



VOTERS' GUIDE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO

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ALBUQUERQUE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

OCTOBER 8, 2013

A Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. This Municipal Election will elect the Mayor and the City Council positions from the following districts - 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Voters will also be voting on municipal bonds.

Qualified registered voters within the City limits are eligible to vote in this election. All eligible voters can vote for Mayor and on the municipal bond issues. If you live in a district with a City Council election, you will also be eligible to vote for a City Council candidate from your district.

If you have a question concerning the election, please check the City's election web site at: www.cabq.gov/clerk/voting-elections or call the clerk at 924-3650 or the League office at 884-8441.

VOTING INFORMATION

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Anyone who wants to vote in this election must be registered to vote in the City of Albuquerque. **You must be registered to vote with the County Clerk by Tuesday, September 10 to vote in the October 8 Municipal Election.** For questions about voter registration call the County Clerk's office at 243-VOTE (8683).

OPEN AND ETHICAL ELECTIONS CODE and PUBLICLY FINANCED CANDIDATES

The Open and Ethical Elections Code establishes voluntary limits on campaign spending and equal public financing of campaigns for mayoral and city council elections. Participation from the candidates is voluntary. To qualify to receive funding from the public financing fund, candidates have to gather \$5.00 donations from 1% of the registered voters in their district. In general, candidates who elect to participate in public financing receive from the fund \$1.00 for every registered voter in their district to fund their campaign for public office. In exchange for getting disbursements from the fund, candidates are not allowed to accept or spend private campaign contributions.

The following have qualified as participating candidates and have agreed to the terms and conditions of the Open and Ethical Elections Code: Mayoral Candidates: Pete Dinelli; Council Candidates: District 1, Ken Sanchez; District 2, Isaac Benton and Roxanna Meyers; District 3, Tania Silva; District 5, Dan Lewis and Eloise Gift; District 7, Diane Gibson, Janice E. Arnold-Jones and Matthew Briggs; District 9, Lovie McGee and Don Harris.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Is identification required when I register? You need to present identification when you register to vote **only if you are registering for the first time in your**

county and you register by mail. If you do not submit the proper identification, you will be asked to provide it before you vote in your first election. Accepted identification if you are registering for the first time by mail includes a copy of any current and valid photo ID, a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or any other government document that shows your current and valid name and address.

What identification is required when I vote?

The voters of Albuquerque passed an amendment to the Election Code of the Albuquerque City Charter on October 4, 2005, that requires voters in a city election to provide a photo identification card prior to voting.

The identification requirements are as follows:

1. When a voter approaches the Election Clerks at the polling place, the voter must identify himself or herself by stating his/her name.
2. The Election Clerks will locate the voter's name in the election rolls, and ask the voter for one identification card containing the voter's name and photograph.
3. The photo identification may include, but is not limited to, any of the following types of cards:

- issued by a government agency (e.g., passport, city/county/state/federal ID badge, state identification card)
- a driver's license
- student identification card
- commercial transaction card such as a credit or debit card
- an insurance card
- a union card
- a professional association card
- the photo identification card issued by the City Clerk (only issued when other photo ID is unavailable).

This list is not exclusive. If the voter is able to present an identification card that contains the voter's picture and name he/she should be issued a regular ballot.

The League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico is a non-partisan organization that provides information about political issues and candidates for public office in order to promote greater citizen responsibility and participation in government. Because the League is non-partisan, it DOES NOT support or oppose any political party or candidate. It does publish and distribute factual information for citizens to use when preparing to vote.

The information in this Voters' Guide was obtained by means of questionnaires sent to the candidates who have opposition. Their answers are printed exactly as received by the League. Because of space restrictions, candidates are limited to a specific number of words. Also, lists are converted to paragraphs and responses are converted to normal text. Certified write-in candidates will have only their names listed. All candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the October 8, 2012 ballot.

Disclaimer

The information in this Voters' Guide has been carefully assembled and compiled to assure maximum accuracy. However, the LWVCNM and the LWVCNM Education Fund assume no responsibility either for correctness of all the information or for errors or omissions. In instances where there is a question of potentially defamatory content, the League will defer to the opinion of counsel.

What if I do not have a Photo Identification?

If the voter is unable to provide a photo identification card, he or she is still allowed to vote on a provisional ballot. The voter will be given a provisional ballot to complete, and it will be placed in an envelope and returned to the City Clerk's office. The voter then must come in person to the Clerk's office with photo identification that will allow the Clerk to determine if he/she is the actual voter.

VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Absentee Voting

Any person qualified to vote may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee voting does not require photo ID. Apply by phone by calling 311, or by mail for an absentee ballot to the Albuquerque City Clerk's office, 600 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The City Clerk's office will verify the application information and mail your absentee ballot to you. Friday, October 4, is the last day the City Clerk's office will mail out absentee ballots. The ballot contains instructions for completion and return.

Your completed ballot must be received in the City Clerk's office no later than 7:00 p.m., on Election Day, Tuesday, October 8. Absentee ballot packets delivered in person to the City Clerk's office must be delivered by the voter or by members of the voter's immediate family. Immediate family means spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters.

Early Voting

Any person qualified to vote may vote early, in person on a paper ballot. Early Voting is available at the following locations:

- * City of Albuquerque Records Center *
604 Menaul Blvd NW 87107
- * Office of the City Clerk *
600 2nd St NW 7th Floor 87102
- * Locations above are open on September 3, 2013 for In-Person Absentee Voting Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and for Early Voting starting September 18, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Shops @ 98th and Central
120 98th St. NW Suite A5 87121
- West Mesa Community Center
5500 Glenrio Rd NW 87105
- North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel Ave NE 87113
- Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Comm. Center
4900 Kachina St NW 87120
- Sun Country Plaza
9421 Coors G&H NW 87114
- Cesar Chavez Community Center
7505 Kathryn Ave SE 87108
- Daskalos Plaza
5339 Menaul Blvd NE 87110
- Montgomery Crossing Shopping Center
8510 Montgomery Blvd NE 87111
- Glenwood Village Shopping Center
4710 Tramway Blvd NE 87111
- Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth St SE 87123

Early voting at these locations begins at **9:00 a.m. on September 18 until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4.** The hours of voting will be 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Write-in voting is permitted as long as the Office of the City Clerk has certified the person you are voting for as a write-in candidate.

ELECTION DAY

On October 8 the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

RUN-OFF ELECTION

If no candidate for City Council or Mayor receives 50 percent of the vote cast in the October 8 election, the two candidates who received the highest number of votes will be on the ballot for the run-off election. If needed, a run-off election will be held on November 19. Voter registration for the run-off election will close October 22. On October 30 early voting begins at locations city wide if the runoff includes the mayoral race, or in individual city council districts if there is not a mayoral runoff.

VOTING CENTERS

In 2011, the New Mexico Legislature passed a bill allowing county commissioners and other governing bodies, like our City Council, to consolidate up to 10 precincts into a "consolidated precinct" for general, primary, municipal and school elections. What this means for the City of Albuquerque election is that on Election Day any voter will be allowed to vote at any Consolidated Voting Center in the city much like they already do at Early Voting sites. There will no longer be voting at the precinct level on Election Day. The Early Voting locations and Consolidated Voting Centers are in addition to the voter's option to vote by Absentee Ballot.

On Election Day voters can vote at ANY of the following Consolidated Voting Centers:

- The Shops @ 98th & Central
120 98th St. NW Ste. A5 87121
- Chaparral Elementary School
6325 Milne Rd NW 87120
- Painted Sky Elementary School
8101 Gavin Dr NW 87120
- S.R. Marmon Elementary School
1800 72nd St NW 87120
- Ladera Golf Course
3401 Ladera Dr. NW 87120
- West Mesa Community Center
5500 Glenrio Rd NW 87105
- Albuquerque Museum of Art
2000 Mountain Rd NW 87104
- Barelmas Senior Center
714 7th St. SW 87102
- City of Albuquerque Records Center
604 Menaul Blvd NW 87107
- Duranes Elementary School
2436 Zickert Rd NW 87104
- Herman Sanchez Community Ctr.
1830 William St. SE 87102
- Isotopes Stadium
1061 Avenida Cesar Chavez 87106
- Jefferson Middle School
712 Girard Blvd NE 87106
- La Luz Elementary School
225 Griegos Rd NW 87107
- Los Griegos Multiservice Center
1231 Candelaria Rd NW 87107
- Montezuma Elementary School
3100 Indian School Rd NE 87106
- Alamosa Community Center
6900 Gonzales Rd SW 87121
- Carlos Rey Elementary School
1215 Cerrillos Rd SW 87121
- Edward Gonzales Elementary School
554 90th St SW 87121
- Pajarito Elementary School
2701 Don Felipe Rd SW 87105
- Westgate Community Center
1400 Snow Vista Blvd SW 87121
- Arroyo del Oso Elementary School
6504 Harper NE 87109
- Desert Springs Church
705 Osuna Rd. NE 87113
- Hoffmantown Church
8888 Harper Dr. NE 87111
- North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel Ave NE 87113
- Cibola High School
1510 Ellison Dr NW 87114
- Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center
4900 Kachina St NW 87120
- Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School
6811 Taylor Ranch Rd NW 87120
- Paradise Hills United Methodist Church
4700 Paradise Hills Blvd 87114

- Sun Country Plaza
9421 Coors NW G&H 87114
- Ventana Ranch Elementary School
6801 Ventana Village Rd NW 87114
- Volcano Vista High School
8100 Rainbow Rd NW 87114
- Alice Hoppes African American Pavilion
Expo New Mexico Gate 3
310 San Pedro Dr NE 87108
- Bandelier Elementary School
3309 Pershing Ave SE 87106
- Cesar Chavez Community Center
7505 Kathryn Ave SE 87108
- Highland Senior Center
131 Monroe St. NE 87108
- Daskalos Plaza
5339 Menaul Blvd NE 87110
- Mark Twain Elementary
6316 Constitution Ave. NE 87110
- Montgomery Crossing Shopping Ctr
8510 Montgomery Blvd NE 87111
- Palo Duro Senior Center
5221 Palo Duro Ave NE 87110
- Sandia High School
7801 Candelaria Rd NE 87110
- Glenwood Village Shopping Center
12611 Montgomery NE 87111
- Eisenhower Middle School
11001 Camero Rd NE 87111
- Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Rd NE 87111
- Copper Pointe Church
10500 Copper Ave NE 87123
- Four Hills Country Club
911 Four Hills Rd SE 87123
- Jackson Middle School
10600 Indian School Rd. NE 87112
- Lomas Tramway Library
908 Eastridge Dr NE 87123
- Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth St SE 87123
- Onate Elementary School
12415 Brentwood Hills Blvd NE 87112

Translations will be available by telephone. If you would like assistance at the polls in the form of an interpreter for Keres, Navajo, Tiwa or Spanish, please call the City Clerk's office, 924-3650, on Monday, October 7 or on Election Day, Tuesday October 8.

VOTING OFFENSES

Voters are obligated to report voting offenses to the City Clerk or the District Attorney. Voting offenses are:

- any form of campaigning within 100 feet of a building containing a polling place
- using or possessing or carrying alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of a polling place
- false voting, such as voting or offering to vote although not qualified, voting in another's name, voting more than once during a single election, or asking or assisting another person in committing a voting offense

ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DE ALBUQUERQUE - 8 de octubre, 2013

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La Liga de Mujeres Votantes del Nuevo México Central (LWVCNM por sus siglas en inglés) es una organización NO PARTIDARIA que provee información sobre la política y sobre los candidatos con el fin de promover mayor responsabilidad y mayor participación en el gobierno. Siendo no partidaria, no apoya ni se opone a ningún partido o candidato. Publica y distribuye informaciones útiles para los ciudadanos que se preparan para votar.

La información en esta guía de votantes se obtuvo por cuestionarios enviados a todos los candidatos. Sus respuestas están impresas exactamente como fueron recibidas por la Liga. Debido a las restricciones de espacio, las respuestas de los candidatos han sido limitadas a una cierta cantidad de palabras. Además, convertimos respuestas de forma listada a párrafos. Los candidatos añadidos y certificados tendrán sólo sus nombres publicados. Se publica todos los candidatos aquí en el orden que aparecerán en la papeleta de 8 de octubre de 2013.

Nota de descargo

La información presentada en esta guía de votantes ha sido montada y compilada con prudencia para asegurar la mayor precisión posible. Sin embargo, la LWVCNM y la LVWCNM Fondo de Educación no asumen ninguna responsabilidad por la exactitud de toda la información suministrada a la Liga de los candidatos u otras organizaciones, ni por errores o información omitida. En instancias donde existe una cuestión de contenido que pueda ser difamatorio, la Liga se referirá a la opinión de un consejero.

ELECCION MUNICIPAL DE ALBUQUERQUE 8 DE OCTUBRE, 2013

Una elección municipal se llevará a cabo el martes, 8 de octubre de 2013. Esta elección municipal designará los puestos de alcalde y de los concejales municipales de los distritos 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Los votantes también votaran sobre cuestiones de bonos municipales.

Los votantes ya registrados, calificados para votar dentro de los límites de la ciudad, pueden votar en esta elección. Todos los votantes registrados y calificados pueden votar por el alcalde, las cuestiones de bonos municipales y por las propuestas de papeleta. Si Ud. vive en un distrito que tiene elección para concejal municipal, también puede votar por un candidato para concejal municipal de su distrito.

Si Ud. tiene cualquier pregunta acerca de la elección, puede visitar el sitio de web de la elección en www.cabq.gov/clerk/voting-elections o puede llamar a la Oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad a: 924-3650, o la oficina de la Liga a: 884-8441.

INFORMACION SOBRE LA VOTACION

INSCRIPCION

El que quiere votar en esta elección tiene que estar registrado para votar en la Ciudad de Albuquerque. **Para votar en la Elección Municipal que se llevará a cabo el 8 de octubre, hay que registrarse en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Bernalillo antes del martes, 10 de septiembre.** Para preguntas sobre la inscripción para votar, puede llamar a la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado, teléfono: 243-VOTE (8683).

CODIGO DE ELECCIONES PUBLICAS Y ETICAS Y CANDIDATOS FINANCIADOS CON FONDOS PUBLICOS

En 2005 los votantes de Albuquerque votaron de manera abrumadora por una enmienda a los Estatutos de la Ciudad que establece el Código de Elecciones Públicas y Éticas. Dicho código establece límites voluntarios a gastos de campañas e igualdad de financiamiento con fondos públicos para las campañas de elección de alcalde y concejales municipales. La participación de los candidatos es voluntaria. Para calificar para la recepción de fondos del fondo público de financiamiento, los candidatos tienen que reunir donaciones de \$5.00 dls del 1% de los votantes registrados en sus distritos. En general, los candidatos que escogen participar en el fondo de financiamiento público, reciben \$1.00 dólar por cada votante registrado en sus distritos para financiar sus campañas para cargos públicos. A cambio de recibir desembolsos del fondo mencionado, no se permite a los candidatos aceptar o gastar contribuciones privadas para sus campañas.

Los candidatos siguientes se han calificado como candidatos participantes y han consentido a los términos y condiciones del Código de Elecciones Públicas y Éticas: Candidato para aldalde: Pete Dinelli; Candidatos concejales: Distrito 1, Ken Sanchez; Distrito 2, Isaac Benton y Roxanna Meyers; Distrito 3, Tania Silva; Distrito 5, Dan Lewis y Eloise Gift; Distrito 7, Diane Gibson, Janice E. Arnold-Jones and Matthew Briggs; Distrito 9, Lovie McGee y Don Harris.

IDENTIFICACION DEL VOTANTE

¿Se requiere identificación cuando me registro? Hay que presentar identificación cuando se registra para votar **sólo si está registrándose por primera vez en su condado y lo hace por correo.** Si Ud. no manda la identificación necesaria, se le pedirá antes de votar en una elección. La identificación que se acepta si está registrándose por primera vez por correo, incluye una copia de identificación con foto válida y corriente, recibo de pagos por servicios domésticos (utility bill), un estado de cuenta de banco, cheque del gobierno, cheque de pago del trabajo, o cualquier otro documento del gobierno que muestra su dirección y nombre válidos y corrientes.

¿Qué tipo de identificación necesito cuando voy a votar? Los votantes de Albuquerque aprobaron una enmienda al Código de Elecciones de los Estatutos de la Ciudad el 4 de octubre de 2005 que requiere que los votantes en una elección de la Ciudad presenten una identificación con foto antes de votar.

Los requisitos de identificación son los siguientes:

1. Cuando un votante se aproxima a los encargados de la elección en las urnas, el votante debe identificarse diciendo su nombre.
2. Los encargados de la elección buscarán en sus registros el nombre del votante y pedirle una identificación que contenga el nombre y la foto del votante.
3. La identificación con foto puede incluir, pero no se limita a cualquiera de las siguientes:
 - Una proporcionada por un organismo gubernamental (por ej., pasaporte, brazaletes federal, estatal, del condado o de la ciudad; identificación proporcionada por el estado)
 - Una licencia de manejar
 - Una identificación estudiantil
 - Una tarjeta de transacciones comerciales como una tarjeta de crédito o débito
 - Una tarjeta de seguros
 - Una tarjeta de sindicato
 - Una tarjeta de membresía de una organización profesional
 - Una tarjeta de identificación con foto proporcionada por la Escribana de la Ciudad (sólo proporcionada cuando no se tenga disponible otra identificación con foto)

Esta lista no es exhaustiva. Si el votante puede presentar una identificación que contenga la foto y nombre del votante, éste debe recibir una papeleta normal de elección.

¿Qué sucede si no llevo identificación con foto?

Al votante que no presente identificación con foto se le permitirá votar con papeleta provisional. El votante llena la papeleta provisional, la sella en un sobre y la entrega a la Oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad. Terminando esto, es preciso que el votante se presente en la Oficina de la Escribana dentro de 10 días con una identificación fotográfica adecuada para permitirle determinar que esa persona es el votante.

VOTACION ANTES DEL DIA DE LA ELECCION

Votación-en-ausencia

Cualquier persona calificada para votar, puede hacerlo por papeleta-en-ausencia. El votar así no requiere identificación con foto. Puede solicitar la papeleta por teléfono, llamando a 311, o por correo a la oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad de Albuquerque (City Clerk's office), 600 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Esta oficina verificará la información de su solicitud y le enviará su papeleta-en-ausencia. El último día que las papeletas podrán ser enviadas es el viernes 4 de octubre. La papeleta-en-ausencia contiene instrucciones para llenarla y devolverla.

La papeleta ya llenada con su voto, tendrá que haberse recibido en las oficinas de la Escribana de la Ciudad (City Clerk) antes de las 7:00 PM el día de la elección, martes 8 de octubre. Los paquetes de la papeleta-en-ausencia que se entreguen a la oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad de Albuquerque, tienen que ser entregadas por el votante o por miembros de su familia inmediata (esposo/a, hijos, padres, hermanos).

Votación Temprana

Cualquier persona calificada para votar, puede votar temprano en persona con una papeleta de papel. La votación temprana estará disponible en los siguientes lugares:

* City of Albuquerque Records Center *
604 Menaul Blvd NW 87107

* Office of the City Clerk *
600 2nd St NW 7th Floor 87102

* Estos lugares se abren el 3 de septiembre, 2013 para votación-en-ausencia en-persona. Las horas para votación-en-ausencia en-persona de las 8:00 AM a las 5:00 PM de lunes a viernes.

- Shops @ 98th and Central
120 98th St. NW Suite A5 87121
- West Mesa Community Center
5500 Glenrio Rd NW 87105
- North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
7521 Carmel Ave NE 87113
- Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Comm. Center
4900 Kachina St NW 87120
- Sun Country Plaza
9421 Coors G&H NW 87114
- Cesar Chavez Community Center
7505 Kathryn Ave SE 87108
- Daskalos Plaza
5339 Menaul Blvd NE 87110
- Montgomery Crossing Shopping Center
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- Glenwood Village Shopping Center
4710 Tramway Blvd NE 87111
- Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth St SE 87123

La votación temprana en todos los lugares comienza a las **9:00 AM el 18 de septiembre y termina a las 6:00 PM el viernes 4 de octubre**. Las horas de votación serán de las 9:00 AM a las 6:00 PM, de lunes a viernes.

VOTACION POR CANDIDATOS AÑADIDOS

Se permite votar por candidatos añadidos ya que la persona por quien vota estará ya certificada como candidato/a añadido en la Oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad.

DIA DE LA ELECCION

El 8 de octubre, las casillas para votar estarán abiertas desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM.

ELECCION DE DESEMPATE

Si ningún candidato para concejal municipal o alcalde recibe 50 por ciento del voto en la elección de 8 de octubre, los dos candidatos quienes reciben la mayoría de los votos estarán listados en la papeleta para la elección de desempate. Si es necesario, una elección de desempate se llevará a cabo el 19 de noviembre. La registración de votantes para esa elección se terminará el 22 de octubre. El 30 de octubre la votación temprana empieza en lugares tras la ciudad si el desempate incluye la elección para alcalde, o dentro de distritos de concejales municipales si no hay una elección de desempate para alcalde.

LUGARES DE VOTACION

En 2011 la legislatura de Nuevo Mexico aprobó una ley que permite que los comisionados del condado y otros órganos del gobierno, como nuestro consejo municipal, consoliden hasta 10 distritos electorales en un 'distrito consolidado' para las elecciones generales, escolares y municipales. De manera que el día de la elección en la Ciudad de Albuquerque se permitirá a cualquier votante votar en cualquier Centro de Votación dentro de la ciudad, tal cual como ya lo hacen en los sitios de la votación temprana. Ya no existirá la votación a nivel de distrito electoral.

Los votantes se pueden votar en CUALQUIER de los siguientes lugares en el día de la elección:

- The Shops @ 98th & Central
120 98th St. NW Ste. A5 87121
- Chaparral Elementary School
6325 Milne Rd NW 87120
- Painted Sky Elementary School
8101 Gavin Dr NW 87120
- S.R. Marmon Elementary School
1800 72nd St NW 87120
- Ladera Golf Course
3401 Ladera Dr. NW 87120
- West Mesa Community Center
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- Barelas Senior Center
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OFENSAS DE VOTACION

Los votantes están obligados a denunciar ofensas de votación a la Oficina de la Escribana o al Abogado del Distrito. Las ofensas de votación son:

- Cualquier forma de campaña dentro de los 100 pies de un edificio que contenga un lugar de votación.
- Usar, poseer o traer bebidas alcohólicas dentro de los 200 pies de un lugar de votación.
- Votación falsa, por ejemplo, votar o ofrecer de votar aunque no esté calificado, votar con nombre de otra persona, votar más de una vez durante una elección, o pedir o asistir a otra persona en cometer una ofensa de votación.

Spanish translation: Christine Nelson, Sarah Brown y LM García y Griego, UNM

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

The Mayor controls and directs the executive branch of city government. The Mayor is the chief executive officer with all executive and administrative powers of the city, and is the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes. Office of Mayor is a full time position.

Four-year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age, a United States Citizen, a registered, qualified elector and resident of the city prior to the date of filing the Declaration of Candidacy. Must submit a petition containing signatures of three thousand (3,000) registered city voters to the City Clerk within a period specified by the City Charter. Salary: \$103,854

Describe your specific experience and abilities that prepare you for the office of Albuquerque Mayor and how you see yourself making a difference. (75 words)

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Richard J. BERRY



I took office during very challenging times for all of us. In my first year, we eliminated a \$90 million budget deficit while protecting quality services and without raising taxes. With over two decades of business experience, I understand what it takes to grow our economy and I am proud that we have added 7,200 new jobs in the last year. We will have lots more to do, but Albuquerque is moving in the right ...

Public safety and job creation. During my first term, Albuquerque has enjoyed the lowest FBI crime rates in 20 years and we have doubled property crime arrests. Despite a national recession and federal budget cuts, we have added 7,200 jobs in the past twelve months. We must build on this success and continue making Albuquerque an even better place.

I will continue to make Albuquerque more business friendly and diversify our local economy while fighting to protect Sandia National Labs, Kirtland AFB, AFRL and our great public sector job base. I will continue to work with the Legislature and Governor to make New Mexico and Albuquerque more competitive. We will make smart public sector investments like Paseo & I-25 and quality of life projects that incentivize private sector job creation.

The Rio Grande Vision is a starting point for a community dialogue on ways to bring the Rio Grande and Bosque more into our lives, while protecting these wonderful natural resources. It includes ideas for recreation, environmental stewardship, handicap accessibility, education, eco-tourism and others ways for locals and visitors to enjoy our city. Allocating taxpayer resources to protect a unique natural resource while providing for quality of life is a responsible use of public funds.

Paul J. HEH



I am not a politician; I am the same as you. I have assembled a professional team of advisors who possess expertise in different fields to advise me. I have the winning team for Albuquerque. I know what the problems are and I promise to change, reform, rejuvenate and restore Albuquerque. This includes re-establishing our economy, creating jobs, correcting APD and improving the overall quality of life. I need your support and your vote.

Economy Short-term I will bring spectacular special events to Albuquerque such as a Route 66 Car Show, running, bicycling, and many other events that will immediately stimulate Albuquerque's economy. Long-term I will seek highly qualified and knowledgeable Stewarts to sell Albuquerque to different industries. These Stewarts will professionally market Albuquerque. Police, Drugs and Crime 1) Replace the top leadership at APD. 2) Start a pilot drug treatment/trade school. This will dramatically reduce street level crime.

As mayor I will bring large special events to Albuquerque that will immediately stimulate our economy and create thousands of sustainable jobs. Simultaneously, I will have a team of Stewarts who will actively be out in Corporate America selling Albuquerque to industry. I will work to create trade schools to train our workforce to work in those industries. I will also expand training in the medical field for our citizens. Please visit my web-site (www.heh4abq.com)

I refuse to destroy our Bosque or the Rio Grande River. Before we spend any money on Boutique projects, we must get our city up and running. We must keep and preserve the Bosque and the Rio Grande River at all costs. Tax payer money will only be used for the protection, defense and preservation of the Bosque and the Rio Grande River. This is not a negotiable issue. Albuquerque is a beautiful community.

Pete DINELLI



I have twenty seven years experience making government work and being a problem solver. I have hands on practical experience managing large government departments and units. As Chief Deputy District Attorney, I managed 97 attorneys along with 150 support staff. As Chief Public Safety Officer and 911 Interim Director, I oversaw the Albuquerque Police Department, Fire Department and the 911 Emergency Operations Center. I have the knowhow as a problem solver making a difference.

My two highest priorities are job creation through economic development and restoring public confidence in the Albuquerque Police Department. The specific economic development action I would take is to make City Hall more responsive to the business community and implement an aggressive economic development plan directed at growth industries to create or attract new industries and jobs. Confidence in the Albuquerque Police Department will be accomplished by replacing all top management and restoring Community Based ...

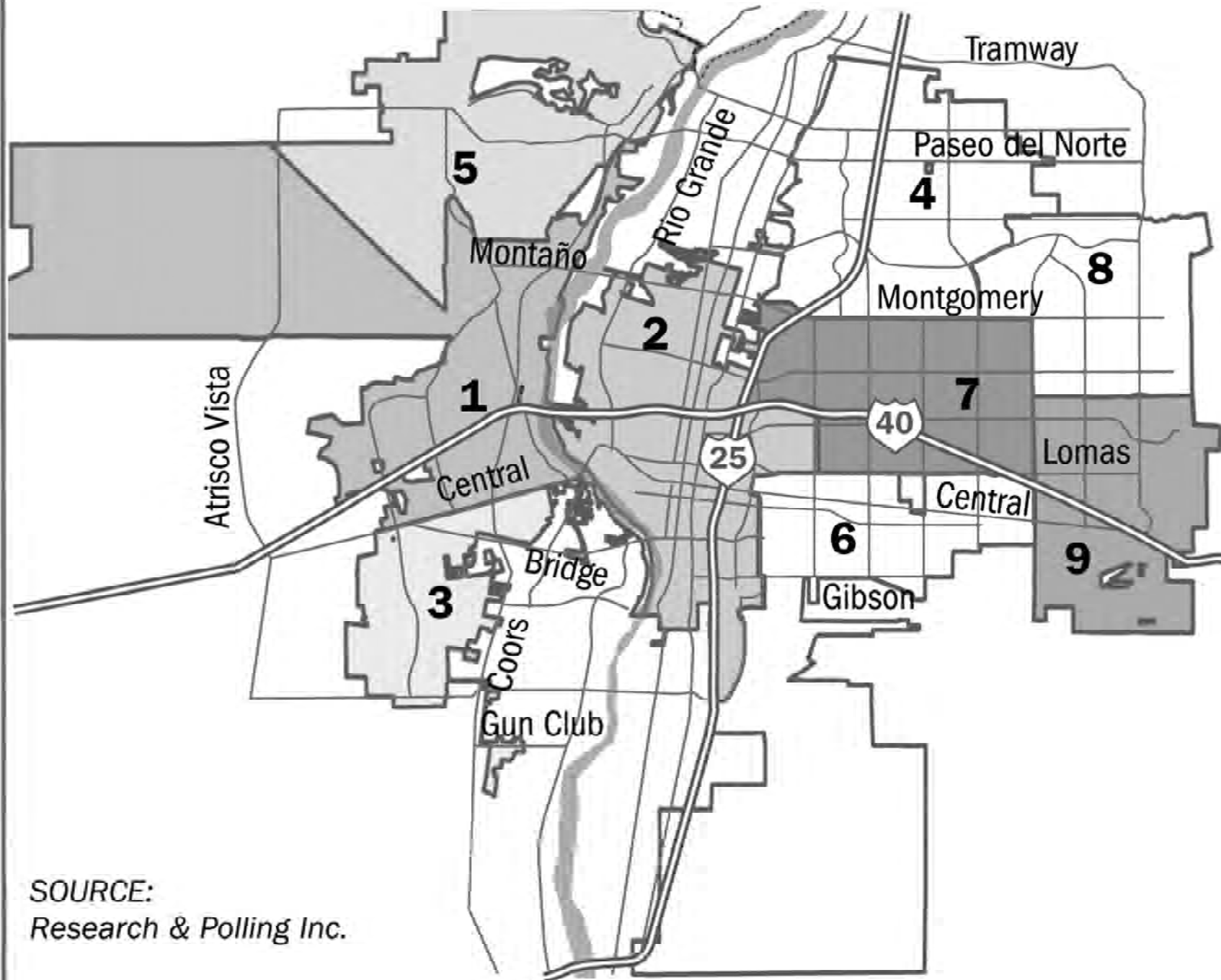
My economic development plan is called "Energize Albuquerque". It will rely upon existing funding available in the voter approved capital improvement funds and industrial revenue bonds with no new taxation. It is a \$1.5 billion dollar investment in Albuquerque's existing infrastructure and neighborhoods. Energize Albuquerque will create 15,000 to 20,000 jobs. The ultimate goal is to make Albuquerque a destination City by investing in our community and calls for public private partnerships.

I oppose Mayor Berry's Rio Grande Vision Plan. I think the bosque should largely be maintained as undeveloped open space for nature and recreation. I do not think it is appropriate to build throughout the bosque amenities such as boardwalks, viewing platforms, pedestrian bridges, or park benches and such development will have and adverse impact on the bosque. The creation of an "endowment fund" with a public-private partnership to maintain the bosque should be explored.

CANDIDATES' RESPONSES AND WORD LIMITS: The responses of candidates to our questionnaire are printed exactly as received by the League. The League assumes no responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply. Further, the League publishes this information neither to endorse nor reject the views of any candidate. The League has in no way edited for meaning, grammar, punctuation, or spelling. Because of space restrictions, the League has pre-advised the candidates of the 75 word limit on responses.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

NEW CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The City Council is the legislative authority of the city. It has the power to adopt all ordinances, resolutions, or other legislation conducive to the welfare of the people of the city. The Council is made up of nine members, elected on staggered terms, with four or five districted Councilors elected every two years.

Four year term. Must be at least eighteen years of age, a United States citizen, a registered, qualified elector of the city and a resident of the city for at least one year prior to the date of filing their Declaration of Candidacy. Must submit a petition containing the signatures of 500 registered city voters within the district to the City Clerk within a period specified by the City Charter. Salary: Council Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 earn \$17,492 annually. Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 earn \$10,379 annually. The Council President earns \$19,510 annually.

"Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

– Winston Churchill

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DISTRICT 1

Ken SANCHEZ

UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 2

Isaac BENTON



As a Spanish-speaking, two-term councilor serving the old District 3 (which now is the southern half of the new District 2), I bring years of experience passing legislation that benefits the city and the district. My background as an architect, and experience with public works and planning informs my strong support for traditional and historic neighborhoods. Having lived in the district 37 years, I believe in leveraging our unique qualities to build a vibrant community.

My two highest priorities are job creation and improving our public safety. To create jobs and promote careers, we need to shift our economic support to local businesses and entrepreneurs; they have less access to government assistance than larger, out-of-state employers. I've advocated for new police leadership to restore public confidence, and resources to improve APD and help us recruit new officers. I am sponsoring legislation to fill "gaps in emergency service" throughout the Valley.

I strongly advocate for the redevelopment and revitalization of Albuquerque's oldest neighborhoods, which will result in much-needed construction jobs and in long-term vitality. Responsible economic growth must be tied to quality neighborhood development that protects our "sense of place", excellent public transportation, walkability to retail and services, mixed-income housing, environmental stewardship, and public safety. Each of these factors encourages the retention and attraction of talented younger people and businesses who make up the new economy.

My two main concerns with the "plan" are its funding source (our scarce sales tax revenue), and impact on the bosque's fragile and highly stressed natural habitat. The bosque doesn't need more development. It is already accessible for residents and tourists alike. Funding should be spent on restoring Open Space Division positions, enhancement of the bosque's natural quality, and removal of invasive species - not on vague ideas that have not been fully thought through.

Roxanna MEYERS



I am skilled in analyzing where to spend our City dollars to be sure they are put to the highest and best use. Prioritizing is what I do in my business every day. I have a deep love for our natural and cultural assets and possess the marketing skills to highlight these assets and drive our economy. I am a good listener and I appreciate feedback; it helps me offer a fresh and creative approach.

Supporting a Safe City thereby providing a cornerstone for good Economic Development - For example, I would work with the APD to recruit and retain the very best police officers. We need a fully staffed, capable, well-trained force. Specifically, dollars need to be spent on competitive pay, training and recruitment. I would create incentives and recruit good businesses to move to downtown ABQ. We need a true Live-Work-Play environment downtown and in surrounding neighborhoods.

I am the first City Councilor to put my \$1 million CIP fund in a category called Metropolitan Re-Development. These funds can be used in a variety of ways to revitalize blighted areas. As an example, I am proposing the El Vado Motel be repurposed as a vibrant City Market that celebrates our unique and wonderful NM food. I encourage you to visit my website abqrox.com to view my creative visions for our city.

The plan proposes to consolidate small side trails to one main trail and make the surface consistent, safer and wider. The proposal takes baby-steps and includes making sections of the trail ADA accessible and adding signage to explain our wonderful bosque. It does not involve the current bike path. Our bosque plays a big part in our quality of life and it is money well spent if used to preserve and celebrate it.

"People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote – a very different thing."

Walter H. Judd

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DISTRICT 3

Klarissa J. PEÑA



I have never held political office, I have been an advocate in the community for over 23 years fighting for and bringing much needed projects to the area. Be it the Arches on West Central, the newly built Fire Station 7 and currently pushing to build a visitors center on top of Nine Mile Hill on Central. I believe the grassroots work I have done in the community has helped me prepare for City Council.

Two highest priorities are to push for jobs and economic development. I plan to set in motion work force training programs to prepare individuals for employment, provide avenues for youth and adults seeking employment for application, resume and interview assistance. Develop collaboration with all stakeholders to bring jobs to the city and incentives for small businesses. Invest in our neighborhoods with basic infrastructure, parks and sidewalks etc.

See question 2. Work with Mayor, City Council, State and Federal leaders to identify resources and implement.

The bosque must be preserved for generations to come. It is my understanding that the plan for the bosque is non-intrusive and that it enhances many of the existing trails, paths and recreational areas. I would not support any commercial or intrusive measures. In order to accomplish the aforementioned I support our tax dollars being used.

Tania S. SILVA



I bring to the Council fresh ideas that are not influenced by political agendas, and a life-long commitment to public service. As an attorney, I understand legal processes affecting City government. My law firm assists free of charge our veterans, homeless, and survivors of domestic violence because my driving force is service, not money. I'm also fully bilingual in English and Spanish. As your Councilwoman, I want more and better for District 3 and Albuquerque.

Economic growth and improvement of our quality of life are top priorities. We must continue to develop business-friendly policies without compromising our commitment to the environment and to the wellbeing of our citizens. Additionally, we must invest in our citizens by strengthening programs that create opportunities for our youth, families, and seniors, and which promote their personal success and safety.

Albuquerque is open for business and our policies should reflect that. We should encourage higher training of our workforce, and we need to attract businesses that can provide our citizens with better wages, long-lasting jobs, and opportunities for growth. We must also continue to invest in infrastructure and service upgrades to become even more competitive in the marketplace.

The Rio Grande is an ecological gem. I support its development as long as it is done responsibly and the river's unique character is preserved. I would also encourage development plans that include conservation measures of the Bosque's ecosystem. No plans should be finalized until a comprehensive impact study has been done and presented to the public for discussion.

Ronnie O. GARCIA



I have twenty six years experience with the City of Albuquerque. Responsibilities included: managing a multi-million dollar city budget, managing up to 100 white and blue collar city employees, project management, multiple presentations to the City Council, Community Outreach, Marketing Development and Media Relations. Have a Master's Degree in Public Administration University of New Mexico and Bachelors in University Studies from UNM. Have been a resident in the southwest mesa for over 30 years.

Job opportunities and Public Safety are my two highest priorities. We need to be more business friendly. I would look to improve relationships between government and private business. Public Safety is an ongoing problem that needs better coordination. Property crime in this district is high and increased police presence is needed.

I will continue to position myself as a business friendly advocate for economic development emphasizing my relationships with The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and related business support groups. Further I will oppose cumbersome impact fees and related impediments that thwart business development. Moreover, I will act as a conduit to the City Council open to economic development opportunities with an emphasis on local wealth generation.

I have a history with our beloved Rio Grande. As Cultural Services Events Manager, I planned, organized and managed a highly popular "Great Race Down the Rio Grande." This event is a creative way to bring awareness and quality of life to our treasured river. I am open to creating tourism attractions and events which showcase the Bosque. I will stress the Bosque's preservation approaching any activity with respect for our scared River and Bosque.

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DISTRICT 5

Eloise GIFT



Growing up in a large family, I learned early the value of teamwork, dependability, and education. Career experience taught me that running a business, managing a classroom or an entire school requires technical and task-oriented skills as much as empathy, listening, decision-making and follow through. I learned from living and working in a variety of places that no matter one's culture, social or economic status, we all have the same dreams, hopes, fears.

Albuquerque needs to improve its economy and workforce. Education and economic development are inseparable. The City Council is uniquely placed to foster collaboration among stakeholders for development of a comprehensive job creation and education plan. We must engage our Economic Development Department, Kirtland AFB and Sandia Labs in strategic planning for preservation of federal jobs and dependent contractors. Create an Office of Small Business Support. Maximize bond programs for raising capital to fund jobs.

The city council needs to promote a strong workforce development and education program; plan to educate students for high-paying, sustainable jobs that will allow quick recovery after recessions and other economic setbacks; provide support for small business owners who generate 96 percent of all jobs; embrace newer industries: solar, health, the movies; maximize city bond programs to create construction jobs, building roads and needed infrastructure; hire locally.

Three natural landscape features of the city make Albuquerque a unique destination: the mountains, the bosque and the Petroglyph National Monument. I applaud the conservation and preservation aspects of the Rio Grande Vision Plan because the area is a natural resource, essential to quality of life in the city. It needs conservation; not enhancement or increased access. Money for enhancements could be better spent on areas in greater need of beautification around the city.

Dan LEWIS



I have owned and operated two small businesses in Albuquerque, currently leading a local company called Desert Fuels. I have lived in Albuquerque for close to 20 years and have raised two children here. I've worked hard over the last four years to be the most accessible, most ethical, and most effective elected official in town, and I believe that together with the wonderful people of Albuquerque's West Side we can accomplish even more.

My highest priorities are: 1. To create job centers west of the river similar to the Volcano Heights Sector Development Plan where we recently paved the way for the development of a major activity center with 5,600 projected jobs. This is how we change the jobs to housing imbalance. 2. To complete the Paseo Del Volcan Northwest Bypass Loop Road as well as completing and improving major arterial roadways on the West Side.

I will support initiatives such as "Innovate-Educate" that provide partnerships with job seekers and employers, helping job-seekers to identify and improve their skills and match them up with participating employers. I have and will continue to improve transportation infrastructure and land use so that we can create the environment for small businesses to grow and thrive and for larger employers to locate in Albuquerque.

The plan must be properly vetted with the maximum amount of public input. The bosque is a treasure to the city and we must make sure that it is preserved and protected so that it can be enjoyed. Making the river more accessible is an idea that must be guided by wise use and protection of the river.

"The moral test of a government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life – the children; the twilight of life – the elderly; and the shadows of life – the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

– Hubert Humphrey, Vice-President of the United States 1965-1969

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DISTRICT 7

Matthew HC BIGGS



I was born and raised in New Mexico. My mom is a retired elementary school teacher and my Dad is a former water rights attorney. After high school, I served our country in the U.S Marine Corps with two deployments to Iraq. Upon returning to New Mexico, I completed my Bachelor's degree and opened Sandia CrossFit, a fitness center. I want to protect our way of life by reforming our police department, finding more funding for ...

Albuquerque's economy is lagging, as a small businessman I will prioritize growing our economy in Albuquerque, but I will make sure we do it in smart way. That means working with local businesses and local preservation groups to find the right mix. Albuquerque must continue to create jobs and support local businesses while retaining its quality of life. My mother was a public elementary school teacher. Education is crucial to our quality of life and on ...

With my record of opening and owning a small business, I have a 4 point jobs plan: I will cut the red tape for small businesses; Work with Albuquerque businesses and local universities to provide more workforce training opportunities for our community; Fighting to bring high paying jobs here to; Ensuring Albuquerque firms get preference for city contracts. As a small businessman I will fight to put Albuquerque back on track, think outside the box, ...

The Bosque is one of the most fragile ecological systems in New Mexico, and before we even entertain ideas about bringing more people to the Bosque, I think it is only responsible that we spend the time necessary to make sure it is healthy and will stay that way for many generations to come. I understand the critical state this system is in far more deeply than any other candidate. Restoration should be a top...

Diane G. GIBSON



I bring to the Council a passion for public service and a strong work ethic that will set a new standard for representation in District 7. I have educational and professional backgrounds in residential real estate, tax preparation, as a machinist at Sandia National Laboratories and as a volunteer Ombudsman for seniors. I understand our local economy and the importance of career-type jobs. I will advocate for and promote the District's neighborhoods and businesses.

Albuquerque lags behind other cities in economic recovery and job creation. I will start capital projects and utilize bond funding to build new and repair aging roads, bridges and infrastructure creating jobs in the process. Education and our schools are the most mentioned topics at voters' doors. I will seek opportunities where the City can contribute to producing high functioning schools and successful students, e.g. expansion of mentoring, before and after school, and recreation programs.

I will work to increase capital spending that will create jobs and move the economy forward. I will support all efforts to further develop the high-tech, movie, renewable energy and tourism sectors. I will use my influence to see that long-vacant city positions are filled so adequate city services are provided.

The Rio Grande Vision Plan includes too much commercialization and development in our precious Bosque. I support efforts to improve wildlife habitat, remove fire hazards, take out non-native species, conserve water and improve the visitor's natural experience in the Bosque. We don't need to destroy the Bosque to save to Bosque.

Janice E. ARNOLD-JONES



Appointed by Mayor Berry. Navy wife, mom. Helped create 3 rape crisis centers. 8 years State Representative assigned to Tax and Voters Committees. Lived and worked in the District since 1994 serving on neighborhood association board, District 7 Coalition secretary, PTA, and Chief Coach for AYSO. Former business owner and contractor to Sandia National Laboratories. I read the legislation and believe in actively engaging neighbors, business, education, and government to build on successes. www.janiceabq.com

Support existing and new businesses to create full-time careers by leveraging technology and local innovation. Streamline government processes to be efficient and effective. My experience as a contractor and legislator helps me connect the right people to move ideas forward. Planning, financing, and building infrastructure is essential to improving our economy-- including district wide discussions on traffic, transportation, broadband, and access to capital while preserving our parks and neighborhoods. www.janiceabq.com

Build on the easy access and assets in the Uptown area. Facilitate renewal of Winrock. Reposition Albuquerque as a tourist gateway and destination. Albuquerque already provides procurement preferences for local business and veterans. Continue to reduce duplicate paperwork, make sure processes are fair and easy to negotiate. Simplify zoning processes to start or expand businesses. It's time to sell the innovation, food, service, art, music, history and activities produced right here in Albuquerque.

This is a great place to begin a discussion. We have spent years developing the BioPark, Tingley Beach, and bike paths. The Rio Grande Vision has the potential of linking these assets and providing hands-on opportunities for environmental stewardship of the Bosque and river. Because there are no decisions yet, we should focus on criteria for success: inclusive attitude of city officials, clear timeframes for implementation, honest budget and revenue assessments, and measures of quality.

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DISTRICT 9

Don F. HARRIS



I have been a City Councilor for two terms. Prior to that, I was an Assistant City Attorney representing the Police Department, and I have been a Special Assistant Attorney General. I have made a significant difference by obtaining a Rescue Unit (ambulance) at Fire State 8 at Tramway and Indian School, sponsoring measures to increase the size and integrity of the police force, and to spur economic development. I will continue those efforts.

Economic Development and Public Safety; Economic Development: We need a good economy, good jobs and growth to enable our City to attract good business, and to retain and grow good businesses. We need to improve public safety as that is the first order of business of any municipal government. Because Albuquerque has many challenges in terms of its population, and because it is the largest city of a border state, our police department needs support.

I have been an advocate of cutting fees and red tape, including reducing impact fees for construction which has improved the building industry in Albuquerque. I have worked with local businesses to establish targeted tax breaks for businesses that expand in Albuquerque. I have supported utilizing City funds for a partnership with the University of New Mexico, to commercialize the technology and innovation that we have at the University and at Sandia National Labs.

I support modest and limited pedestrian and low impact recreational usage of the Rio Grande by the public, so long as care is taken to protect the fragile habitat. Bringing people to the bosque could help people value the area more. Further, by encouraging appropriate usage of the river, we could help to drive out inappropriate and unregulated usage of the bosque. The river is a treasure that should be both protected and enjoyed.

Lovie L. McGEE



I am an advocate for people in our community. I helped get the "Hate Crime Bill" passed. I lobbied to get the Martin Luther King State Commission operational - funding, staff and a facility. I have supported and worked for many elected official, I have made a difference in this community behind the scene for more than 20 years. Now I am stepping up to the plate to do more for this community.

Economic Development and Public Safety. We must get Albuquerque's economy back on track through incentives and active recruitment of desirable employment while creating a business environment that is attractive to new employment. Public safety - our homes and businesses must be safe. Working together with the Albuquerque Police Department we can restore integrity to APD. We must adequately fund the department to replace the nearly 300 officers lost in the last 4 years.

While we continue to solicit new employment to locate in Albuquerque we must also create an environment that allows our local, small businesses to grow and prosper. We must cut wasteful spending but now is the time to invest in our city and move as quickly as possible to get available dollars into the economy building and revitalizing infrastructure. I oppose any effort to privatize city jobs, but we can streamline business development.

I have many reservations about the Plan and am concerned about the long term effect on the Rio Grande and Bosque. I do believe we can make the area more of an integral part of life in Albuquerque. I support the full development of Tingley Beach and resources should be allocated in a very limited localized area. I support the conservation and preservation proposals and believe the effort is necessary for long term preservation.

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers are not a President or senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt

BOND ISSUES

2013 General Obligation Bond Program

Ten General Obligation (G.O.) bond questions will appear on the October 8, 2013 election ballot. The total amount of the proposed capital projects is \$115,556,000 for the two-year bond cycle. The projects have been grouped according to their general purpose into ten ballot questions. General Obligation bond projects are grouped by purpose so that voters have the option of approving one purpose and not another. Once approved, the funds must be used for the approved purpose only. The projects proposed for voter approval were selected through a planning process that involves the Mayor, City Council and the public.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND TAXES

A bond represents a debt for money borrowed by a government to finance capital improvement projects. The government promises to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest over a period of time. There are several types of bonds, the most significant being General Obligation bonds and Revenue bonds. The ten ballot questions below are General Obligation bonds.

General Obligation bonds require approval by the voters. Historically the City of Albuquerque has limited the size of requested General Obligation bond issues in order to keep the City's property tax rate level from one bond issue to the next. The G. O. bonds issued by the city are paid from property tax revenues. New bonds are issued as older bonds are retired, keeping the City's debt service levy at a fairly constant level.

The bonds are called "General Obligation" because payment of the debt service (principal and interest) is a general obligation of the City and its property owners. That is, the bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. The City receives only about 30% of the property taxes paid by the typical Albuquerque homeowner; almost 70% goes to other governmental and educational entities. The City property tax rate will not increase for these G.O. bonds.

The 2013 General Obligation Bond election questions, including all projects for each bond question, are also available on the City's web site: <http://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/programs>. You may also access the full 2013-2022 Decade Plan at the same site. If you have any questions, or would like a presentation on the capital program, please contact Barbara Taylor, Manager, Capital Planning at 768-3830 or btaylor@cabq.gov.

2013 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$11,565,000 of its general obligation bonds to design, develop, study, construct, modernize, automate, renovate, rehabilitate, recondition, landscape, furnish, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire land, buildings, property, vehicles, apparatus, and equipment for, police and fire department facilities?

Fire Apparatus Replacement	\$3,295,300
Fire Facility Rehabilitation and Renovation	\$750,000
Cardiac Monitor Replacement	\$910,000
Computer and Communications Upgrade	\$544,700
Fire Station 9 Land Acquisition	\$800,000
Marked and Unmarked Vehicle Replacement	\$4,200,000
Expansion of the Emergency Communications Center	\$500,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 1	\$25,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 5	\$200,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 6	\$100,000
Public Safety Projects - Council District 7	\$125,000
1% for Public Art	\$115,000
TOTAL	\$11,565,000

SENIOR, FAMILY, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$10,429,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, construct, demolish, equip, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, expand, repair, study, landscape, streetscape, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property for, City-owned community centers including those for families, youth, senior citizens, and for economic development projects and for infrastructure and/or facility improvements associated with Metropolitan Redevelopment Area projects and for community enhancement projects?

Senior Affairs Facility Renovation / Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Comprehensive Community Planning / Revitalization	\$500,000
Downtown Revitalization	\$250,000
Railyard Improvements & Renovations	\$350,000
Economic Development / Revitalization	\$2,000,000
Renovation and Repair: Existing FCS and Health and Social Service Facilities	\$1,500,000
Pat Hurley Community Center	\$250,000
Dennis Chavez Community Center	\$600,000
Singing Arrow Community Center	\$1,000,000

Westgate Community Center	\$500,000
El Vado / Casa Grande Redevelopment Project	\$450,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 1	\$175,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 2	\$1,000,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 3	\$500,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 5	\$25,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 7	\$75,000
Senior, Family, Community Center and Community Enhancement Projects - Council District 9	\$150,000
1% for Public Art	\$104,000
TOTAL	\$10,429,000

PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$12,544,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, map, plan, design, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, furnish, equip, enhance and otherwise improve and to acquire property, vehicles and equipment for park and recreational facilities, including public parks and facilities within those parks, swimming pools, tennis courts, sports fields and other recreational facilities, open space, medians, bikeways, bosque lands, and trails?

Balloon Fiesta Park Improvements	\$1,500,000
Shooting Range Facility Renovation	\$100,000
Swimming Pool Renovation	\$750,000
Park Renovation	\$1,500,000
Open Space Land Acquisition, Fencing and Protection	\$750,000
Recreation Facility and Los Altos Park Development and Renovation	\$650,000
New Park Development and Land Acquisition	\$300,000
118th Street Regional Sports Complex Master Plan	\$150,000
Santa Barbara / Martineztown Parks Master Plan	\$45,000
Martineztown Park, Phase 3	\$250,000
Highland Park Renovation	\$400,000
Academy Hills Park Walking Path & Irrigation Improvements	\$200,000
Sid Cutter Memorial	\$175,000
Ridgeview Village Park Renovation	\$200,000
Four Hills Park	\$250,000

BOND ISSUES

West Side Parks	\$2,000,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 1	\$200,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 3	\$150,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 4	\$400,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 5	\$350,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 6	\$200,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 7	\$450,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 8	\$750,000
Parks and Recreation Projects - Council District 9	\$700,000
1% for Public Art	\$124,000
TOTAL	\$12,544,000

ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION, PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND SYSTEM MODERNIZATION BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$12,853,000 of its general obligation bonds to modernize, make energy- and/or water-efficient, upgrade, equip, improve, acquire, design, survey, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, maintain, expand, furnish, enhance, and otherwise improve, and to acquire property, vehicles and equipment for, public buildings, facilities, and systems?

Animal Shelter Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$600,000
Animal Welfare Renovation and Repair	\$800,000
Parks and Recreation Department Vehicle and Equipment Set Aside	\$1,000,000
Replacement Vehicles (DMD)	\$100,000
City Building Improvement and Rehabilitation	\$900,000
Parking Facilities Rehabilitation and Upgrade	\$100,000
Plaza del Sol Stucco, Phase II	\$50,000
Security Improvements and Rehabilitation	\$50,000
Roof Repairs for City Facilities	\$50,000
High Flow Fixture Replacement	\$50,000
Health and Safety Equipment, Vehicles and Facilities	\$355,000
Los Angeles Landfill Remediation	\$200,000
EPA Ozone Mandate	\$50,000
Westside Air Quality Building Rehabilitation	\$145,000
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement: FCS	\$150,000
Business Application Technology	\$750,000
IT Infrastructure Upgrade	\$2,000,000
Central Avenue Broadband / WiFi, Phase I	\$1,000,000
3% for Energy Conservation Program	\$3,450,000
Electronic Plan Review (ePlan)	\$225,000
Albuquerque Geographic Information System (AGIS)	\$550,000
Permitting Software	\$150,000
1% for Public Art	\$128,000
TOTAL	\$12,853,000

LIBRARY BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$5,798,000 of its general obligation bonds to acquire property, study, plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, modernize, preserve, automate, upgrade, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire books, media, and equipment for, public libraries?

Library Renovation and Repair	\$500,000
Cherry Hills Library Improvements	\$250,000
Juan Tabo Library Improvements	\$315,000
Library Materials	\$2,750,000
Library Automation	\$500,000
Library Projects - Council District 1	\$400,000
Library Projects - Council District 3	\$150,000
Library Projects - Council District 4	\$100,000
Library Projects - Council District 5	\$200,000
Library Projects - Council District 6	\$200,000
Library Projects - Council District 7	\$75,000
Library Projects - Council District 8	\$250,000
Library Projects - Council District 9	\$50,000
1% for Public Art	\$58,000
TOTAL	\$5,798,000

STREET BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$39,085,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, automate, modernize, sign, enhance, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire property and equipment for municipal streets and roads, interstate roadways and interchanges, medians, trails, bikeways, walkways, sidewalks, railroad crossings and bridges?

Median and Trail Renovation	\$700,000
Lomas Corridor Master Plan	\$500,000
Osuna Road Widening	\$300,000
University Boulevard Multi-Modal Improvements	\$400,000
Unser Improvements (Central to I-40)	\$500,000
Chappell Road	\$500,000
Irving and Universe Intersection	\$400,000
Alameda Boulevard Widening	\$700,000
Reconstruct Major Streets	\$2,000,000
Reconstruct Major Intersections	\$2,000,000
Advance Transportation Planning and Engineering (Streets)	\$400,000
Advance Right-of-Way Acquisition (Streets)	\$1,000,000
Major Paving Rehabilitation	\$4,800,000
Intersection Signalization	\$2,300,000
Albuquerque Traffic Management System/Intelligent Traffic System (ITS)	\$1,000,000
Bridge Repair	\$900,000
Avalon Reconstruction	\$900,000
Mandatory Sign Replacement (Federal Mandate)	\$1,300,000
Sidewalk Improvements	\$425,000
Safety and Intersection Improvements	\$2,000,000
Traffic Sign Replacement / Pavement Markings	\$1,000,000
Replace Street Maintenance Equipment	\$1,400,000
Street Lighting	\$425,000
Neighborhood Traffic Improvements	\$400,000
Median and Interstate Landscaping	\$2,000,000
Irving Boulevard Widening	\$500,000
Intersection Level of Service (LOS) Project	\$200,000
Great Streets Program	\$400,000
Rainbow Boulevard Improvements	\$500,000
Trails and Bikeways (5% Mandate)	\$1,720,000
North Eubank Blvd. Median Landscaping Renovation	\$150,000
Alameda Blvd. Median Landscaping	\$500,000
Eagle Ranch Road Median Landscaping	\$300,000
Zuni Road Safety Improvements	\$800,000
East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Area	\$800,000
North Fourth Street Redevelopment	\$75,000
West Central Redevelopment Project	\$500,000
Downtown Lighting Upgrades	\$300,000
District 1 Median and Street Improvements	\$750,000
Paseo del Volcan	\$800,000
Santa Barbara / Martineztown Road Safety Improvements	\$150,000
Street Projects - Council District 1	\$200,000
Street Projects - Council District 3	\$200,000
Street Projects - Council District 4	\$500,000
Street Projects - Council District 5	\$225,000
Street Projects - Council District 6	\$500,000
Street Projects - Council District 7	\$275,000
Street Projects - Council District 9	\$100,000
1% for Public Art	\$390,000
TOTAL	\$39,085,000

BOND ISSUES

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$5,555,000 of its general obligation bonds to design, develop, construct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, recondition, modernize, automate, study, furnish, enhance and otherwise improve, and to acquire property, vehicles, and equipment for public transportation facilities?

Revenue and Support Vehicle Replacement / Expansion	\$4,000,000
Transit Facility Rehabilitation	\$350,000
Park and Ride Development, Rehabilitation and Equipment	\$250,000
Maintenance Equipment Upgrades and Improvements	\$400,000
San Mateo / Jefferson Alternative Analysis (Phase I)	\$500,000
1% for Public Art	\$55,000
TOTAL	\$5,555,000

STORM SEWER SYSTEM BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$10,101,000 of its general obligation bonds to plan, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, expand, extend, enhance, study, monitor and otherwise improve, and to acquire property and equipment for the storm sewer system?

NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit Compliance	\$1,500,000
Martineztown Storm Drain Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Emergency Action Plans for City Dams	\$125,000
Dam Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Advanced Planning and Engineering	\$300,000
Tower SW Regional Storm Drain	\$800,000
Osuna Blvd Storm Drain	\$900,000
Storm System Water Quality Facilities and Low Impact Retrofit for Municipal Facilities	\$400,000
North Diversion Channel / Indian School Water Quality Pond	\$1,000,000
West Central Storm Drains	\$1,000,000
Loma Hermosa NW Flooding Relief	\$475,000
Mid-Valley Storm Drainage Improvements	\$1,000,000
West I-40 Diversion Channel	\$1,000,000
1% for Public Art	\$101,000
TOTAL	\$10,101,000

ZOO, BIOLOGICAL PARK, MUSEUM AND CULTURAL FACILITY BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$5,101,000 of its general obligation bonds to study, design, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitation, renovate, repair, refurbish, modernize, preserve, maintain, expand, enhance, landscape and otherwise improve, and to acquire artifacts, exhibits, animals, plant material, furnishings and equipment for the Zoo, Aquarium, Tingley Beach, Botanic Garden and/or City-owned museums and cultural facilities?

Balloon Museum Exhibit Development	\$250,000
Albuquerque Museum History Exhibit Renovation	\$1,200,000
Renovation & Repair (BioPark)	\$3,500,000
KIMO Theatre Renovation	\$100,000
1% for Public Art	\$51,000
TOTAL	\$5,101,000

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS

Shall the City of Albuquerque issue \$2,525,000 of its general obligation bonds in support of the Workforce House Act to provide resources towards the construction and rehabilitation of high quality, permanently affordable housing for low to moderate working families, including affordable senior rental?

Affordable Housing	\$2,500,000
1% for Public Art	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$2,525,000

GRAND TOTAL \$115,556,000

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– Abraham Lincoln

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We:

- **act** after study and member agreement to achieve solutions in the public interest on key community issues at all government levels.
- **build** citizen participation in the democratic process.
- **engage** communities in promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.

We believe in:

- respect for individuals.
- the value of diversity.
- the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities.
- the power of collective decision-making for the common good.

We will:

- act with trust, integrity and professionalism.
- operate in an open effective manner to meet the needs of those we serve, both members and the public.
- take the initiative in seeking diversity in membership.
- acknowledge our heritage as we seek our path to the future.

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