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## **Sandoval County Clerk provides methods to assist customers for recording purposes and marriage licenses**

**SANDOVAL COUNTY, NM** - To ensure compliance with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines the Bureau of Elections is closed to the public effective immediately. County residents can reach the Bureau of Elections by phone at (505) 867-7577. Because of the current pandemic, Sandoval County Clerk Eileen Garbagni urges citizens to register to vote or update their voter registration, and request an absentee ballot.

For registered Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians who will be voting in the Primary Election, please ensure your registration has your correct address and request an absentee ballot on line.

The Recording and Filing Division, located in the Administration Building on 1500 Idalia, records property documents, maintains a database of maps, plats and issues marriage licenses.

Electronic recording will continue uninterrupted. However, effective immediately, all in-person filings and marriage licenses will be by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for the Real Estate department please call (505) 867-7572.

Residents may register to vote, check and/or update their voter registration on the Secretary of State's website. Voters who register with a major political party may then request an absentee ballot online on the same website. Ballots will be mailed to all voters who have requested them by May 5, 2020. The last day the County Clerk's office can mail out absentee ballots is May 29, 2020. Absentee ballots must be received by mail or hand delivered to the County Clerk's Office or a Voting Convenient Center by 7 p.m. on Election Day, June 2, 2020.

“I apologize for the inconvenience that we are all experiencing at this time, but we will get through this... by taking precautions and taking care of our family and friends and complying with the social distancing and other recommendations to limit the spread of COVID-19,” Garbagni said.

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