



Chair's Letter November 8, 2024



That's my Trump sign on my coyote fence in Santa Fe. Yeah, it got vandalized about halfway through the month, because some Democrats have the emotional maturity of a middle-schooler. But the morning after the election a postal worker rang the doorbell, and with "God Bless the USA" playing on his cellphone, he thanked my wife for our open and out-front support for Donald Trump.

My friends, we did it. We won the White House and the Senate, held the House of Representatives and took our country back from the progressive left. Our votes contributed to Trump winning the national popular vote, and with it a mandate to govern that will put our country on the right track. Closer to home in New Mexico, Republicans trailed Trump's 5% margin, as his coattails failed to materialize for our House and Senate candidates. At the state level, Ant Thornton and Jay Block will be going to the Senate, and Stefani Lord, Rebecca Dow and John Block are going back to the House. We picked up one House seat and one Senate seat.

The legislative session is right around the corner, and our Republicans will need our support with hearings and calls to action. Then campaigns will begin for 2025 - city, county and school board positions. Republicans have increased our registration numbers by about 1,000 and we had strong turnout for the presidential election. If we show up for local races, we can have significant impact.

People are engaged and energized, and we need to keep the momentum going. For those who are new to the process, it's easy to get involved in the Republican Party at the county and state level. Our County Biennial Convention is coming up on January 4<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, people can join the County Central Committee and officers will be elected to two-year terms. Delegates will also be elected to the State Central Committee, where they represent our county in the State Republican Party, including electing the state officers and voting in GOP state conventions.

On a personal note, I will be moving on from my role as County Chair. It has been incredibly rewarding, and it is time for a new leader to have that experience. The county party has made significant improvements in the last two years, and the new chair will have a modern digital infrastructure in place including web, email, Facebook and X accounts. We have online banking and fundraising platforms, and we revised the by-laws this year.

First Vice Chair Earlene Groseclose is running for County Chair, Second Vice Chair Freddie Lopez is running for First Vice Chair and Treasurer Jim Williamson is running for re-election. Secretary Debra Archuleta is also moving on, leaving two openings on the Executive Committee. If you are interested in running for any of these leadership positions, please email [santafecountygop@gmail.com](mailto:santafecountygop@gmail.com) for more information and job descriptions.

In Victory,

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