

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### **New Mexico Recognized as the National Leader in Election Administration**

The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office extends warm congratulations to the New Mexico Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, her hardworking staff, and the clerks of all 33 counties in New Mexico for their outstanding achievement in making our state the leader in election administration across the United States. New Mexico's election administration has been recognized as the best in the nation, securing the number one position in the latest Elections Performance Index by the MIT Election Data and Science Lab. This prestigious accomplishment is a testament to our collective commitment and the dedicated effort to enhance the democratic process, marking a significant climb from the 25th position in 2020 to the pinnacle of election administration excellence.

Since taking office in 2021, Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk, has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of the election process in Santa Fe County. These initiatives have significantly contributed to New Mexico's overall success. The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is particularly proud of its efforts to minimize registration rejections and to diligently work to contact voters to ensure absentee ballots were cured in the 2022 election cycle. These focused efforts exemplify our commitment to engaging with the community and highlight our dedication to ensuring that every vote counts.

Katharine E. Clark proudly stated, "We are #1 on the best kind of list. This achievement underscores the collective effort of the Secretary of State's office, all 33 County Clerks, and their incredible staff across New Mexico. My tenure since 2021 has been marked by initiatives that not only support but enhance our community's ability to participate fully and effectively in the democratic process. Our rise to the top of the national rankings is a testament to our shared dedication and relentless pursuit of electoral excellence."

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Secretary Toulouse Oliver, our fellow County Clerks, and the dedicated staff across New Mexico for their unwavering dedication and hard work. It is through our collective efforts that New Mexico has set a national standard for conducting elections with integrity, innovation, and inclusivity.

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office remains committed to continuous improvement, ensuring that we build upon these successes to further enhance our electoral system. Our goal is to maintain the trust and confidence of New Mexicans in our electoral process, ensuring that it remains robust, transparent, and accessible for all.

For more information on New Mexico's election administration and our continuous efforts towards enhancing election integrity and accessibility, please visit [SantaFe.vote](http://SantaFe.vote) our dedicated elections website.

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