

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### **It's the Final Round! Public Invited to Vote for the Winning Name of Santa Fe County's Ballot Sorter**

**Santa Fe, NM** — The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is excited to invite the public to take part in the final round of voting in its community contest to nickname the County's high-speed ballot sorting machine — and to help choose the name that will officially stick.

Since launching the contest in June, the Clerk's Office has received 68 creative, clever, and meaningful nickname submissions from community members across Santa Fe County. Submissions came in through outreach events, social media, and local media coverage, showcasing both the creativity and enthusiasm of local voters. After reviewing all entries, the Clerk's Office narrowed the field to around 40 standout names, which then advanced through a series of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) semifinal rounds.

Now, the contest has reached its final stage.

The five finalist names competing for the top spot are:

- Martin Sort
- Poll McCartney
- ZiaSort
- Count Factula
- Liberty

Residents are invited to rank their favorite finalist names using Ranked Choice Voting. Participants can rank the options in order of preference to help determine the winning name.

The ballot sorter plays an essential behind-the-scenes role in Santa Fe County elections, helping securely process and track thousands of mail-in ballots. The machine scans and sorts ballots at high speed while updating the chain of custody in real time, ensuring transparency, accuracy, and timely ballot status updates for voters.

"This contest has been a fun and engaging way to bring the community into the election process and highlight the important work that happens behind the scenes," said Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark.

Ranked Choice Voting allows participants to rank multiple options instead of choosing just one. If no name receives a majority of first-choice votes, the option with the fewest votes is eliminated and those ballots are redistributed to voters' next choices. The process continues until one name earns a majority.

To cast a ballot and follow along as results update, click [here](#).

For more info about Ranked Choice Voting, visit [our educational page on SantaFe.Vote](#).

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