



Chairman's Letter July 2023

As we celebrate July 4th with family and friends, remember that the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights are unique in the world. Even the Western European countries do not have the freedoms that we enjoy here in America. From the 1st and 2nd amendments and on down the line, our rights are under attack as never before in this great country. We will have to stand up and fight if our children and grandchildren are going to be able to experience those inalienable rights and freedoms that we love and treasure as Americans.

Election season is upon us, for the local municipal elections on November 7th. We can start to make positive change right here in Santa Fe county by getting Republican candidates on the ballot. The turnout in the latest municipal elections was a dismal 20%. When races are uncontested, what's the point? Our responsibility as the opposition party is to give the voters a choice.

To that end I am very pleased to announce Patricia Vigil Stockton is running for Santa Fe School Board District 2. School Board District 2 is mostly south of I-25 including Rancho Viejo, Eldorado, La Pradera, HWY 14 and more. See the School Board District map [here](#).

If you know a Republican who would like to run for Santa Fe School Board, we still need candidates for districts 1 and 4. There are also three positions on Espanola School Board, three positions on Pojoaque School Board, and four positions on Moriarty-Edgewood School Board, as well as one position on SF Community College Board. See important dates and information [here](#).

To run for School Board, you must be a registered voter in the district in which you are running. You must register your campaign in the Secretary of State's [campaign finance system](#) and submit your [declaration of candidacy](#) form on August 29th. That's it! For Santa Fe City Council you must [gather signatures](#) but will need less than 100 to qualify.

If you prefer being supporting cast for our great candidates, then please volunteer for a campaign or to be a ward or precinct chair at santafecountygop@gmail.com. We are also accepting donations to help our Republican candidates on our website at santafecountygop.com.

May the Fourth be with you!

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