



THE CLERK'S NOTE



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Gearing Up for the 2016 Primary Election

Even though we are still working on the February 2nd Las Cruces Public School Capital Improvements Tax election, and preparing to help with the March 1st municipal elections in Sunland Park, Anthony, Mesilla and Hatch, we are also gearing up for the 2016 Primary Election.

Filing day for Primary Election candidates is Tuesday, March 8, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A person who wants to become a candidate must be affiliated with the Republican or Democrat party and reside in the district of the office for which he or she is a candidate as of January 25, 2016. That was the day that the Governor issued the Primary Election Proclamation.

The office to file with is either the County Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's office. Those who will file in the Doña Ana County Clerk's office include; State Representative districts that are completely within Doña Ana County, State Senate districts that are completely within Doña Ana County, County Commission districts 2, 4 and 5, County Clerk, and County Treasurer.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate for State Representative districts whose boundaries include multiple counties, State Senate districts whose boundaries include multiple counties, District Attorneys, and any other state or federal offices are required to file with the Secretary of State's Office in Santa Fe. Please contact our office if the position you are interested in running for is not included in these lists.

Candidates filing for state offices need to file nominating petitions. Candidates filing for a county office must pay a \$50 filing fee. At 5:00 p.m. those candidates who filed in the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office will draw cards for ballot position.

If you would like to be a write-in candidate for the Primary Election you need to file with the required filing officer on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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February Events

- **02.12** Wedding Fest
- **02.13** Registering Voters at Empowerment Congress-Del Cerro Community Center
- **02.15** County Offices Closed for Presidents' Day
- **02.17** Registering Voters at Community Resource Expo at DACC East Mesa
- **02.18** Registering Voters at Radium Springs Community Center 6-8pm

A look ahead

- **2.2.16** LCPS Special Capital Improvements Tax Election
- **3.1.16** Anthony, Hatch, Mesilla, Sunland Park Municipal Elections
- **6.7.16** Primary Election
- **11.8.16** General Election





We encourage everyone interested in running for office, or interested in helping someone else run for office, to read the candidate guide put together by the Secretary of State's Office. In it you will find the number of required petition signatures and many other requirements and deadlines. You can get access to this guide through our website www.dacelections.com.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The last day a person may register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration in order to vote in the Primary Election, is Tuesday, May 10, 2016. A person must be registered with a major political party (Republican or Democrat) to be eligible to vote in that party's Primary Election. A person can go to any state agency, online at sos.state.nm.us, our website, or to the office of the County Clerk at 845 N. Motel Blvd in Las Cruces to request a voter registration form.

Valentine's Wedding Fest

On **February 12, 2016** the County Clerk's Office will have Mrs. Sarah Cundiff performing marriage ceremonies from 8 am to 5 pm by appointment only. Please call our office at 575.647.7421 and speak to either Sami or Sarah to make an appointment. Marriage Licenses are available in our office. Come with \$25 cash only, both parties ID's, and 2 witnesses.

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Sarah
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Join the discussion by
sharing your reasons
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Page.

Online Voter Registration

Please visit the Secretary of State website to get registered.

<http://www.sos.state.nm.us/>

2016 Candidate Guides

Just a reminder that 2016 Primary Candidate guides are available for pick up or online from the Clerk's Page on the Dona Ana County website.

2016 Election Outreach

- *Voters Registered just through outreach events in January: 116*

