



New Mexico

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**2024 NOMINATING PETITION
FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
FOR COUNTY POSITIONS CALCULATIONS**

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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Bureau of Elections to serve as a reference for independent candidates seeking office in the 2024 General Election. This publication contains information regarding nominating petition calculations pursuant to Article 9 of the New Mexico Election Code; General Election Proclamation, January 29, 2024; General Election Proclamation Amended, March 5, 2024. While independent candidates do not participate in the Primary Election, they may be required to circulate petitions and file declarations of candidacy shortly following the Primary Election.

1-8-51 (E) NMSA 1978

E. Nominating petitions for an independent candidate for a member of the legislature, district judge, district attorney or county office shall be signed by a number of voters equal to at least two percent of the total number of votes cast in the district, division or county, as the case may be; provided that for the public education commission, nominating petitions shall be signed by at least two-thirds of the number of signatures that would otherwise be required, and for a judicial office, nominating petitions shall be signed by at least two-thirds of the number of signatures that would otherwise be required.

1-8-2. (B) (C) NMSA 1978

B. The names certified to the secretary of state shall be filed on the twenty-third day following the primary election in the year of the general election and shall be accompanied by a nominating petition containing the signatures of voters totaling not less than one percent of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected:

(1) in the state for statewide offices; provided that if there are fewer members of the minor party registered to vote in the state for statewide offices or registered to vote in the district for offices other than statewide offices than the number of signatures required for that office, a nominating petition shall contain the signatures of voters totaling not less than the required number of signatures of voters for independent candidates for the same office; and provided further that for the public education commission, a nominating petition shall be signed by at least two-thirds of the number of signatures that would otherwise be required, and for a judicial office, a nominating petition shall be signed by two-thirds of the number of signatures that would otherwise be required; and

(2) in the district for offices other than statewide offices.

The petition shall contain a statement that the voters signing the petition are residents of the area to be represented by the office for which the person being nominated is a candidate.



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C. The names certified to the county clerk shall be filed on the twenty-third day following the primary election in the year of the general election and shall be accompanied by a nominating petition containing the signatures of voters totaling not less than one percent of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected:

- (1) in the county for countywide offices; and
- (2) in the district for offices other than countywide offices; provided that if there are fewer members of the minor party registered to vote in the county for countywide offices or registered to vote in the district for offices other than countywide offices than the number of signatures required for that office, a nominating petition shall contain the signatures of voters totaling not less than the required number of signatures of voters for independent candidates for the same office; and provided further that for a judicial office, a nominating petition shall be signed by two-thirds of the number of signatures that would otherwise be required.

The petition shall contain a statement that the voters signing the petition are residents of the area to be represented by the office for which the person being nominated is a candidate.

For candidates interested in public financing, please refer to the information on the Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.nm.gov/candidate-and-campaigns/2024-new-mexico-public-financing-information/>.

Please contact the Bureau of Elections at (505) 827-3600, and select option 2, or email the office with additional questions: elections@sos.nm.gov.



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County	Office	Independent % Threshold	Independent	Minor Party % Threshold	Minor Party/Write-in Candidates
Bernalillo	County Commission District 2	2%	574	1%	287
	County Commission District 3	2%	812	1%	406
	County Commission District 4	2%	1,241	1%	621
	County Clerk	2%	4,906	1%	2453
	County Treasurer	2%	4,906	1%	2453
	Metropolitan Court Judge division 11	2%	4,906	1%	2453
Catron	County Commissioner District 3	2%	16	1%	8
	County Clerk	2%	40	1%	20
	County Treasurer	2%	40	1%	20
Chaves	County Commissioner District 2	2%	54	1%	27
	County Commissioner District 3	2%	96	1%	48
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	56	1%	28
	County Clerk	2%	327	1%	164
	County Treasurer	2%	327	1%	164
Cibola	County Commissioner District 2	2%	31	1%	16
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	29	1%	15
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	21	1%	11
	County Clerk	2%	137	1%	69
	County Treasurer	2%	137	1%	69
Colfax	County Commissioner District 3	2%	12	1%	6
	County Clerk	2%	40	1%	20
	County Treasurer	2%	40	1%	20
Curry	County Commissioner District 2	2%	51	1%	26



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	County Commissioner District 4	2%	32	1%	16
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	56	1%	28
	County Clerk	2%	205	1%	103
	County Treasurer	2%	205	1%	103
	County Assessor	2%	205	1%	103
	County Sheriff	2%	205	1%	103
De Baca	County Commissioner District 3	2%	10	1%	5
	County Clerk	2%	15	1%	8
	County Treasurer	2%	15	1%	8
Dona Ana	County Commissioner District 2	2%	119	1%	60
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	278	1%	139
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	266	1%	133
	Magistrate Judge Division 1	2%	1,154	1%	577
	District Attorney	2%	1,154	1%	577
	County Clerk	2%	1,154	1%	577
	County Treasurer	2%	1,154	1%	577
Eddy	County Commissioner District 2	2%	77	1%	39
	County Commissioner District 3	2%	75	1%	38
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	51	1%	26
	County Treasurer	2%	334	1%	167
	County Sheriff	2%	334	1%	167
Grant	County Commissioner District 3	2%	48	1%	24
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	62	1%	31
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	42	1%	21
	One Magistrate Judge Division 1	2%	234	1%	117
	County Clerk	2%	234	1%	117



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	County Treasurer	2%	234	1%	117
Guadalupe	County Commissioner District 3	2%	15	1%	8
	County Clerk	2%	35	1%	18
	County Treasurer	2%	35	1%	18
Harding	County Commissioner District 3	2%	10	1%	5
	County Clerk	2%	20	1%	10
	County Treasurer	2%	20	1%	10
Hidalgo	County Commissioner District 3	2%	32	1%	16
	County Clerk	2%	32	1%	16
	County Treasurer	2%	32	1%	16
Lea	County Commissioner District 1	2%	65	1%	33
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	35	1%	18
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	47	1%	24
	County Clerk	2%	280	1%	140
	County Treasurer	2%	280	1%	140
Lincoln	County Commissioner District 1	2%	39	1%	20
	County Commissioner District 3	2%	36	1%	18
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	39	1%	20
	County Assessor	2%	167	1%	84
	County Sheriff	2%	167	1%	84
Los Alamos	Three County Councilors	2%	203	1%	102
	County Clerk	2%	203	1%	102



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Luna	County Commissioner District 3	2%	42	1%	21
	County Clerk	2%	118	1%	59
	County Treasurer	2%	118	1%	59
McKinley	County Commissioner District 3	2%	123	1%	62
	County Clerk	2%	390	1%	195
	County Treasurer	2%	390	1%	195
Mora	County Commissioner District 3	2%	12	1%	6
	County Clerk	2%	49	1%	25
	County Treasurer	2%	49	1%	25
Otero	County Commissioner District 3	2%	157	1%	79
	County Clerk	2%	353	1%	177
	County Treasurer	2%	353	1%	177
	Magistrate Judge Division 2	2%	353	1%	177
Quay	County Commissioner District 1	2%	15	1%	8
	County Commissioner District 2	2%	20	1%	10
	County Clerk	2%	61	1%	31
	County Assessor	2%	61	1%	31
	County Treasurer	2%	61	1%	31
Rio Arriba	County Commissioner District 3	2%	86	1%	43
	County Clerk	2%	259	1%	130
	County Treasurer	2%	259	1%	130
Roosevelt	County Commissioner District 1	2%	22	1%	11
	County Commissioner District 2	2%	32	1%	16
	County Clerk	2%	93	1%	47



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	County Treasurer	2%	93	1%	47
San Juan	County Commissioner District 3	2%	175	1%	88
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	190	1%	95
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	162	1%	81
	County Clerk	2%	801	1%	401
	County Treasurer	2%	801	1%	401
San Miguel	County Commissioner District 2	2%	41	1%	21
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	41	1%	21
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	33	1%	17
	County Clerk	2%	189	1%	95
	County Treasurer	2%	189	1%	95
Sandoval	County Commissioner District 2	2%	234	1%	117
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	192	1%	96
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	198	1%	99
	County Clerk	2%	1,225	1%	613
	County Treasurer	2%	1,225	1%	613
Santa Fe	County Commissioner District 2	2%	230	1%	115
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	336	1%	168
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	321	1%	161
	County Clerk	2%	1,392	1%	696
	County Treasurer	2%	1,392	1%	696
	Magistrate Judge Division 2	2%	1,391	1%	696
Sierra	County Commissioner District 3	2%	37	1%	19
	County Clerk	2%	98	1%	49
	County Treasurer	2%	98	1%	49



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Socorro	County Commissioner District 2	2%	22	1%	11
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	26	1%	13
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	30	1%	15
	County Clerk	2%	123	1%	62
	County Treasurer	2%	123	1%	62
Taos	County Commissioner District 3	2%	55	1%	28
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	64	1%	32
	County Clerk	2%	267	1%	134
	County Treasurer	2%	267	1%	134
	Magistrate Judge Division 2	2%	267	1%	134
Torrance	County Commissioner District 3	2%	44	1%	22
	County Clerk	2%	111	1%	56
	County Treasurer	2%	111	1%	56
Union County	At-Large County Commissioner	2%	30	1%	15
	County Clerk	2%	30	1%	15
	County Treasurer	2%	30	1%	15
	Probate Judge	2%	30	1%	15
Valencia	County Commissioner District 2	2%	78	1%	39
	County Commissioner District 4	2%	106	1%	53
	County Commissioner District 5	2%	111	1%	56
	County Clerk	2%	509	1%	255
	County Treasurer	2%	509	1%	255