



## GENERAL ELECTION

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. If you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on election day and are registered to vote in Doña Ana County, you may vote in this General Election. Felons who are also registered and have completed their conditions of release are eligible to vote. If you have a question concerning the election, please phone the Doña Ana Bureau of Elections ( 647-7428).

## VOTING INFORMATION

### Registering to Vote

Anyone who wants to vote in this election must be registered to vote in Doña Ana County. The deadline is October 9, 2012. For questions about voter registration, call the Bureau of Elections (647-7428). The Bureau of Elections is located in the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

## VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

### Absentee Voting

Any person qualified to vote may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to give a reason to vote absentee. Absentee ballots may be requested in person from the Doña Ana Bureau of Elections at 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, by phone (647-7428) or online at [www.donaanacounty.org](http://www.donaanacounty.org). Click on the Election tab, print and sign the application and mail it to the Doña Ana Bureau of Elections. The Bureau of Elections will verify the application information and mail your absentee ballot to you. Friday, November 2, is the last day the Bureau of Elections will accept applications for absentee ballots. The ballot contains instructions for completion and return. The County Clerk suggests that you do not wait this late to request an absentee ballot by mail but vote at one of the Early Voting sites listed below.

If you apply for an absentee ballot and **RECEIVE** it, you must vote that ballot. If you apply for but **DO NOT RECEIVE** the absentee ballot, you may go to the Bureau of Elections until Monday, November 5, 5:00 p.m. and apply for a replacement ballot. Your completed ballot must be received at a Voting Convenience Center or at the Bureau of Elections no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. A voter, a caregiver to that voter, or a member of that voter's immediate family may deliver that voter absentee ballot in person to the Bureau of Elections, provided that the voter signed the outer envelope of the absentee ballot. You may also go to a Voting Convenience Center and vote on a provisional absentee ballot on Election Day. In both cases, you will be required to sign a sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, that you did not receive your ballot.

If you are a military or overseas voter, you may transmit your absentee ballot by fax or scanned document to the County Clerk. You must sign and transmit a waiver of secrecy form that will be provided by the County Clerk. Military and overseas personnel may obtain a Federal absentee ballot by going to the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections website: <http://www.donaanacounty.org/elections/>

If you become ill after the period for absentee balloting and are unable to go to the polls, you may request a ballot in writing. Your request must also be signed by your health care provider. Your ballot will be given to the person who presented the request to the county clerk and shall be returned by the same person.

### **Early Voting**

Any person registered to vote within Doña Ana County may vote in person on a paper ballot at the Doña Ana County Government Center., 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007 (647-7428).

**Early Voting at the Doña Ana County Government Center** begins on October 9, 2012, 8am – 5pm Mondays through Fridays. Early Voting is also open on Saturday, November 3, 2012, 10:00am-6:00pm.

**Early Voting at Alternate Voting Locations** begins at 10:00am - 6:00pm on Saturday October 20, 2012. Early Voting continues 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturdays. Alternate Early Voting Locations are closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Early Voting ends at all locations on Saturday November 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Hatch Valley Community Center  
837 Highway 187  
Hatch, NM 87937

Sonoma Elementary School  
4201 Northrise  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Branigan Memorial Library  
200 E. Picacho  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Anthony Elementary School  
600 N 4th St.  
Anthony, NM 88021

Betty McKnight Multi-Purpose Center  
190 County Line Rd.  
Chaparral, NM 88081

Gadsden Independent School District Admin Building  
4950 McNutt Rd  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

### **Provisional Ballot**

At a Voting Convenience Center if your name does not appear in the computer system as being a registered voter in Doña Ana County you will be asked to vote on a provisional ballot. If it is later determined by the Canvassing Board that you are properly registered, the vote you cast will be counted.

### **Voting Offenses**

Voters are obligated to report voting offenses to the Bureau of Elections or the District Attorney. Voting offenses are:

- \*Any form of campaigning within 100 feet of a building containing a Voting Convenience Center.
- \*Using, possessing or carrying alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of a Voting Convenience Center.
- \*Unlawful possession of an absentee ballot.
- \*Offering or accepting a bribe.
- \*False voting, such as, voting or offering to vote although not qualified, voting in another name, voting more than once during a single election or asking or assisting another person in committing a voting offense. Whoever commits false voting is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

### **Election Day**

On **November 6, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Your registration card carries your precinct number where you are registered. If you do not have your voter information card, you may contact the Bureau of Elections (647-7428). However, you may vote at **ANY** Voting Convenience Center location. No longer will there be any "wrong" places to vote, reducing drastically the need for provisional ballots. Watch ***The Las Cruces Bulletin*** or ***The Las Cruces Sun-News*** for a list of Voting Convenience Center locations and their addresses or go to: <http://www.donaanacounty.org/elections/locations/> to find them.

Voting at a Voting Convenience Center will be conducted in nearly the same fashion as Early Voting. When voters provide the Poll worker with the required identification, the clerk will search for the voter record on a secure, networked system to verify eligibility. A paper ballot will be printed conforming to the precinct in which the voter is registered. The secured network system operates on a dedicated server and updates real-time, preventing anyone from attempting to vote more than once. There will be someone who speaks Spanish at each of the Voting Convenience Centers.

**EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

**Acceptable forms of identification**

**If your name is on the voter list, you must EITHER:**

A) Say or write your name, registration address, and year of birth;

OR, if you choose,

B) Show the election workers *one of the following documents*:

**A current and valid photo identification. This can be either the original or a copy. If it has an address on it, it does not have to be the address you had when you registered to vote;**

**OR**

**An original or copy of ANY One of the following, *which must show your name and address.***

***The address does not have to match the one you used when you registered to vote.***

**\*Voter Information Card**

**\*Utility Bill**

**\*Bank Statement**

**\*Government Check**

**\*Paycheck**

**\*Student Identification Card**

**\*Other government document, including identification issued by an Indian Nation, Tribe or Pueblo.**

**A voter may request assistance in voting if the voter:**

A. is blind

B. is physically disabled;

C. is unable to read or write;

D. is a member of a language minority who has an inability to read well enough to exercise the elective franchise; or

E. requires assistance in operating the voting system.

All Voting Convenience Centers are equipped with state-of-the-art voting equipment enabling people with disabilities to mark their ballot without assistance.

**See the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections website for more information on the election.**

**<http://donaanacounty.org/elections/>**