



Democratic Party of Socorro County
March 30, 2025

- Ward Meetings and Elections
 - Ward 1 Chair: Selfie Anaya
 - Ward 2 Chair: Corbly Schaffer
 - Ward 3 Chair: Carol Courtney
 - Ward 4 Chair: Allan Sauter
- CCC Meeting
 - Call for SCC Meeting on April 26th
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Current bank balance \$4469.43
 - DPNM "No Talk Without Action" Initiative
 - Allan discussed the failure of Democratic party messaging to reach the electorate during the last election cycle, brought up questions about how to start a dialogue with the community and what material support will be provided to organize it
 - Candidate Speeches
 - Statewide Office
 - Stephanie Garcia Richard, Candidate for Lt. Governor
 - Highlighted accomplishments in her current tenure as Commissioner of Public Lands, namely adding \$11B to the Land Grant Permanent Fund
 - LGPF is second largest endowment fund in US, totalling \$50B
 - Expressed need for New Mexico officials to push back against current federal administration
 - Young Democrats of New Mexico
 - Marcos Balido, Candidate for YDNM Chair
 - Outlined experience with political organizing beginning in 2018, namely being an intern with DPNM, a field organizer with the 2022 Gabe Vasquez campaign, and a fundraising chair for the DNC
 - Discussed need to build the Democratic party to meet the current moment
 - Expanding youth outreach to 12-17 year olds, voter pre-registration begins at age 10 in NM
 - Democratic Party of New Mexico
 - [Daniel Garcia, Candidate for DPNM Secretary](#)
 - Over 400 year long NM heritage, current secretary for YDNM, started Dona Ana county YDNM Chapter

- Wants to extend YDNM work to state party by training secretaries in all county parties and caucuses and reactivating lapsed county parties
- [Barbara Jordan, Candidate for DPNM Secretary](#)
 - Lived in Sandoval county since 2015, 20 year air force veteran, interim Executive Director for Emerge, volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate after own foster care experience
 - Wants to establish an anonymous complaint line for the state party
- [Manny Crespín, Candidate for DPNM Vice Chair](#)
 - From San Miguel county, background informed rural organizing as a priority
 - Current DPNM Vice Chair since 2021, DNC member, chair of judicial council, current Vice Chair of the Association for State Democratic Chairs, Western States Chapter through 2026
 - After seeing gaps in the judicial council while chair of the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County, he worked with Heather Benavidez to ratify the Code of Conduct in 2023
 - Highlighted a 75% decrease in complaints to the judicial committee after its passage
 - Also highlighted work on the committee on discipline to improve the approach toward issues outside of the scope of the Code of Conduct
- [Cam Crawford, Candidate for DPNM Vice Chair](#)
 - From Santa Fe County, volunteer firefighter and substitute teacher
 - Wants to fight the exodus of youth, minorities, and workers from the democratic party
 - Wants to make the Democratic party expand beyond electoralism and become more service oriented
 - Expressed need to expand outreach to supporters and undecideds that highlights accomplishments in areas like wages, education, and cannabis legalization
- [Augustine Montoya, Candidate for DPNM Vice Chair](#)
 - From Torrance county with deep roots in New Mexico, administers \$1M budget as Executive Officer for the Bernalillo County Commission
 - Republicans registering more voters while Democrats leave the party
 - Need to identify systems, recognize patterns, and fill gaps to address this through infrastructure and training to support county parties
 - Highlighted how the unique conditions in NM mean that traditional outreach approaches are not as effective
- [Sarah Attleson, Candidate for DPNM Chair](#)
 - 47 years of experience as a public school librarian, 49 years of experience as a union organizer and activist, 17 years of experience in the Albuquerque Teachers Federation's Committee on Political Education

- Highlighted how extensive experience has shaped her relational organizing skills and ability as a fundraiser
 - Raised \$40K during last APS board election
 - Expressed need to unite the party
 - After visiting 22 county parties, found that they felt unsupported by the state party
 - Need to return to working class roots and fight back
- [Marisol Enriquez, Candidate for DPNM Chair](#)
 - Current Democratic Party of Bernalillo County chair, from south of Las Cruces, moved to Albuquerque for school but did not go directly to college after high school
 - Wants to expand opportunities for trades education, and has taken steps to expand access to apprenticeships while county chair
 - While DPBC chair, expanded budget by 36%, and expanded focus for growing the party beyond the county
 - Provided support and resources to YDNM and UNM democrats, contributed \$4K to the paid phones program for the 2024 Gabe Vasquez campaign as well as organizing literature drops for Gabe's campaign in Socorro and Sierra county
 - Sees current struggles as an opportunity to rebuild the party, wants to more sustainably divide labor for state party fundraising beyond DPNM Chair, wants to unite county parties by providing support and infrastructure
- [Leticia Montoya, Candidate for DPNM chair](#)
 - Current Vice Chair of CD-3, extensive experience with finance and has an academic background in mathematics
 - Specifically wants to support rural areas and not just urban areas, expressed need to rebuild party from bottom up by
 - Reaching out to youth and meeting them where they're at
 - Expanding state party events to areas outside of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces
 - Bringing back community engagement through in person events like matanzas as well as expanding Zoom outreach
 - Being open to criticism and suggestions as leaders
- County Elections
 - Val Anaya was elected as Chair by acclamation
 - Carol "Cricket" Courtney was elected as vice chair by acclamation
 - Mercury Kincade was elected to the position of At-Large Delegate to the State Central Committee via [ranked choice voting](#)
 - Alexis Utz, Forrest Utz, and Elaine Briggs also ran for this position