

# REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

## MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS AT THE VOTE CENTER



#### **Visiting a Vote Center**

Early Voting and Election Day are exciting time for voters and the community. Reporters, journalists, and various media representatives are allowed to visit any Vote Center and capture voting activities. However, there are guidelines that the media must follow to ensure we maintain the integrity of elections and a smooth experience for the voters.

The Sandoval County Clerk and the Sandoval County Director of Marketing & Communications encourage media members to provide notice before visiting a Vote Center. When the Bureau of Elections (BOE) is notified, the BOE will notify the Vote Center's Presiding Judge.



#### **Media Are Allowed To:**

- Enter the Vote Center.
- Take photos and videos of the interior of the Vote Center.
- Take photos and videos of the exterior of the Ballot Voting Booth while occupied if the voter consents.
- Take photos and videos of the interior of a Ballot Voting Booth if unoccupied.
- Take photos and videos of voters and/or Election Workers if the voter consents.
- Conduct interviews with voters -- if a voter agrees, the interview should be conducted outside of the Vote Center.



#### **Media Are Not Allowed To:**

- Block the entrance, exit, or pathway to the Vote Center.
- Take photos or videos of the interior of the Ballot Voting Booth while occupied by voters.
- Take photos or videos of voted ballots before they are deposited inside the Tabulator (this violates voter's privacy).
- Conduct interviews with Election Workers.
   (Direct questions to the Sandoval County Clerk's Office.)
- Take photos or videos of voters or Election
   Workers who express they do not want to be photographed or on camera.
- Take photos or videos of the Ballot on Demand (BOD) check-in station screens with voters' information.



#### **Additional Information**

- Direct all media members to send their questions, inquiries, or requests directly to the Sandoval County Clerk's Office and Director of Marketing & Communications.
- Only the Sandoval County Clerk's Office and Director of Marketing & Communications team are authorized to speak to members of the media.
- Activities construed as "Electioneering\*" are prohibited within 100 feet of the Vote Center.

\*Electioneering: Electioneering includes the display or distribution of signs or campaign literature, campaign buttons, t-shirts, hats, pins or other such items and includes the verbal or electronic solicitation of votes for a candidate or question.

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### SANDOVAL COUNTY ELECTION HEADQUARTERS (HQ)

HQ LOCATION: 800 SOUTH HILL ROAD, BERNALILLO, NM 87004

#### Visiting the Clerk's Office Election HQ for Election Night Reporting



Reporters, journalists, and various media representatives are allowed to visit the Sandoval County Election HQ. However, there are guidelines that the media must follow to ensure we maintain the integrity of elections and a smooth experience.

All Press along with challengers, watchers, candidates, and members of the public are required to check-in at the Security Desk. Members of the Press will be issued a Press Badge.

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On November 4, 2025 the Early Voting Close-Out Board will close all Early Voting Polling Location Polls and provide the results to the Clerk Staff. Early Voting Results will not be posted until after the polls close at 7:00p.m. Early Voting Results Removable Media Cards aka CF Cards will be read into Results Tally Reporting (RTR) Server.

02

Election Day Polling Location Boards will close the polls at 7:00p.m. Once all voters have been processed the tabulators will generate a results tape and the Boards will post the results tape at the door of each Election Day Polling Location.

03

The Election Day Judges will provide a secure red transport bag to a messenger who will securely transport the Election Day Returns and CF Cards to the Clerk's Office Election HQ to be uploaded into the RTR.

04

All Election Day CF cards will be uploaded and published as Messengers bring them in on election night. Results will be reported into the State's Election Night Reporting (ENR) website. Additionally, we will display on a tv at Election HQ when we publish more results.

05

The Clerk's Office goal is to publish the results for Early Voting polling locations first and within 20 minutes at approximately 7:20p.m. Absentee Ballot Results will be the second results published followed by all election nights results and any additional absentee ballots brought to polling sites.

\*Voter turnout can be accessed at this link: <a href="https://nmstats.goasked.com/sandoval/districtturnout/">https://nmstats.goasked.com/sandoval/districtturnout/</a>

\*\*Voter turnout data is delayed by approximately 1 hour and un-official.

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