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2025 Regular Local Election

Important Dates and Information:

May 5, 2025 - Packets handed out by the Santa Fe City Clerk for Public Financing.

June 7, 2025 - July 7, 2025 - Local governments shall notify the County Clerk of local government positions that are to be filled at the Regular Local Election.

August 6, 2025 - SOS issues Proclamation calling for the Regular Local Election.

August 21, 2025 - Deadline for candidates to register to vote in the district they wish to run in.

August 26, 2025 - Candidate Filing Day- All candidates will file a Declaration of Candidacy at the County Clerk's Office between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

August 26, 2025 – Local government must adopt any ordinances and/or resolutions to establish ballot questions.

September 2, 2025 - Last day for Candidates to withdraw from the Regular Local Election, filing day for Write-in Candidates.

October 7, 2025 - Second Biannual Campaign Finance Report due, reporting period April 1, 2025 - September 29, 2025

Special Eligibility Requirements:

City/Municipal Districts

City of Santa Fe: Candidates who have engaged with the city public financing option but not been qualified by the city clerk will be rejected. Any city candidate can bypass public financing and file with the correct number of signatures with the SOS's nominating petition forms on August 26th with the county clerk and qualify for the ballot.

*Signature requirements are calculated based on the total number of registered voters in a district and are subject to change as voter registration numbers may change.

Please refer to the City of Santa Fe website for City Public Financing information:

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School Board, College Board

School Board Campaign Reporting: Candidates or campaign committees need to file a report of expenditures and contributions regardless of whether any expenditures were made or contributions were received during the reported period.

• 1st report due: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

• 2nd report due: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Pursuant to Article 19 (Campaign Reporting Act) of New Mexico Election law, municipal and special districts are not required to register campaign committees with the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office.

Pursuant to Article 22A (School District Campaign Reporting Act) of New Mexico Election Law, certain offices are covered within the act that are required to create an online campaign reporting login at https://login.cfis.sos.state.nm.us/.

These covered offices that are required to report are: a position of board of education member of a school district, or the position of board member of a community college organized or operating pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 21, Article 13 or Article 16 of New Mexico state law. All candidates will need to create an account whether they receive campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures or choose not to. Any candidate who does not raise money or spend money will need to file a report of no activity for each reporting period.

*IMPORTANT FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES**

We encourage candidates or their representatives to contact the municipal clerk which they are running for office, to determine if campaign reporting is a requirement in accordance with their municipal ordinance.

Please visit the New Mexico Secretary of State's website for more information:

https://www.sos.nm.gov/candidate-and-campaigns/how-to-become-a-candidate/campaign-finance-reporting-information/

New Mexico Campaign Finance System: https://login.cfis.sos.state.nm.us/#/index

Candidate Forms

Declaration of Candidacy - Statement of Intent

<u>Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate</u>

Affidavit of Withdrawal of Candidacy

Nominating Petitions - English, Nominating Petitions - Spanish (Required for some races)

City Municipal Charter, Article IV 4.03. - Nominating petitions.

Santa Fe City Position	Signature Requirements (As of 7/31/25)*
Mayor or Municipal Judge	314
Council District 1	100
Council District 2	91
Council District 3	54
Council District 4	69