

2018 New Mexico Post Election Insights



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Overview of the 2018 General Election

The 2018 General Election resulted in a number of firsts for New Mexico. In addition to the re-election of United States Senator Martin Heinrich and Representative Ben Ray Lujan, the election of Deb Haaland and Xochitl Torres Small to respective Congressional seats signaled a shift the state's federal delegation was split 50/50 female/male and entirely composed of Democrats.

At the state level there was also a solid female and democrat shift. This was seen in the election of Michelle Lujan Grisham to governor, Stephanie Garcia Richard to Land Commissioner, Brian Colón as State Auditor. It was also seen in the reelection of Maggie Toulouse Oliver as Secretary of State, Tim Eichenberg as State Treasurer and Hector Balderas as Attorney General. It is the first time in recent history that all of the statewide seats are held by members of the Democratic Party.

In the New Mexico Legislature, only seats in the House of Representatives were up for re-election. Going into the 2018 General Election the Democrats were defending their 38-32 majority (12-8 split in Albuquerque). Heading to the 2019 Regular 60-Day Legislative Session, starting January 15, the Democrats appear to have a 46-24 majority (19-1 split in Albuquerque).

New Mexico Leaders



U.S. Senate (re-elected)

Martin Heinrich (D)

Focus Areas: Senator Heinrich is an advocate for economic growth in New Mexico through renewable energy and technological advancement at the national labs. He supports affordable health care for New Mexico residents and a strategic foreign policy that protects human rights abroad.



1st Congressional District

Representative - Elect Debra A. Haaland (D)

Focus Areas: Representative Haaland believes that climate change is the top issue that the United States and the world are currently facing. She supports a transition to 100% renewable energy. Additionally, she values veteran affairs, Medicare for all and a more affordable education system.



2nd Congressional District

Representative-Elect Xochitl Torres Small (D)

Focus Areas: The water-rights lawyer is a supporter of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education for economic development and to address poverty. She is also an advocate for increased funding for veteran services.



3rd Congressional District

Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D)

Focus Areas: Representative Lujan has fought to protect land, air and water in New Mexico, including the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He believes that action must be taken to reduce carbon emissions and begin to utilize clean energy. He is a patron for job growth and affordable access to health insurance. Representative's success as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is expected to propel him into a leadership position when Congress re-convenes in January.

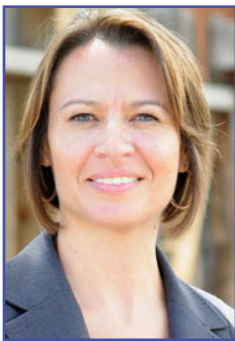
New Mexico Leaders (continued)

Governor

Governor-Elect Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)
Lietenant Governor-Elect: Howie Morales (D)



Focus Areas: Governor-Elect Lujan Grisham supports making New Mexico a leader in clean energy development and technology. She supports the development of clean energy for New Mexico use and neighboring states. She is also dedicated to senior and veteran affairs, specifically pertaining to access to healthcare and assisting services.



Commissioner of Public Lands

Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard (D)

Key Points: During the campaign, Ms Garcia Richard expressed a desire to increasing funding for renewable projects to boost the economy and reduce oil extraction. Stephanie Garcia Richard, a school district administrator from Los Alamos, previously served as a Representative in the New Mexico Legislature. The State Land Office controls oil, mineral and renewable energy development on state trust land.



Secretary of State

Maggie Toulouse (D)

Key Points: During the campaign, Secretary Toulouse spoke on greater transparency in government and making it easier for people across New Mexico to vote. During her previous term she increased transparency in government by implementing financial disclosure forms for elected officials and state employees. Secretary Toulouse was first elected secretary of state during a special election in November 2016 to finish the remainder of the term vacated by Republican Dianna Duran after her 2015 resignation and conviction on embezzlement and money laundering charges.

New Mexico Leaders (continued)

State Auditor

Auditor-elect Brian Colon (D)



Key Points: State Auditor – elect Brian Colon has spoke about investing tax dollars in early childhood education and better schools, renewable energies and health and well-being of New Mexico’s families.

State Treasurer

Treasurer Tim Eichenberg (D)



Key Points: State Treasurer Tim Eichenberg is invested in ensuring the funds of New Mexico’s public employees and school teachers are recovered. He also plans to continue to develop procedures and processes to promote solvency, transparency and economic benefit for New Mexico residents.

Attorney General

Hector Balderas (D)



Key Points: Attorney General Hector Balderas has worked to pass legislation to establish incentives for clean energy; invest in rural public schools; enact reforms to the criminal justice system; and protect consumers from price gouging in times of emergency or disaster.

State House

District	Representative
1	Rodney Montoya
2	James R.J. Strickler
3	Paul Bandy
4	Anthony Allison*
5	Doreen Wonda Johnson
6	Eliseo Alcon
7	Kelly K. Fajardo
8	Alonzo Baldonado
9	Patricia Lundstrom
10	G. Andres Romero
11	Javier Martinez
12	Patricio Ruiloba
13	Patricia Roybal Caballero
14	Miguel Garcia
15	Dayan Hochman*
16	Antonio Maestas
17	Deborah Armstrong
18	Gail Chasey
19	Sheryl Williams Stapleton
20	Abbas Ali Akhil*
21	Debra Sarinana*
22	Gregg Schmedes*
23	Daymon Ely
24	Elizabeth Thomson
25	Christine Trujillo
26	Georgene Louis
27	William Pratt*
28	Melanie Ann Stansbury*
29	Joy Garratt*
30	Natalie Figueroa*
31	William Rehm
32	Candie Sweetster
33	Micaela Lara Cadena*
34	Raymundo Lara*
35	Angelica Rubio
36	Nathan Small
37	Joanne Ferrary
38	Rebecca Dow
39	Rodolpho Martinez
40	Joseph Sanchez*
41	Susan Herrera*
42	Roberto Gonzales
43	Christine Chandler*
44	Jane Powdrell-Culbert
45	Jim Trujillo

District	Representative
46	Andrea Romero*
47	Brian Egolf Jr.
48	Linda Trujillo
49	Gail Armstrong
50	Matthew McQueen
51	Rachel Black*
52	Doreen Y. Gallegos
53	Willie Madrid*
54	James Townsend
55	Cathrynn Brown
56	Zachary Cook
57	Jason Harper
58	Candy Spence Ezzell
59	Greg Nibert
60	Timothy Lewis
61	David M. Gallegos
62	Larry Scott
63	Martin Ruben Zamora*
64	Randal Crowder
65	Derrick Lente
66	Phelps Anderson*
67	Jackey Chatfield*
68	Karen Bash*
69	Harry Garcia
70	Tomas E. Salazar

 Republican

 Democrat

*Freshman