

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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SANTA FE COUNTY HAS COMPLETED THE LIST MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW; REGISTERED VOTERS URGED TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF THEIR INFORMATION

“The bi-partisan Santa Fe County Board of Registration and the County Clerk’s Office has completed the biennial maintenance of the official eligible voter list, as required by federal and state law,” Santa Fe County Clerk Geraldine Salazar announced today. “This regular maintenance removes inactive voters from the list, which helps ensure the integrity of and reduce the cost of elections.”

New Mexico conducts its voter list maintenance procedures through the Office of the Secretary of State, which contracts with a National Change of Address (NCOA) program vendor. The entire state voter file is compared to the United States Postal Service’s records. Any registered voter who appears to have changed an address from the voter’s precinct of registration is sent a notice and return card with which to update their information.

Voters are only removed from the eligible voter list if they fail to respond to the notice and have not voted or appeared to vote in any election from the date of the notice through the day after the second general election that occurs after the date of the notice. In addition, the Board of Registration, a bi-partisan body appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, must approve of the removal of a voter from the eligible voter list. “Board of Registration approval provides an independent check on the process,” County Clerk Salazar stated.

“Voters themselves are responsible for keeping their voter registration up to date,” County Clerk Salazar reminded voters. “Voters should use the time between now and the next primary and general elections in 2020 to check the accuracy of their registration information.” Voters may check their registration information online at New Mexico Voter Information Portal, http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/voter-information-portal.aspx , by calling the County Clerk’s Office, or visiting the County Clerk’s Office in person at 102 Grant Ave. Santa Fe, NM.

A voter’s registration information can be updated by going online to: <https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/InstructionsStep1.aspx> or using a voter registration form, which are pre-addressed with postage prepaid. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the County Clerk’s Office or any of the three County Satellite Offices, located at (1) the Eldorado Senior Center on 16 Avenida Torreon; (2) in Edgewood at 114 Quail Trail; and (3) the Pojoaque satellite office at 5 West Gutierrez, Suite 9, Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza. The voter just needs to completely fill out the voter registration form, sign it, date it, and mail it back to the County Clerk’s Office. It’s that easy.

“Now is also a great time for new voters to register at: <https://portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/InstructionsStep1.aspx> and for those removed from the voter list to reregister,” Clerk Salazar said. A voter must make changes or register by 28 days before an election. “Registering now avoids the rush right before an election,” Clerk Salazar explained.

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