



### Land Acknowledgment

We as the Democratic Party of Sandoval County recognize that Sandoval County is located on the ancestral land of the Jicarilla Apache, Navajo (Dine), and Pueblo People. We honor the Indigenous People who live in present day Sandoval County including the Jemez Pueblo, Cochiti Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, Kewa Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, Navajo people, and the Apache.

We take this time to acknowledge and affirm that we reside on occupied land. We reside on land from which Indigenous communities were forcibly removed through genocide, religious inquisition, and ethnic cleansing. We recognize that, even today, Indigenous People continue to experience inequity, oppression, and

ongoing colonialism.

Indigenous People are the original caretakers of the land we occupy. We as the Sandoval County Democratic Party 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.

We understand that with this land acknowledgment, we not only honor the

Indigenous People of Sandoval County, we firmly stand by Indigenous communities who work daily to combat systems of oppression, inequity, and racism.

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