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**CANDIDATE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO GUIDE
JUNE 2, 2026, STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION**

Dear Candidates, Campaign Managers and other Interested Parties:

This Candidate Know Before You Go Guide has been prepared to assist candidates filing for office in the June 2, 2026, Statewide Primary Election. The guide provides a general overview of information related to critical deadlines for the candidate filing process, guidelines for candidate statements, and campaign finance disclosure filing requirements.

We hope you find the guide informative and useful. Please review the information provided in this guide carefully, along with the NM Secretary of State's 2026 Primary Candidate Guide.

Our staff is committed to providing the best possible service to you, your campaign staff and the voters of Sandoval County.

If you have questions or comments regarding items, you would like to suggest for future candidate guides, please submit your request to boe@sandovalcountynm.gov. For additional information regarding the election, please visit our website or call (505) 867-7577.

In your Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Brady-Romero".

Anne Brady-Romero
Sandoval County Clerk

NOTICE

This Candidate Know Before You Go Guide has been prepared to assist you in filing documents relating to the election. It includes a summary of provisions and filing requirements. It is not intended to provide legal advice and is for general guidance only.

Please note that it is not within the purview of this office to determine whether a candidate meets the requirements for holding office. Individuals with questions concerning their own or other candidate qualifications or other related matters should seek legal counsel.

Candidates and others using this Guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards, duties and factual material contained therein.

FILING DAY READINESS

SANDOVAL COUNTY CLERK IS THE FILING OFFICER FOR:

- State Representative: 23, 41, 43, 44, 50, 57, 60, 65
- Public Education Commission 2 & 5
- District Court Judge
- Magistrate Court Judge (Division 1, 2 & 3)
- County Sheriff
- County Assessor
- County Commissioner (District 1 & 3)
- Probate Judge

WHEN TO FILE:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Office Hours: 8 AM – 5 PM

Filing Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM

There will be NO filings processed prior to 9 AM and NO filings accepted after 5 PM. It is your responsibility to arrive in adequate time to fully complete the filing process between 9 AM and 5 PM.

WHERE TO FILE:

Sandoval County Administration Building

3rd Floor Commission Chambers

1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. D

Bernalillo, NM 87004

WHAT TO FILE:

Candidates are required to file the appropriate information with the appropriate filing officer on the filing day designated for their office.

Each candidate must come to the filing officer during the designated hours with the following information:

- Declaration of Candidacy (completed prior to arrival).
- Candidate Campaign Committee Registration Form
 - Printed prior to arrival, it is available electronically in Campaign Finance information System (CFIS) candidate registration.
 - Login to the candidate's CFIS Registration:
 - Select "Administration" section from left column menu
 - Open "View Registration" below Candidate /Committee Details on the right column menu.
- Candidates can bring a copy of the registration form submitted electronically.
- Nominating Petitions (if required).
- Financial Disclosure Statement

Financial disclosures are required of all candidates for legislative or statewide office. They are filed at the time the declaration of candidacy is filed and must be on the correct form. The Financial Disclosure Act, 10-16A-1 through 8, NMSA 1978 governs this requirement as well as subsequent disclosures required for certain elected officials.

- Affidavit of Designee for Filing (if someone is filing on behalf of candidate).

FILING DAY TIPS:

- Do not expect early service. Filing officers will not accept filings prior to 9:00 a.m.
- Do not wait until the last minute.
- Candidates who do not appear by 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate filing officer's County Clerk office cannot file.
- Candidates must file in the office of the appropriate filing officer. Be certain of who your appropriate filing officer is and the location of their office.
- Be prepared with all necessary information and have all forms completed.
- All required forms for filing day are available on the Secretary of State's website; [2026 Primary Election Candidate Information](#).

Candidates must file in person, either themselves or via a proxy, who provides written authorization from the candidate permitting the individual to act on the candidate's behalf. The Affidavit of Designee form can be found with all other 2026 Primary Election forms on our website, [2026 Primary Election Candidate Information](#). Filing officers may accept only one declaration of candidacy from any individual, i.e. candidates may file for one office only in this election cycle. Refer to Section 1-8-27, NMSA 1978.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT REMINDERS:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Review your voter record at nmvote.org and compare it to the information on your Declaration of Candidacy; the information on your Declaration must be identical to your voter registration, pay special attention to the following areas:

- Name
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Party of Registration
- Precinct Number

Changes to registration must have been made on or before January 26, 2026, pursuant to 1-10-6(A) NMSA 1978.

Declaration of Candidacy must be notarized.

NOMINATING PETITION

Offices which Require Nominating Petitions:

- Candidates for all state legislative offices, district court judge, district attorney, magistrate court judge, and public education commission are required to file nominating petitions upon filing for office with the appropriate filing officer. Candidates who are required to file nominating petitions do not pay a filing fee.
- Prior to coming into file, remove all staples, paper clips, post-it notes, or any other foreign material from your petition pages. Failure to do so will result in increased processing times and potentially obscured signatures.

Pre-print Nominating Petitions: Having your nominating petition pages already printed by the time you arrive will help staff move you through the process efficiently. Petitions that need to be printed onsite as a courtesy on filing day can be done but you will be unable to continue filing until staff has completed printing.

Number of signatures:

Individual petition pages may contain one (1) to twenty (20) signatures. All necessary information is required for each signature to count. Signatures and accompanying information must be legible to the filing officer. The total number of petition forms must contain enough valid signatures to qualify the candidate for the ballot.

Petitions with incomplete individual voter information, as outlined above, are not counted:

For example, if a petition contains twenty (20) voter signatures, but three (3) of those voters failed to provide the required information or are illegible, those three (3) signatures are not counted, but the remaining seventeen (17) are counted.

[WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION](#)

If you are designating an individual to file on your behalf, they must bring with them a completed and signed Affidavit of Designation.

Reminder: The designee will NOT be able to make any changes on behalf of the candidate.

[ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY:](#)

Pursuant to 1-1-27.1, NMSA 1978 and 1.10.37 NMAC, candidates running for public office and individuals elected to public office can request that their home address be made confidential for purposes of public disclosure. The Request for Address Confidentiality form can be found on the Secretary of State's website; [2026 Primary Election Candidate Information](#).

Upon completing and submitting the appropriate form to the Clerk's office, the qualified candidate's address will be designated as confidential. The candidate must provide an alternate mailing address which will appear in public records.

A candidate who has their address designated as confidential shall not have their address publicly disclosed on government websites or in government documents, however, these limitations do not extend to judicial proceedings.

The alternate address the candidate provides on the form should be used for all government mailings. If the candidate provides their non-confidential home address in any publicly available locations after signing the form, its disclosure is not the responsibility of the Office of the Secretary of State, nor will the Secretary of State be responsible for rectifying the disclosure.

This designation is contingent on the candidate's election and will no longer apply, should the candidate fail to be elected to the office for which they are running.

FILING FEE OR PETITION SIGNATURES:

Candidates for any county office listed in the proclamation issued pursuant to Section 1-8-13, NMSA 1978, shall have their names placed on the primary election ballot by filing declarations of candidacy and paying a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) filing fee or filing a nominating petition containing no fewer than ten (10) signatures for offices elected by district, or twenty (20) signatures for offices elected countywide, at the time of filing declarations of candidacy with the proper filing officer.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (FDS):

A candidate for legislative or statewide office who has not already filed a financial disclosure statement with the secretary of state in the same calendar year in which they have declared their candidacy shall file a financial disclosure statement at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy. The FDS must be filed online, using the Campaign Finance Information System:

<https://login.cfis.sos.state.nm.us/#/index>.

Pursuant to Section 10-16A-3(H) NMSA 1978, a candidate for legislative or statewide offices who does not file a FDS before the date for qualification of the person as a candidate shall be disqualified by the proper filing officer as a candidate. [Financial Disclosure Information](#)