND PARK

**Doña Ana Community College-  
Sunland Park**  
3365 McNutt Rd,  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

## NMVOTE.ORG



- REGISTER TO VOTE
- REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
- VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

## ELECTION DAY

**NOVEMBER 5TH  
7AM-7PM**

**42 VOTING  
CONVENIENCE CENTERS**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### OCT 08 EARLY VOTING BEGINS

- Doña Ana County Government Center 8AM- 5PM
- Online/ Mail Registration ends
- Same day registration begins at Doña Ana County Government Center

### OCT 19 ALTERNATE SITES OPEN

- Expanded early voting begins at alternate locations
- Same day registration begins at alternate locations

### OCT 22 ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS

- Last day to submit an application for an absentee ballot

### NOV 02 LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING

- Last Day of early voting at all early voting locations
- Last day to submit an application for a federal/overseas ballot

### NOV 05 ELECTION DAY 2024

- Polls open 7AM-7PM
- Absentee ballots must be received by 7PM
- For a full list of all voting locations, visit: [DacElections.com](https://DacElections.com)

## EARLY VOTING BEGINS

**OCTOBER 8TH-  
NOVEMBER 1ST \***  
MON-FRI | 8AM-5PM

**NOVEMBER 2ND**  
SAT | 10AM-6PM

\*CLOSED MON. OCT 14TH FOR  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

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- FIND YOUR NEAREST VOTING LOCATION CONVENIENCE CENTER
- FIND YOUR NEAREST 24/7 SECURED CONTAINER LOCATION

## ABSENTEE VOTING

- APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 22ND
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 5TH BY 7PM
- DROP OFF AT ANY VOTING CONVENIENCE CENTER OR ANY SECURED CONTAINER LOCATION
- APPLY FOR A FEDERAL/ OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOT AT [FVAP.GOV](https://FVAP.GOV)



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# 2024 Elección General



## Ubicaciones Para Votación Temprana

Abierto del 19 de Octubre al 2 de Noviembre  
Martes a Sabado  
11AM-7PM

### ANTHONY

Anthony Public Library  
750 Landers Rd,  
Anthony, NM 88021

### CHAPARRAL

Doña Ana Community College-  
Chaparral  
755 Prescott Anthony Dr,  
Chaparral, NM 88081

### HATCH

Hatch Valley Public Schools  
Student Services/Training Center  
350 Main St,  
Hatch, NM 87937

### LAS CRUCES

Corbett Center Student Union  
1600 International Mall,  
Las Cruces, NM 88003

### Doña Ana Community College- East Mesa Campus

2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd,  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

### Las Cruces City Hall

700 N Main St,  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

### MESILLA

Mesilla Town Hall  
2231 Avenida de Mesilla,  
Mesilla, NM 88046

### SUNLAND PARK

Doña Ana Community College-  
Sunland Park  
3365 McNutt Rd,  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

## NMVOTE.ORG



- REGISTRESE PARA VOTAR
- PIDA EL FORMULARIO PARA EL VOTO EN AUSENCIA
- VEA UNA MUESTRA DE LA BOLETA PARA VOTAR

## DÍA DE ELECCIÓN

# 5 DE NOVIEMBRE

# 7AM-7PM

## 42 CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN ACCESIBLES

## FECHAS IMPORTANTES

### OCT

# 08

#### INICIA LA VOTACION TEMPRANA

- El Centro de Gobierno de Doña Ana 8AM-5PM
- Termina el registro para votar por correo y por el internet
- Inicia el registro para votar el mismo día

### OCT

# 19

#### SITIOS ALTERNATIVOS ABIERTOS

- La votación temprana comienza en ubicaciones alternativas
- La inscripción el mismo día comienza en ubicaciones alternativas.

### OCT

# 22

#### SOLICITUDES DE AUSENCIA

- Último día para enviar una solicitud de boleta de voto en ausencia por correo

### NOV

# 02

#### TERMINA LA VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA

- Último día de votación en todos los lugares de votación anticipada
- Último día para solicitar una boleta de ausencia federal

### NOV

# 05

#### DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES

- Centros de votación abierto de 7AM-7PM
- Las boletas de votación deben ser recibidas a las 7PM
- Obtiene la lista de los centros de votación accesible

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## INICIA LA VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA

### 8 DE OCTUBRE- 1 DE NOVIEMBRE

LUNES-VIERNES | 8AM-5PM

### 2 DE NOVIEMBRE SABADO | 10AM-6PM

\*CERRADO LUNES 14 DE OCTUBRE POR EL DÍA DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS.

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- OBTIENE LISTA DE LOS CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN ACCESIBLES
- ENCUENTRE SU UBICACIÓN DE CONTENEDOR SEGURA LAS 24 HORAS, LOS 7 DÍAS DE LA SEMANA MÁS CERCANA

## VOTACION EN AUSENCIA

- LAS SOLICITUDES DEBEN ENVIARSE ANTES DEL 22 DE OCTUBRE
- LAS PAPELETAS DE VOTO EN AUSENCIA DEBEN DEVOLVERSE ANTES DEL 5 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 7 P. M.
- BOLETAS DE VOTO AUSENTE ENVIADAS A PARTIR DEL 8 DE OCTUBRE
- SOLICITE UNA BOLETA DE VOTO AUSENTE FEDERAL/EN EL EXTRANJERO EN [FVAP.GOV](http://FVAP.GOV)



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