



Chair's Letter May 2024

Like a sparring partner helping a boxer prepare for their next prize fight, primary opponents help our candidates get ready for the general election. Identifying the issues, taking the tough questions and withstanding the attacks in the primary make them stronger candidates heading into November. Disclaimer: As a county officer I am strictly prohibited from making any endorsements in a primary. In the southern part of the state, things are getting spicy in the Senate race for District 42 between Republicans Larry Scott and Steven McCutcheon, and blows have been exchanged. There is plenty of press coverage of this contest if you're inclined to follow the pugilistic play-by-play.

In many districts, we have no Republican primary, but whether you do or not, it is still very important to vote on or before June 4<sup>th</sup>, with early voting beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>. Check your voter file, view a sample ballot, get an absentee application and more [HERE](#). The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the primary is May 21<sup>st</sup>. In Congressional District 3 Republicans will have [Donald Trump](#) for President, [Nella Domenici](#) for Senate and [Sharon Clahchischilliage](#) for House of Representatives. Everyone should flood the ballot box and show the entire country that in New Mexico it's going to be "Too Big to Rig." With easy absentee and early voting options there's no excuse not to. RPNM even has an early vote plan [HERE](#).

Political decision makers at the RNC, NRCC and Republican PACs will be watching for signs of voter enthusiasm when allocating funds. More money flowing into New Mexico could make a huge difference to our state and federal candidates. New Mexico is currently rated Leans Democrat, which is one step away from Toss-up. If we can show significant turnout in this primary, it could have a big effect. Let's force the Dems to defend New Mexico and divert resources away from other states. I guarantee you that's the last thing they want to do.

Closer to home in Santa Fe County we have a Republican primary in House District 50. I urge you to check out the pages for [Ken Brennan](#) and [Wendy Lossing](#) and make sure you vote. And after June 4<sup>th</sup>, all Republicans must put our differences aside and unite behind our candidates! Remember, we are all suffering under the Democrat regime. Winning is our ultimate goal, and the primary is the opening bell.

Are you ready to rumble?

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