

## August 2021 Newsletter

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## Message from the Chair

### Exciting events are coming soon!

By Alex Piland, Chair, DPSC

This month I received some sage advice. It was about targeting our online messaging and general persona toward not just our audience (all of us who already participate), but our *potential* audience.

What a great piece of advice.

It made me think, *what is it that makes us, all of us, step up and perform the work of the Democratic Party of Sandoval County?*

For me, because I have been so fortunate, it is my responsibility, no, my *obligation* to work to make our community more inclusive, more equitable, and more supportive for everyone.

How do we do that? We work to elect Democrats! How can you help?

I have been teasing everyone for some weeks, but I am ecstatic to announce that we have a date for the Keep Sandoval Blue fundraiser. It will be Saturday, September 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Algodones.

Our special guest speaker is our amazing governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham. This is *the* event of the year for Sandoval County Democrats, so please regularly visit our [web page](#) for updated information.

The proceeds from this event will help us fund the DPSC for the next election cycle. That, along with our Sustaining Donor program, could really move us closer to our goal of securing office space and supporting Democratic candidates in our county. If you have not yet become a sustaining donor, please consider doing so. Visit the "Donate" tab at [sandovaldemocrats.org](http://sandovaldemocrats.org) or

click on the image at the end of my message.

We will have two rallies this fall. The Northwestern Sandoval County Get Together is happening August 21 in Cuba, NM. We will also have one in the Town of Bernalillo in October.

Due to our upcoming events, we have had to indefinitely postpone the Art fundraiser.

All of our events are meant to help us unite as one political family, so I hope you will be able to attend some or all. We are one, Sandoval. One.

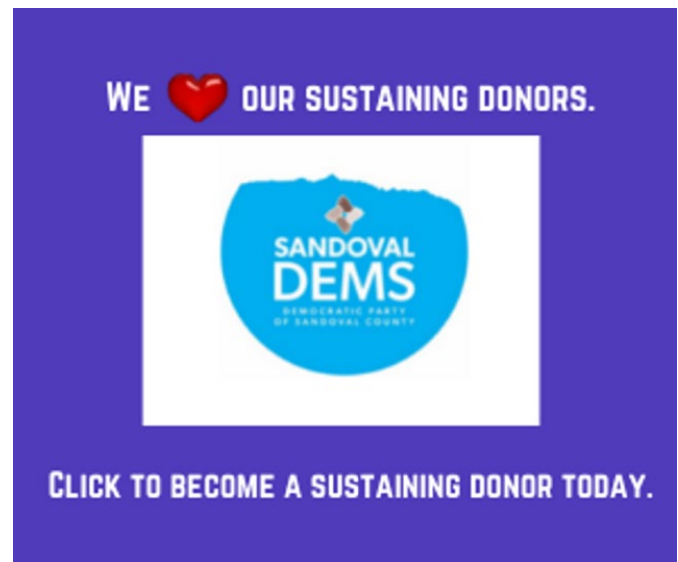
Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the efforts of a small group of dedicated people to feed hungry children in our county continues. If you know of a need in your community and you are willing to step-up and organize, we can help you do that. No one should be hungry in our county, especially children.

If you would like more information about how you

can help, please go to [sandovaldemocrats.org](http://sandovaldemocrats.org). You can also find links for volunteering at the end of this newsletter.

In solidarity,

Alex



**FEATURED  
SPEAKER: REP.  
DERRICK J. LENTE,  
NEW MEXICO  
HOUSE DIST. 65**

**FIRST FRIDAY, 11  
A.M. AUG. 6, 2021.  
THE RANGE CAFE,  
BERNALILLO, AND  
STREAMING ON  
FACEBOOK LIVE**

Reserve for in-person  
attendance.

Democratic Party of  
Sandoval County.



Covid-19 restrictions are gone, but The Range Cafe in Bernalillo needs time to return to full capacity meetings. In-person attendance at First Friday will currently be limited to 40 people.

Make sure you are on the list! Reserve your space now by going to our **registration form**.

For those who can't attend in person, go to the **Democratic Party of Sandoval County Facebook page** for a Facebook Live stream of the event.

For additional information contact **Isaac Chavez**, DPSC Vice Chair.





## Making A Difference in Sandoval County

### Sandoval County Clerk improves record keeping and election operations

By Anne Brady-Romero, Sandoval County Clerk

The Sandoval County Clerk's Office provides a wide variety of government services. It's the office you visit for marriage licenses or other permits. It's where you start if you wish to run for elected office and where you go for all things concerning elections.

The Office receives and records legal documents on Sandoval County property including deeds, maps, plats, or transfers. The Clerk also administers oaths and affirmations and receives process against the County.

The County's Bureau of Elections, a critical part of the Clerk's office, is responsible for conducting all federal, state and County elections.

#### 1st 100 Days in your service

January 1,  
April 11, 2021

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed Job Aids for uniformity in compliance with State Statute for every function in the Records Division.
- 90% complete with the Digitization project of Marriage Licenses.
- Developed Cash Handling Procedures and trained staff.
- Staff is attending training and weekly coaching for quality improvement.
- Corrected UCC recording fees and plats to be in compliance with State Statute.
- Negotiating electronic records transfer for companies purchasing the records via FTP.
- Implemented a ticketing system to better serve the Constituents doing business at the Office.
- Implemented a sign-in process at the Bureau of Elections warehouse to be compliant with State Statute
- Surveillance Cameras will be installed at the Bureau of Elections Warehouse this fiscal year.
- Began outreach with Native American leadership within the County.

#### MISSION

Your Records.  
Your Elections.  
Our Responsibility.

Our responsibility to maintain accurate and accessible records. Our responsibility to faithfully, and impartially administer your elections and protect your Fifteenth Amendment.





## Sandoval County Bureau of Elections Warehouse gets new camera system



BERNALILLO – It's been a long time coming, but now after nearly a decade, the Sandoval County Bureau of Elections Warehouse is getting a new surveillance camera system. According to Sandoval County Clerk, Anne Brady-Romero, this should've been in place many years ago. "We are just beginning to catch up where we need to be as a Class A County," she said. "This is the kind of thing I wanted to make sure got done when I was elected into office." Brady-Romero said she wanted to push for this initiative after Sandoval County Commissioner F. Kenneth Eichwald said he wanted the county elections to be "Crystal Clear". "This is how we take that first step to adhere to his wishes," she said. Seven surveillance cameras are currently being installed on the inside of the BOE Warehouse, with five more being installed on the exterior of the building. The cost for this project was over \$32,000 and will take several days to complete. "Increasing election security is a priority for my office and this project is one of the first projects, I am overseeing" she said.



# PRESS New Mexico Fights White Supremacy

## An Interview with Barbara Jordan

By Deb Dapson, President, Sandoval County Federation of Democratic Women

As President of the Sandoval County Federation of Democratic Women, I was privileged to hear Barbara Jordan, leader of PRESS New Mexico, speak. Wanting to dig deeper, I requested an interview.

### What does PRESS New Mexico stand for?

PRESS New Mexico stands for *People Requiring Equality within Systemic Systems*. The term “systemic systems” represents the multiple layers of systems within systems of inequality that we have to deal with. The acronym PRESS was birthed from a slogan I say often, “We must PRESS ON.”

### What does PRESS New Mexico do?

PRESS New Mexico addresses all social injustice issues and works to keep the attention on the true and one enemy—white supremacy ideology.



*Barbara Jordan, PRESS New Mexico Founder*

We strive to take care of our community at the ground level. We have passed out toiletry items and food to our houseless members, distributed emergency blankets during the winter, sponsored multiple programs/events to support our local community, and partnered with ACLU New Mexico to end qualified immunity.

We also sponsor a website, called New Mexico Black Connection, to showcase Black business owners. Please

check it out at  
<https://nmblackconnection.>

### **What was your inspiration to start PRESS New Mexico?**

The inspiration for PRESS New Mexico came from a need for one organization to just help our oppressed people and fight for what is right. We want to be a safe place for our BIPOC, LGBTQ+, AAPI, and Latinx community, and all those who are affected by white supremacy.

We will win once we all band together and realize that we are what New Mexico and the rest of America look like and that we are the true majority!

### **What drives you to be a community leader?**

I know what it is like to feel helpless, but I also know how to lead and serve others. I grew up experiencing multiple levels of abuse and food insecurity. I was in six different foster homes and eventually ended up running away to the U.S. Air Force with nothing but the clothes I had on. I went on to serve 20

years in the military where I experienced combat and ended up retiring here in New Mexico.

Upon making New Mexico my home, I realized that while we are a minority-majority state, "minorities" often do not have a voice here. Our local government should look like us, but right now it does not. We demand to be seen and heard, and we will demand effective change that includes everyone.

### **What is the ultimate goal of PRESS New Mexico?**

Our ultimate goal is to not be needed. New Mexico has ended qualified immunity and legalized recreational marijuana. We have a unique opportunity to lead the way on what it is like to live as a community in the true sense of the word.

BIPOC, LGBTQ+, AAPI, Latinx, and all other residents of New Mexico deserve a fair opportunity at just being human! This is all we want, a chance to live and be human, to truly live as equals and stop the nonsense division



that has kept us from achieving this for so many decades. The time for change is NOW.

### **Do you believe we have made changes needed for New Mexico?**

New Mexico is ready for real change. We have started to change in some areas, but we must PRESS ON. We need statewide accountability for use of force, and we need to keep the newly passed Black Education Act on our radar. We need to demand that our government offices, council members, and school board officials represent the people of New Mexico—that is ALL people from every different background.

Our government should seek out qualified members from all backgrounds so decisions, will be in everyone's best interest, not that of a select few. We need to stop with the symbolism of change and seek change that will better the lives of New Mexicans everywhere.

### **What are you working on right now?**

We are working with the ACLU to seek statewide accountability for use of force. We are monitoring the New Mexico Black Education Act to ensure that every school does its due diligence to implement the act's important changes including seeking out and removing biased members from the public school system. We are also working on a long-term project for our houseless members.

### **How can people support your efforts?**

Please be a leader for change; we can all do this. If you see discrimination, call that person out regardless of where you are or what is going on. You may also donate to us through our [website](#). One hundred percent of our donations are given back to the community. It starts with U.S.!

Thank you for your time. Let's PRESS ON!



# Saving Water for a Healthy New Mexico

## Help Protect this Vital Resource

By June Parsons, DPSC Communications Team



New Mexico is primarily a desert landscape, and water is a vital limited resource

that we all need to protect and share.

Our surface waters in New Mexico originate primarily from rain and melting snow, yet over 95 percent of surface water evaporates. That means that about 95 percent of New Mexico's fresh water comes from underground sources like aquifers, where water occupies small spaces below ground between sand and gravel and rock.

Our underground water sources cannot be cleaned once they are contaminated, which is why it is essential for the health of New Mexicans that the water in our underground aquifers is kept

free of contamination from fracking and other chemical-laden processes.

Water drawn out of our underground aquifers for household use is replenished by surface waters seeping down, which is why it is essential that they are kept uncontaminated as well.

New Mexico's dry climate and persistent drought conditions mean we must all use water wisely. At the same time, opportunities for reuse of highly treated wastewater are being created, which are overseen by the Office of the State Engineer.

We all must equitably share the limited fresh water we have, balancing the needs of non-polluting businesses that support our economy and every New Mexican household.

The EPA estimates that the average American household uses 82 gallons of water a day per person, more than 20% of which is wasted. The average family could save about 13,000 gallons annually just by installing WaterSense toilets! WaterSense faucets and shower heads can save households another 26,000 gallons of water every year.

Amazingly, water savings can be almost doubled further simply by conscientiously changing our personal habits! Using less water also saves on your electricity bill by heating less water!

Fresh water is a vital but limited resource, and we need to take responsibility for ensuring that all of our neighbors throughout New Mexico have enough of our precious limited supply of water.

Remember: Reducing water usage saves money.

#### **Save water, electricity, and money**

1. **Toilets** flush an average of 20 gallon a day unless they are a highly efficient model. Put a brick in the tank to reduce the amount of water flushed away.
2. Energy Star **washing machines** use less water. Also, adjusting the amount of water for the size of each load of laundry can save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
3. **Water faucets** and **showerheads** can be replaced with low-flow models, saving 15 gallons of water for every 10-minute shower.
4. EnergyStar **dishwashers** are much more water efficient than handwashing, saving about 160 gallons of water annually. Letting your faucet run for five minutes can waste 10 gallons of water and use enough energy to power a 60W lightbulb for 18 hours.
5. **Yards** should be watered in the morning or late evening to minimize evaporation, and preferably on a drip system to avoid the up to 50% evaporation from sprinklers, which consume thousands of gallons a year.
6. Defrost **food** in the fridge the day before instead of wasting hot water from your faucet.
7. Teach your family to be water conscious, by turning off the water while **brushing teeth** and **shaving**, saving the average household over 1,000 gallons of precious water and money, every year.



## Local Volunteers Aid Asylees

### Volunteers travel to border bringing needed supplies

By Sue Hoadley, Volunteer assisting asylum seekers

A volunteer group of Albuquerque concerned citizens travel to El Paso/Juarez every month to take needed basic supplies to the asylum seekers (asylees) who cross over the border and legally petition for asylum. The asylees come from Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, and Honduras primarily, but also from Haiti and Brazil.

Currently needed items are baby formula, baby bottles, and sports bras (which are often taken from women by Customs and Border Patrol).

The volunteer group is formed into three teams who depend on donations of cash and requested supplies to fill their cars for the long trip down and back. Each trip involves deliveries of supplies to the shelters and discussing with the shelter staff the current changing immigration situation and supply needs.

Between each trip, the team members work locally to build awareness and gather the donations of requested supplies.



The teams work with Ruben Garcia who, in 1973, founded Annunciation House, a major shelter of three facilities that receives asylees and feeds, clothes, and nurtures them to help them on their journey to their US sponsors.

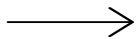
The journeys are often long bus trips, up to three days, to US cities where asylees are united with their sponsors—often family members or friends, a church organization,

or an unrelated  
compassionate individual.

Read about the Biden  
administration's change in  
policy for pregnant, nursing,  
and postpartum women [here](#).

To learn more, contact Sue  
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**Bob Wessely, officer,  
Middle Rio Grande  
Water Advocates**

**11 a.m., Aug. 14,  
M'tucci's Moderno,  
Rio Rancho,  
Second Saturday  
Meeting**



# Enjoy Family Friendly Fun and Support the Sandoval County Democrats at Rio Rancho's Sunday is Funday

August 22, 2021, 12-4 pm, Haynes Park

Sunday is Funday is an event coordinated by the Rio Rancho Kiwanis Club and sponsored annually by the sitting mayor. It's a family event with booths and fun activities. According to the organizers "(t)his year's Mayor's Sunday is Funday will be the 15th annual 'in person' event that brings our community together for an afternoon of fun and sharing what's going on in Rio Rancho. In 2019, well over 6000 of our neighbors came together to enjoy one of the coolest and most exciting events of the summer. Our theme this year is 'Happy Birthday - Rio Rancho'.

You'll find many exciting events and musical entertainment, along with budget friendly food, at this fun family style picnic. We are planning on fun yet safe events and activities. We had over 140 interesting vendor booths in 2019 that were a big part of the fun."

The Democratic Party of Sandoval and the Sandoval County Federation of Democratic Women are sharing a booth at the event. We will be holding a game for children with the prize (there's always a winner!) being various school supplies. We will also be registering people to vote and answering any questions about the party and our values.

So come on by our booth and bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or a willing neighborhood child, with parental permission of course! Expect to hear music, play some games, and maybe do a little shopping! We look forward to seeing you.

PS: if you'd like to help staff the booth, please don't hesitate to contact me at **deb.thedemocrat@gmail.com** or 505-328-1066. It's a lot of fun in the booth too!



Miss Information

## Miss Information

**Corporations' avowed support for democracy quickly evaporated**

**By Judy Gordon, DPSC Secretary**

Before last February, Miss Information had not set foot in her neighborhood Walmart. Her stance was a protest against Walmart's notoriously poor treatment of its employees. That changed in February when the New Mexico health department directed her husband—to his dismay—to report to Walmart for his covid vaccination. Even Walmart's disgraceful employment practices weren't going to deter Mr. Information from getting his vaccination.

We were consoled by a January New York Times article headlined, "Walmart joins companies suspending donations to lawmakers who voted against certifying the election."

But by April, Walmart had donated \$30,000 to the National Republican Campaign Committee (NRCC) and \$30,000 to the National

Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC), the two main Republican committees that support the 147 insurrectionist members of Congress, dubbed the Sedition Caucus.

And what about our neighbor, Intel? The month after announcing that it would stop PAC contributions to Sedition Caucus members, it sent \$15,000 to the NRCC, apparently finding its previous principled position inconvenient.

By February, the ethics watchdog CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Government) had identified nearly 190 companies that pledged to halt donations to Sedition Caucus lawmakers. These included Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Boeing, Cigna Comcast, GE, iHeartMedia, Koch Industries, Oracle,

## Top Corporate Donors to Sedition Caucus Members

### Top corporate donors



**\$269,500**



**\$205,000**

**GENERAL  
DYNAMICS**

**\$167,000**

**KOCH**

**\$163,000**



**\$139,500**



**\$120,000**



**\$93,500**



**\$80,500**

**BAE SYSTEMS**

**\$66,000**



**\$66,000**

**CREW**

\*Includes all fact-checked entries as of Jul 27, 2021

Source: CREW, "[This sedition brought to you by...](#)" accessed July 27, 2021.

Pfizer, PNC Bank, Sanofi, and Walgreens. These companies and many others very quickly and quietly abandoned their commitment to withhold support from insurrectionists. Many others appear, so far, to be withholding their donations.

Tragically, many corporations find the corrosive practice of buying political access and influence to be more important than maintaining our democracy. That is the definition of a corrupt system.







## Executive Committee Update

**We're organized and ready for action!**

**By Judy Gordon, DPSC Secretary**

The highlight

of the June Executive Committee meeting was receiving a grant from Senator Martin Heinrich's office to support the Sandoval County Democrats as we head into another election season.

Juan Sanchez, a member of Sen. Heinrich's staff, attended our meeting in person to present the grant. Mr. Sanchez told us that we have one of the most organized parties in the state! Kudos to Chair Alex Piland whose passionate leadership and expertise in drafting the grant application carried the day—with valuable input from other team members.

At the time of our meeting, we did not yet have a firm date for the *Keep Sandoval Blue* fundraiser featuring Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. We are happy to report that we have one now. The fundraiser will be

Saturday, September 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Algodones.

As Alex noted in her Message from the Chair, this is the event of the year for Sandoval County Democrats, so please regularly visit our web page and check out our September newsletter for updated information.

But before that, we will hold a *Northwestern Sandoval County Get Together* on August 21 in Cuba, NM. Local elected officials will participate including Senator Benny Shendo, Representatives Christine Chandler and Derrick Lente, and County Commissioner Ken Eichwald. You don't have to live in northwestern Sandoval County to attend, so we hope to see you there!

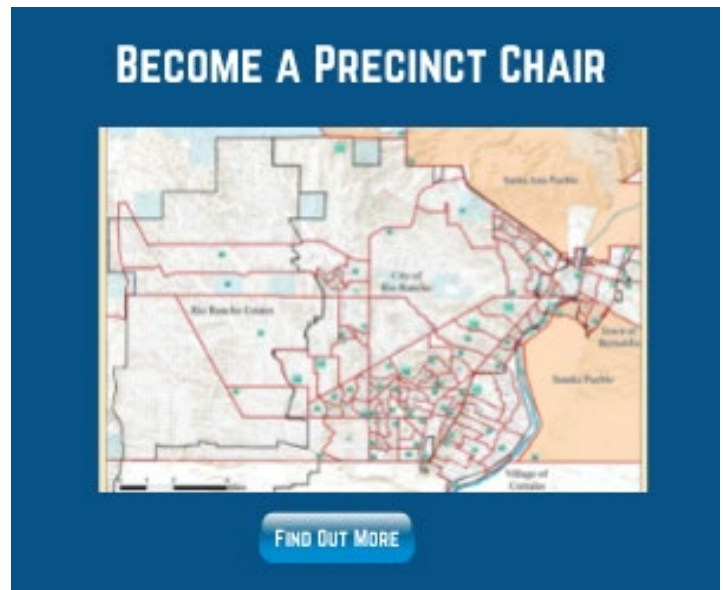
Our draft county rules are ready for County Central Committee (CCC) review. If you are a CCC member, you will have received email with



a link to the draft. The CCC is tentatively scheduled to meet in person and online on August 28 to discuss and comment on the draft. The meeting will be followed by a 48-hour voting period.

If you are a precinct chair or thinking of becoming one (and we hope you are), a training program developed by Chair Piland, Vice Chair Isaac Chavez, and VoteBuilder guru Joel Wadsworth is almost ready for prime time. The training will be rolled out to ward chairs first to get their feedback. The ward chairs will then organize training sessions for precinct chairs. Each topic will be presented as a separate module.

Click on the image below to find out more about becoming a precinct chair.



**Contact Vice Chair Isaac Chavez**  
**icvez9@gmail.com**

**Support Democratic-owned  
businesses in Sandoval County.**



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## Volunteer Opportunities and Contacts



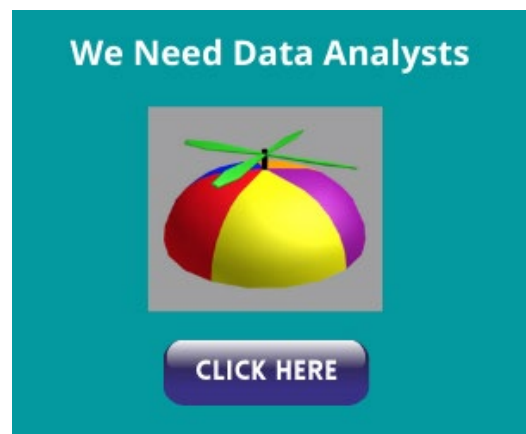
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### Volunteer Opportunities and Contacts

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