

## September 2022 Newsletter

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## Message from the Chair



### Democrats deliver for New Mexico!

By Alex Piland, Chair, DPSC

At press, we have a scant 69 days until the election. It's time for Democrats in


Sandoval County, New Mexico, and the United States to tell people loud and proud about all we've accomplished due to the hard work and dedication to the democratic values of our elected officials!

We have seen secure elections thanks to our hard-working county clerk and deputy clerk. Our state land commissioner has brought in over \$3 BILLION in revenues for our state. Our governor has successfully seen us through a pandemic, lowered

insulin costs, signed a bill for free college tuition for all New Mexicans, and ushered in an unemployment rate New Mexicans haven't seen in over 15 years! I could go on and on about all that DEMOCRATS have accomplished!

**Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Delivers for Sandoval County**

*\$64 million for Capital Outlay Projects*  
Playgrounds  
Head Start  
K-12 Security Infrastructure



 *\$3.5 Billion in Private Investment*  
*Will create 896 jobs in Sandoval County*

I hate to brag, but . . . we have an amazing slate of quality candidates up and down the ballot who will work hard for all

New Mexicans. All we have to do is elect them.

If we each pledged 3 or 4 hours a week (or more) to helping elect Democrats, we can and will win.

We turn out for canvassing every Saturday morning at 9:00 am. If you can't canvass on a Saturday, we can set you up to canvass during the week.

We also need people to make phone calls. This is so much easier than it once was. We don't have to cram into a room and try to hear as other people call around us! You can bring up the phone bank on your computer at

home, dial a number to connect your phone, and, voilà! your computer will anonymously call people.

When Democrats vote,  
**EVERYBODY WINS!** Let's work together to make sure that Democrats win on November 8!

*Alex*



**Learn a New Skill! Help DPSC!**

**We are seeking a volunteer to run the video at our September 10 Second Saturday meeting.**

**We will train you!**

**Contact Delbert Schafer at [schafer42@gmail.com](mailto:schafer42@gmail.com).**



## Gimme Some Truth

### Michelle Sandoval will be a voice for young voters

**By Michelle Sandoval, Candidate for New Mexico House District 57, as told to June Anglin Chair, Precinct 146, DPSC**



**When did your interest in government begin and what is it that ignited your interest?**

Michelle Sandoval is the Democratic Party candidate for New Mexico House District 57. A native New Mexican, she has a BS from the University of New Mexico and is currently working to complete a master's degree. In her work life, Michelle worked for Bank of the West for four years and then for the Sandoval County Treasurer's Office. She is currently employed at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Michelle is committed to her community and is a volunteer for many charitable efforts. She is a young, smart, energetic woman who wants to serve her community and be a part of decision-making at the state level. We enjoyed meeting with her on a sunny morning in Corrales.

I have been an active volunteer in the community since I was 15 or 16 years old. I volunteer with Junior Achievement, Watermelon Ranch, Balloon Fiesta, and more. In my work with Sandoval County, I helped analyze New Mexico statutes for the county treasurer's office and for the Association of County Treasurers. I was inspired by these office holders who were working to help their constituents,

### Issues

The following are the issues I intend to focus on should I win the seat:

- Jobs and Economy
- Education
- Environment
- Public Safety & Public Health

and I realized that being an elected official is a great way to serve the public.

**What are your insights about youth involvement in New Mexico politics?**

This is so important. Information about government should be made available to children from grade school level on. There should be regular field trips to the Roundhouse. We need to create internships, fellowships, and jobs at the city and county levels to help the youth participate in politics. Young people need to know that if they don't vote and don't fight for their rights, then someone else is making their choices for them.

**If elected, what will your priorities be?**

Public safety and public health, hand in hand, are priorities. Albuquerque crime comes into Rio Rancho. When offenders are released from time in jail, there is

no behavioral health follow up or support for addiction and other mental illnesses. If untreated, these illnesses can result in crime and a return to jail. If we fail to fund behavioral health programs as a part of public health, we are running a catch and release program that endangers public safety.

Education is a priority. Our children and young adults need to be taught financial literacy and civics. This will

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benefit future generations. Also, we need to budget to support our classrooms. Teachers should not have to supply their classroom's needs.

The environment is a priority. We owe our due diligence to protect and conserve this beautiful state. In New Mexico, we depend upon oil and gas. But pursuant to five, ten, and twenty year plans, we need to develop alternative sources. We need to fund solar, wind, and nuclear energy sources.



**What can you share so we will know you better?**

I love New Mexico and its people. I had to fight for this chance to run for office. If elected, I will continue to fight for New Mexico and its people. I will be accessible and will work hard to make sure that we resolve issues cohesively—today, tomorrow, and years from now.

*The Michelle Sandoval Campaign needs help canvassing, soliciting donations, and getting out the vote.*

Visit <http://michelleformmhd57.com/> to learn about Michelle!

Contact Michelle at 505-373-9349.

Find Michelle on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Michelle.sandoval4NMHD57>





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## Michelle Lujan Grisham for Governor in 2022

### Promoting Public Safety



- Addressed the root causes of crime, like behavioral health issues, addiction, and poverty.
- Invested in recruitment, hiring, and training for public safety officers across the state.
- Funded the needs of law enforcement officers across the state.
- Increased penalties for violent criminals.
- Reduced the threat of gun violence with common sense actions.







## 2022 Federal Democratic Congressional Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

<b>Congressional District 1</b> <b>Melanie Stansbury</b>	<b>Congressional District 3</b> <b>Teresa Leger Fernandez</b>	
		
		





## 2022 Statewide Democratic Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

**Governor**  
**Michelle Lujan**  
**Grisham**



**Lieutenant**  
**Governor**  
**Howie Morales**



**Sec.of State**  
**Maggie**  
**Toulouse Oliver**



**Candidate for**  
**Attorney General**  
**Raúl Torrez**



**Candidate for**  
**State Auditor**  
**Joseph Maestas**



**Candidate for**  
**State Treasurer**  
**Laura Montoya**



**Land Commissioner**  
**Stephanie Garcia Richard**







## 2022 Democratic Justice and Judge Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

Justice of the NM Supreme Court

Julie J. Vargas

Position 1



Justice of the NM Supreme Court

Briana H. Zamora

Position 2



Judge of Court of Appeals

Gerald Edward Baca

Position 1



Judge of Court of Appeals

Katherine Anne Wray

Position 2



Judge of the 13th Judicial

District Court

Karl W. Reifsten







## 2022 Democratic State House Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

Candidate for  
House District 23  
Ramon Montaño



House District 41  
Rep. Susan K.  
Herrera



House District 47  
Rep. Christine  
Chandler



Candidate for  
House District 44  
Kathleen M. Cates



House District 50  
Rep. Matthew McQueen



Candidate for  
House District 57  
Michelle Eleanor Sandoval



House District 65  
Rep. Derrick J. Lente





### 2022 Democratic Sandoval County Commission Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

<p>District 1 Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch</p> 		<p>District 3 Candidate Gregory Deforest Bennett</p> 
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### 2022 Democratic Sandoval County Government Candidates

Click on candidate photo for more information.

<p>Sandoval County Assessor Linda Gallegos</p> 		<p>Sandoval County Sheriff Jesse James Casaus*</p> 
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\*This candidate does not have a campaign website.





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## Important Deadlines for the 2022 General Election

- **October 11:** Voter registration (by mail or online) closes.
- **October 11:** First day that absentee ballots can be mailed to voters (who have submitted an absentee application), and first day of Early Voting (at the county clerk's office).\*
- **October 22:** Expanded Early Voting begins at alternate voting locations.
- **November 3:** Last day to request an absentee ballot.
- **November 5:** Last day of early voting.
- **November 8:** General Election Day.

\*Please Note: The online absentee portal for the 2022 General Election will be coming soon. Requests for absentee ballots for the general election can currently be made using the paper application.



## Vote YES for Kids! Vote YES to Fund Early Childhood Education Constitutional Amendment #1



With the November election approaching and early voting starting October 11, the campaign to pass the Constitutional Amendment for Early Childhood Education is heating up. Vote Yes for Kids! recently launched their canvassing operation in Albuquerque headlined by Sen. Martin Heinrich and Rep. Melanie Stansbury.

Vote Yes for Kids! then teamed up with NM Native Vote for a rally in Española with Sen. Ben Ray Lujan.

They are working to educate and activate New Mexicans to vote YES for Constitutional Amendment #1 on the November ballot. Passage of this amendment will help provide the quality education system essential to fulfilling our dreams for a brighter future for all New Mexico kids.

DPSC is seeking volunteers to distribute literature and yard signs in Sandoval County. Volunteers interested in that effort should contact Karen Schafer, [karenjean44@gmail.com](mailto:karenjean44@gmail.com), for details.



# Canvass With Us!

## We Will Win If We Get Out the Vote!

### Sandoval County Democrats by the Numbers



<b>Rio Rancho</b>	<b>24,666</b>
<b>Pueblos &amp; Chapter Houses</b>	<b>5,139+</b>
<b>Corrales</b>	<b>3,466</b>
<b>Bernalillo</b>	<b>3,446</b>
<b>Placitas</b>	<b>2,340</b>
<b>Cuba</b>	<b>1,817</b>
<b>Algodones</b>	<b>1,269</b>
<b>Jemez Springs</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Cochiti Lake</b>	<b>250</b>

**Contact DPSC Chair Alex Piland**  
**[chair@sandovaldemocrats.org](mailto:chair@sandovaldemocrats.org)**  
**505-350-6590**





## Help Save Democracy Help Democrats Win Volunteer for the Coordinated Campaign

(Go to the [DPSC Events Calendar](#) for Updates)



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact: Hailey Fortin</b>  Sandoval County Field Organizer for the Coordinated Campaign  Email: <a href="mailto:hailey@nmdemocrats.org">hailey@nmdemocrats.org</a>  Cell: 505-681-6310</p>			
What	When	Where	You Need to Know This
<b>"Here Come the Judges" Canvassing</b>	Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm  Recurring	DPSC Headquarters 661 Quantum Rd. Rio Rancho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supreme Court Justice Julie Vargas</b> will be there.</li> <li>• There will be a different judicial candidate each Thursday.</li> <li>• Pizza party afterwards at Quantum Rd.</li> </ul>
<b>More Canvassing</b>	Saturdays, 9:00 am  Recurring (except <b>September 10</b> —See What You Need to Know)	DPSC Headquarters 661 Quantum Rd. Rio Rancho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvassing will launch from M'tucci's Moderno on Saturday, <b>September 10</b>, after Second Saturday.</li> </ul>
<b>Canvassing in Corrales with the Governor's campaign team.</b>	Saturdays at 9:00 am beginning <b>September 10</b> .  Every other week.	<b>September 10</b> launch will be from Marg Elliston & Fred Harris's house at 72 Priestley Rd. Corrales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lt. Gov. Howie Morales</b> and other candidates will be there.</li> </ul>
<b>Canvassing in Corrales</b>	Saturday, September 24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details to come.</li> </ul>
<b>Phone banking</b>	Fridays, 4:00-5:30 pm  Recurring	From your own home. Hailey will be available by Zoom to get you started and answer questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Hailey for your phone banking list and Zoom information.</li> <li>• Make the most calls and win a prize!</li> </ul>



## Who Serves New Mexicans?

### Joe Biden delivers while Yvette Herrell says “NO!”

By Nandini Pillai Kuehn, Ph.D., MHA, Retired Health Care Consultant, DPSC Ward D Chair



On August 14, two letters appeared in the Journal. One was from Democratic Senator Ben Ray Lujan

touting the CHIPS Act—spelling out its many benefits to New Mexico businesses, as well as the Sandia and Los Alamos Labs. President Biden signed it with bipartisan support. However, one notable New Mexican representative voted “NO”: Rep. Yvette Herrell.

The second letter, from Herrell herself, glowingly touted how veterans should be considered leaders. Clearly targeting veteran voters, she hopes they won’t notice that she has voted “NO” to bipartisan legislation designed to help veterans, the PACT Act. Signed into law by Biden, it

provides health care to veterans injured by toxic burn pits in the Middle East.

In fact, when it comes to helping New Mexicans, Herrell doesn’t seem to know that a YES button exists.

Not wanting to sully her sterling “NO” record, Herrell voted against two more pieces of legislation that Biden signed into law. She said “NO” to the bipartisan Safer Communities Act to reduce gun violence and “NO” to the Inflation

Reduction Act.

The latter targets climate change, helps New Mexico’s Medicare beneficiaries by lowering prescription drug costs, allows New Mexicans to buy

subsidized health insurance on the State Exchange, and funds the IRS to go after wealthy tax cheats. None of these goals were worthy of her approval.

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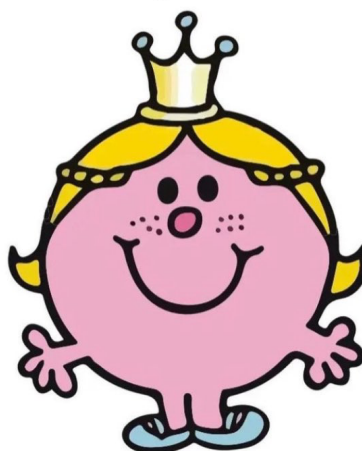
Herrell's appalling voting record started last year with two other bipartisan bills that Biden signed: the American Rescue Act addressing Covid and the Infrastructure Investment Act promoting clean water, expanding broadband access, and rebuilding crumbling roads and bridges. Herrell? No and no.

Our Democratic president, and the Democrats in our House and Senate, are delivering for New Mexicans every day. Who is Herrell delivering for? Certainly not ordinary New Mexicans and especially not injured veterans.

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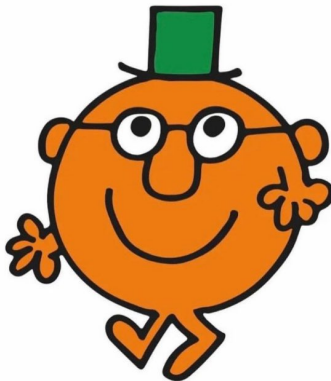
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### **Land Acknowledgement**

**We as the Democratic Party of Sandoval County recognize that Sandoval County is located on the ancestral land of Indigenous People. We acknowledge and honor our land caretakers and commit to retain and advocate for the traditions and cultural knowledge Indigenous People have practiced since time immemorial.**

**Click image for full text of Land Acknowledgement  
by Leah Ahkee-Bacziewicz.**

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FILLS OUT HIS BALLOT  
FROM BOTTOM TO TOP**



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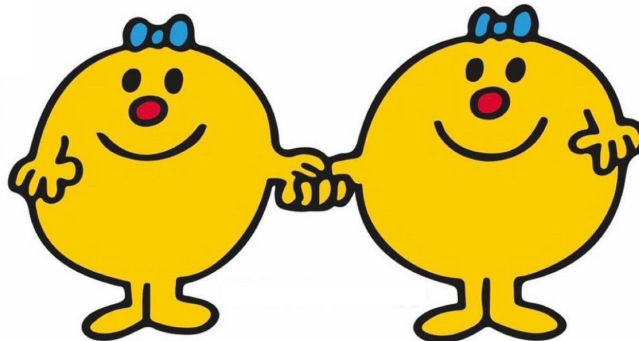
**Second Saturday Meeting  
11 a.m., September 10, 2022  
M'tucci's Moderno Italian  
Rio Rancho**



- Watch a short video on what DPSC has been doing to elect Democrats.
- Speaker to be announced.

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HELPS A FRIEND  
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## Miss Information

**This is a BFD (but not in a good way)**

By Judy Gordon, DPSC Secretary



Miss Information


Republicans didn't have a party platform in 2020 because electing Donald Trump was their platform. If Republicans revealed what they really stand for, it would be a

recipe for defeat, so don't look for one in 2024, either.

But Sen. Rick Scott (FL), head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, has said the quiet part out loud in his ["Rescue America"](#) 12-point plan. Although Mitch McConnell and some other Republicans have backed away from the plan because they know it's toxic, it clearly represents the aspirations of the Republican Party.

Below are some "highlights" of the plan followed by a helpful GOP-speak-to-English translation.

GOP Plan	GOP-Speak Translator
1. Our kids will say the pledge of allegiance, salute the Flag, learn that America is a great country, and choose the school that best fits them.	<b>We don't want your kids to think for themselves. Not on our watch. Oh, and we want to destroy public education.</b>
2. Government will never again ask American citizens to disclose their race, ethnicity, or skin color on any government form.	<b>We're can't wait to gut civil rights enforcement.</b>

3. We will secure our border, finish building the wall, and name it after President Donald Trump.	<b>“Your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free . . .” lck. And they’ll eventually vote for Democrats anyway.</b>
4. The soft-on-crime days of coddling criminal behavior will end. We will refund and respect the police because, they, not the criminals, are the good guys.	<b>Except for our own criminal behavior. Defund the FBI.</b>
5. We will grow America’s economy, starve Washington’s economy, and stop Socialism.	<b>“ . . . we will reduce government . . . [so] it can be . . . drown[ed] it in the bathtub.” (Grover Norquist). We and our friends will become obscenely rich in the process.</b>
6. We will eliminate all federal programs that can be done locally and enact term limits for federal bureaucrats and Congress.	<b>Don’t get too attached to your Social Security, Medicare, or the social safety net. See #5, “obscenely rich”.</b>
7. We are Americans, not globalists.	<b>But we worship Orbán and Putin.</b>
8. We will protect the integrity of American Democracy and stop left-wing efforts to rig elections.	<b>We solemnly pledge more voter suppression.</b>
9. We will protect, defend, and promote the American Family at all costs.	<b>Yours isn’t a nuclear family? We don’t mean your family.</b>
10. Men are men, women are women, and unborn babies are babies. We believe in science.	<b>We rejoice at the draconian federal anti-abortion laws on the horizon. Are you transgender? No gender affirming treatment for you. We just don’t care.</b>
11. Americans will be free to welcome God into all aspects of our lives.	<b>Prepare for White Christian Nationalist rule.</b>
12. NOTE FOR PRESIDENT BIDEN: This plan cuts taxes. Nothing in this plan has ever, or will ever, advocate or propose, any tax increases, at all.	 <b>This point was added later. The previous version raised taxes for 75 million Americans. Oops.</b>



## Executive Committee Update

### Elections R All of Us!

By Judy Gordon, DPSC Secretary



Joanne Hughes and Vi Garcia are DPSC's new Ward E co-chairs.

Welcome aboard, Joanne and Vi!

Our office at 661 Quantum Rd, Suite 12 in Rio Rancho is humming along. We are sharing it with the Coordinated Campaign. Run by the Democratic Party of New Mexico, it's mission is to keep NM blue and send an all-Democrat delegation to Congress.

Hailey Fortin is the Sandoval County field organizer for the Coordinated Campaign, and she needs volunteers. Contact Hailey at [hailey@nmdemocrats.org](mailto:hailey@nmdemocrats.org) or 505-681-6310.

As the fastest growing county in New Mexico, Sandoval County will play a critical role in the outcome of the election. We are fortunate to have Hailey, the premier field organizer in the state thanks to her smart, dedicated efforts and your support. Help Hailey deliver a big Democratic win in Sandoval County!

We are implementing our campaign action plan, which Communications Committee Chair Delbert Schafer has drafted. The plan includes digital and social media ads and various other elements to promote voter registration, get out the vote (GOTV), and candidate name recognition.

We used digital advertising during the primary to see if we could get low-propensity Democratic primary voters to turn out. We also wanted to see if digital advertising would be effective.



*Hailey Fortin, Sandoval County Field Organizer*

The answer is yes! Our post-primary analysis suggests the ads did increase turnout in our target group, so we will use them again in the upcoming general election.

Wherever possible, we quantitatively assess the impact of the different components of our campaign plan after each election and hold a session with candidates to identify qualitative lessons learned. We do this to establish and document a knowledge base to help



DPSC and future candidates shape subsequent election strategies.

Although we don't normally use poll challengers for midterm elections, we plan to do so this year. Election deniers are active in Sandoval County—spouting the Big Lie at County Commission meetings ad nauseum—and there's no telling what problems may arise at the polls. We will need volunteers for this important project and will update you as our plans progress.

## **LITTLE MISS "HAVE YOU VISITED NMVOTE.ORG?"**

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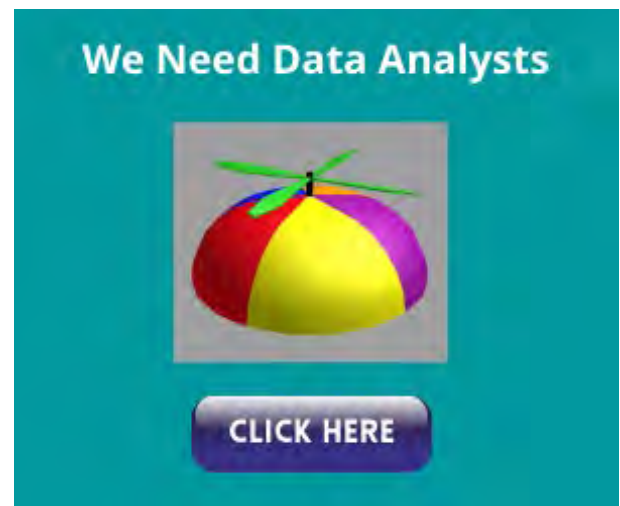


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## Volunteer Opportunities and Contacts



### Volunteer Opportunities and Contacts

- **Run for Office, Ward Chair, or Precinct Chair**—contact **Isaac Chavez** at [vicechair@sandovaldemocrats.org](mailto:vicechair@sandovaldemocrats.org).
- **Communications Team and Data Analysis Team**—contact **Delbert Schafer** at [schafer42@gmail.com](mailto:schafer42@gmail.com).
- **Fundraising and Event Planning**—contact **Karen Schafer** at [karenjean44@gmail.com](mailto:karenjean44@gmail.com).
- **Research Team**—contact Ann Kepley at [ann.kepley@gmail.com](mailto:ann.kepley@gmail.com).
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