

THE CLERK'S NOTE



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Vote in Every Election

When we ask people if they vote in every election, they often reply “Yes, I vote in every election”. However what they mean is that they vote in every *general election* or maybe only every presidential election.

At the Clerk’s office, we want every eligible voter in Doña Ana County to vote in every election – big or small – because your vote matters.

Successful elections require people voting. We can manage a smooth election with very few problems, and furthermore, we can increase opportunities to vote in many ways, but if only a few people vote then it is not a successful election.

People are the heart of democracy. If we want local change, then we must vote in every election. There are school board elections, municipal elections, domestic water elections, and the primary and general elections. It is our local elected officials that impact our daily lives by the policy and laws they create. Moreover these elected officials are accessible and here to serve us – the voters. We encourage you to get to know your city councilor or county commissioner, state representatives, and school board members.

Voting in every election is also the best way to make sure your voter registration is current and all your information is up to date. Keep in mind that if you move to a new address or change your name, then you are required to complete another voter registration form and update your information. The deadline to register to vote is October 11.

We encourage everyone to contact our office or go on-line to <https://donaanacounty.org/elections> to check that your voter registration is current so that you are ready to vote in the upcoming general election on November 8.

Stand together with your votes, Dona Ana County! Everyone votes in every election because your vote matters.

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Register to vote online at:

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

August Events

- **8.2.16** City of Las Cruces National Night Out
- **8.10.16** La Clinica de Familia Health Fair Chaparral & Las Cruces
- **8.12.16** La Clinica de Familia Health Fair San Miguel
- **8.13.16** La Clinica de Familia Health Fair Anthony & Las Cruces
- **8.16.16** Election Advisory Council Meeting 4pm
- **8.26.16** NVRA Site Meeting at DAC Govt. Ctr
- **8.27.16** Voter Registration Agent Training 11am-1pm DAC Government Center



Doña Ana County
Registration

2016 Election
Outreach

- Voters Registered just through outreach events in 2016: 442

Electronic
Registration

- MVD: 3141
- Online: 4894

Upcoming Voter Registration Agent Training

Saturday 8.27.16 – Third-Party Voter Registration Agent Training

If you are interested in registering people to vote, then the Voter Registration Agent (VRA) training is for you! The training is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the DAC Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd, in Room 113. You will learn the duties and responsibilities of a Voter Registration Agent and receive your VRA certification. Please bring a state issued ID. The training serves as a refresher course for current VRAs as well. The training is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

Friday 8.26.16 – NVRA Site Meeting

For the first time, the County Clerk's office will hold a meeting for our 34 National Voter Registration Agencies located throughout the County. The purpose of the meeting is to better understand how to support NVRA sites in registering voters across the County. We invite administrators and front line staff from these agencies to attend. There are two sessions scheduled August 26 at the DAC Government Center in Rooms 111 & 113. The morning session is from 8:30-11:30 am, and the afternoon session is from 1:30-4:30 pm. We look forward to meeting with our NVRA sites to continue to increase opportunities to vote for everyone in Dona Ana County.

National Voter Registration Week: September 26-30 Volunteers wanted!

This year the Elections Advisory Council will organize a week long voter registration drive in 10 public high schools throughout the County to celebrate National Voter Registration day. We want to register as many students, teachers, and parents as possible throughout the week so that everyone is prepared to vote on November 8 in the general election.

We need at least 30 volunteers to fill shifts at the high schools during this week. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, you should plan to attend the VRA training noted above on August 27, and call Rose Ann Vasquez at (575) 525-5968 for more information. We hope you join us!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE - OCTOBER 11

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 8

