



Chair's Letter November 2023

Fellow Republicans,

Voting day is almost here. Early voting has ended, so what do things look like so far, with Election Day votes still to be cast? In Santa Fe County 16,119 people have already voted. In the last off-year election in 2021, 24,914 people voted which represents a turnout of about 24%, or about half the turnout of the 2022 election.

In City Council District 4, where Joel Nava is running, 2,155 people have voted and in School Board District 2, where Patricia Vigil-Stockton is running, 3,030 people have voted. How does this compare with previous elections?

In 2021, 4,290 people voted in City Council District 4, and in 2019, the last time the School Board district 2 seat was up for election, 2,532 people voted in that district. So, we can see that turnout is running way ahead of 2019 in the School Board race by 500 votes, with Election Day ballots still to be counted. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that this increased turnout may hint at an upset in this race. Election Day voters, please support Joel and Patricia if you live in their districts. Listen to Patricia's latest radio spots [here](#) and [here](#).

Turning to registration records, as of October 31st Santa Fe County has 68,305 Democrats or 62%, 16,461 Republicans or 15%, 23,726 Decline to State or 22%, and 996 Libertarians or 1%. The question is how many Democrats will vote for Republican candidates this cycle? We know many registered Democrats vote Republican but keep their party registration for various reasons. It may be because their family would disapprove, or maybe they want to be able to vote in the Democrat primaries, where more candidates are selected. Registration statistics do not tell the whole story in Santa Fe.

On the ballot questions, I will be voting no on the transfer tax, and all other ballot measures including school district funding. As long as this school district is pushing trans ideology behind parents' backs, not to mention CRT and woke revisionist history, they have lost my support. We have to impact them where they will feel it, in their pocketbook. In case you missed it, here's our woefully out-of-touch school board president spouting misinformation and fear mongering at the candidate forum. [Video Link](#)

Let's have a strong Election Day turnout and push our Republican candidates across the finish line.

See you at the polls,

Robert Witsenhausen, RPSFC Chair