## SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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## **New Mexico Canvass Board Unanimously Certifies Election Results**

The State Canvassing Board met Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to certify and make official the 2022 General Election results. This board includes Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, and New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon. This is the final step in the canvassing and certification process before any recounts or tabulation rechecks take place.

"The results we upload on election night are the unofficial results and the canvass process at the local and state level with auditor oversight is a triple check on the ballots cast during every election," said Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark. "The canvass process at each level checks every tabulator tape, every provisional and hand tally ballot to ensure that the results are accurate. This election, we were able to include several rejected ballots that voters were able to cure after we contacted them as well as 17 provisional ballots."

"As part of the canvass process," said Clark, "races that are statistically close will be directed for recount. While we do not have races to recount this election, the county will conduct a recheck or automatic audit process. The auditing firm randomly selected precincts last week for counties across the state to recheck the closest statewide races, thus proving the veracity of the tabulated results. The formula for randomization and number of precincts ensures robust statistical power. This is a further step beyond canvass that ensures results are accurate in one of the best if not the best system in the country."

Voters can view Santa Fe County's certified results at the Secretary of State's website.

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