

Primary Elections 2022

New Mexico House of Representatives



District 5: Rep. D. Wonda Johnson

Rep. Johnson has a terrific environmental voting record and is always thoughtful and responsive, listening to all sides but not afraid to take a hard vote. “We share the reverence to our lands, our relationships and connections since time immemorial. Protecting these lands is unequivocally a sacred trust to protect and preserve for all future generations,” she said.



District 12: Rep. Melissa Armijo

As a mother, Melissa Armijo knows that her children’s future depends on what we do right now. She has been a vocal advocate for clean energy and addressing climate change. As someone who has lived her entire life in the South Valley, she knows firsthand the impacts that environmental racism can have on a community. She emphasizes aggressive action on climate.



District 26: Rep. Eleanor Chavez

During her previous service in the Legislature from 2009 to 2012, Eleanor Chavez had a 100% environmental voting record. Eleanor is a labor and community activist, currently as executive director of National Union of Hospital and Healthcare Employees in NM. Among her many community roles, Eleanor is a member of the Board of Casa de Salud, a community healthcare clinic.



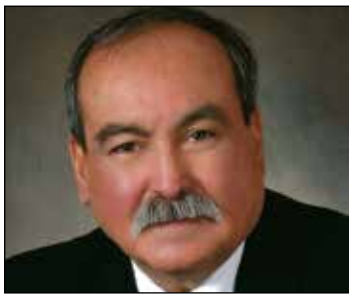
District 46: Rep. Andrea Romero

Rep. Romero has championed water conservation and protection, including using her discretionary money to fund the Water Data Act to modernize the state’s water management. She is among the best-prepared and knowledgeable members of the Legislature and helped to pass community solar, enabling communities to tap into New Mexico’s incredible solar potential.



District 29: Rep. Tara Jaramillo

Jaramillo is a speech language pathologist who co-founded Positive Outcomes, Inc., which provides healthcare and therapy services to children and families in central New Mexico. She is also a farmer in the Rio Grande Valley who has experienced the effects of climate change on her farm and believes we must urgently address the climate crisis.



District 39: Rep. Rudy Martinez

In his previous service in the Legislature, Rudy Martinez helped prevent the disastrous Gila River diversion project and supported keeping the Gila a wild, free-flowing river. He opposes the low-altitude military overflights that threaten the Gila Wilderness and pledges to work to secure federal Wild & Scenic River protections for segments of the Gila and San Francisco rivers. He believes a healthy environment leads to healthy communities.



District 41: Rep. Susan Herrera

Herrera, a consistent champion for environmental justice, cast the tie-breaking vote last year to pass Roxy’s Law outlawing trapping on public land. Wildlife chair Mary Katherine Ray notes that “Roxy, the dog killed by a snare, lived with her people in Rep. Herrera’s district, which made that vote all the more meaningful.” Without Rep. Herrera, our dogs would continue to be at risk of leghold traps, snares, and poisons on public lands.



District 42: Rep. Kristina Ortez

Rep. Ortez has dedicated her career to serving the environment, now as Taos Land Trust executive director. Most recently, Ortez sponsored the CEED Act, which will fund energy-efficiency upgrades for low-income New Mexicans, reducing the energy cost burden on families as well as climate impact. She also championed the Sustainable Buildings Tax Credit and has been a cosponsor on an array of other climate legislation.



District 70: Rep. Anita Gonzales

Gonzales is a Rio Grande Chapter Executive Committee member. She works with NM MESA, a nonprofit pre-college program that empowers and motivates New Mexico’s culturally diverse students with science, technology, engineering, and math enrichment. She uses nature as a classroom, facilitating and participating in many environmental education programs. She also works to protect her community’s water as an acequia commissioner.

County commissions

Bernalillo County

District 1: Barbara Baca worked as Albuquerque’s Open Space Planner and headed Albuquerque’s Parks and Recreation Division. She worked with the Sierra Club and others on the Rio Grande Valley State Park Management Plan and the Northwest Mesa Escarpment Plan, which led to the establishment of Petroglyph National Monument. As a Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District board member, Baca has advocated for responsible water management and protection of endangered species.

District 5: With a science background and strong conservation ethic, **Eric Olivas** says he will advocate for use of the county’s bonding capacity to power all county buildings with renewable energy, install EV chargers at all county facilities, and electrify county buildings and the county’s vehicle fleet. He opposes sprawl developments that take resources away from built neighborhoods, and he supports changing building codes to phase out natural gas hookups.

Santa Fe County Commission

District 3: With an extensive background in community and academic level sustainability activities, **Camilla Bustamante** will work together with the city and pueblos on equal access to water, delivery of locally grown food, and emplacement of micro grids.

District 1: Justin Greene supports repairing city and county relationships, bringing back the Regional Planning Organization to plan shared issues — water, land use, energy, housing — in a cooperative fashion. He also favors metering water use as well as monitoring natural gas hookups for leakage.

Sandoval County

Commissioner Katherine Bruch (District 1) has been a key to playing defense on a difficult commission. She helped defeat an ordinance that would have opened the door to more fracking in Sandoval County and posed a serious risk to the aquifer for the entire region. She fought a resolution opposing the plan to preserve 30% of the country’s land by 2030.

Bernalillo County Sheriff



John Allen is committed to bringing change to the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office and working transparently and collaboratively with other local law-enforcement agencies and the community to keep the public safe. Allen has

worked on the frontlines of law enforcement, as well as in supervisory roles at the Sheriff’s Department, and he serves as lead instructor at the CNM Law Enforcement Academy, where he trains officers for Albuquerque and other police departments around our state. He is committed reducing the carbon emissions of the sheriff’s department.

Bernalillo County Assessor

Damian Lara has a history of working on environmental-justice issues, and he pledges to bring that perspective to reducing the carbon emissions of the assessor’s office and ensuring that property tax assessments are fair and equitable.



Attorney General: Raúl Torrez

Raúl Torrez camped and hiked frequently as a child and grew up instilled with a strong belief in the sanctity of our environment. As Bernalillo County District Attorney, he was the first prosecutor in the country to sue a right-wing militia to prevent them from policing our streets or intimidating people from exercising their free speech rights, and he prosecuted police brutality. He has emphasized the importance of protecting our most vulnerable populations who have suffered environmental injustices at the hands of polluters.

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