

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Santa Fe – April 29, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, the Santa Fe County Clerk is encouraging all voters to vote using an absentee ballot and avoid in-person voting for the 2020 Primary Election.

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk, wants to remind voters that the New Mexico 2020 Primary Election Day will be Tuesday, June 2, 2020. On Election Day, all VCC's (Voting Convenience Centers) will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. There are several dates before the election that voters should keep in mind while also considering *to vote using an absentee ballot and avoid in-person voting for the 2020 Primary Election.*

VOTER REGISTRATION: New Mexico has a closed Primary: only registered Democrats can vote in the Democratic Primary, only registered Republicans can vote in the Republican Primary and only registered Libertarians can vote in the Libertarian Primary. The last day to register is Tuesday, May 5th. If you are new to the county, have changed your name, address, or political affiliation, you must re-register. Please note: if you re-registered and failed to indicate a political party, even if you have been a Democrat, Republican or Libertarian on previous registrations, you are currently listed as Declined to State (DTS) and cannot vote in the 2020 Primary Election. Your Voter Information card lists your party if you indicated a political party. If you have questions or wish the Clerk's Office to send you a Voter Registration form, call 505-986-6280.

ON-LINE VOTER REGISTRATION (OVR): If you have a state issued identification, you may also register to vote or update your voter registration status on-line at the NM Secretary of State's website: <https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/InstructionsStep1.aspx> **to ensure that your voter registration will be submitted and processed in time to VOTE in the 2020 Primary Election.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can apply for an absentee ballot now or any time up until Friday, May 29, 2020, although we encourage voters not to wait until the last minute. By law, however, we cannot send out Absentee Ballots until Tuesday May 5th; the last day we can send out Absentee Ballots is Friday, May 29th.

To apply for an Absentee Ballot, you can go online to electronically request an Absentee Ballot Application Request, you may also go to (<http://www.santafecountynm.gov/userfiles/ABGeraldine.pdf>) to print an application, or call the County Clerk's Office (505-986-6280) to request an application.

EARLY VOTING AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE: You can vote early at the Clerk's Office, 100 Catron, (our new office building), beginning Tuesday May 5th through May 29th, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, including lunch hours. Voting will also occur on Saturday, May 30th, **ONLY** from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **The Clerk's Office will be closed Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.**

Early Voting at Alternate Sites: The County will have Early Voting at the following sites:

- **NEW** Town of Edgewood Administrative Office – 171A State Road-344, Edgewood
- Max Coll Corridor Community Center – 16 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado
- Santa Fe County Fair Building – 3229 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe
- Pojoaque County Satellite Office – 5 W. Gutierrez, Suite 9, Pojoaque
- Christian Life Church – 121 Siringo Rd., Santa Fe
- Abedon Lopez Community Center – 155A Camino de Quintana, Santa Cruz
- **NEW** Southside Library – 6599 Jaguar Dr., Santa Fe

Early voting at these sites begins Saturday May 16th and ends Saturday, May 30th. Days and hours for these sites are as follows: Tuesday through Friday, from 12 noon until 8:00 PM; and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. These sites are closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Please consider to vote using an absentee ballot and avoid in-person voting for the 2020 Primary Election because of the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. Thank you.

For more information, consult the County Clerk's Web page at: <http://www.santafecountynm.gov/clerk> or call the County Clerk's Office at 505-986-6280.

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