



**MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
BERNALILLO COUNTY CLERK**

**Information for Party Challengers and Watchers
General Election 2008**

NMSA 1-2-21 Challengers; appointment.

- A. The county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot may appoint in writing one challenger and one alternate challenger for each precinct.
- B. If any county chairman fails to make such appointments the precinct chairman of the political party may appoint in writing one challenger and one alternate challenger for the precinct.
- C. If any precinct chairman fails to make such appointments, or if no person properly appointed is present at the polling place and offers to serve, the voters present belonging to that political party may appoint one challenger and one alternate challenger in writing.

NMSA 1-2-27 Watchers; appointment.

- A. The county chairman of each political party represented on the ballot may appoint in writing two watchers for each precinct. If any county chairman fails to make the appointments, the precinct chairman of the political party may appoint in writing two watchers for the precinct. If any precinct chairman fails to make such appointments, or if no person properly appointed is present at the polling place and offers to serve, the voters present belonging to that political party may appoint in writing two watchers.
- B. In a general election, a candidate for elected office and an election-related-organization may appoint one watcher per polling place if the candidate or organization makes a written request to the Secretary of State at least ten days prior to the election date and specifies the polling place to be watched and the name of the qualified appointee. The Secretary of State shall notify the County Clerk of the qualified appointee at least five days before the election. For the purposes of this section, "election related organization" means an organization involved in voter turnout activities.
- C. Regarding Primaries – n/a
- D. Regarding Primaries – n/a

Information Sessions for Challengers and Watchers – General Election 2008

The Bernalillo County Clerk will conduct information sessions for appointed challengers and watchers on the following dates:

Saturday October 4 – 10:00am – 12:00pm
County Clerk Siesta Hills Office
5407 Gibson SE
Focus will be on Early Voting Challenging and Watching

Thursday October 16 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm
County Clerk Siesta Hills Office
5407 Gibson SE

For more information, please contact our office at (505) 468.1291 or clerk@bernco.gov/clerk

Focus will be on Early Voting Challenging and Watching

Sunday October 26 – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

County Clerk Siesta Hills Office

5407 Gibson SE

Focus will be on Absentee Voting Challenging and Watching

Saturday November 1 – 10:00am – 12:00pm

County Clerk Siesta Hills Office

5407 Gibson SE

Focus will be on Election Day Challenging and Watching

Schedule for Challengers and Watchers

The Bernalillo County Clerk is encouraging the political parties represented on the General Election Ballot to appoint Challengers and Watchers for the following election activities:

In Person Absentee Voting

Clerk's Office Annex Downtown – Beginning Tuesday October 7

620 Lomas, NW

Tuesday October 7 – Friday October 10: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Monday October 13 – Friday October 17: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Monday October 20 – Friday October 24: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Monday October 27 – Friday October 31: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday November 1: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Early Voting

15 Locations – Beginning Saturday October 18

Tijeras City Hall	12 Camino Municipal - Tijeras
Paradise Hills Community Center	5901 Paradise Blvd NW
Los Ranchos Villa	6601 4th St NW Suites A,B, C
Coors Plaza	3200 Coors NW Suite A
Integrity Plaza	1512 Wyoming NE Suites F&G
Plaza Paseo Del Norte	9231 Coors NW Suite R-8
Siesta Hills Shopping Center	5407 Gibson SE
Del Norte Shopping Center	7120 Wyoming NE Suite 16
Market Center East	11110 Lomas NE Suite E-4
98th & Central Shopping Center	120 98th St NW Suite B-5
Goff Plaza	1720 Bridge SW Suite G
Daskalos Shopping Center	5339 & 5339A Menaul NE
Juan Tabo Plaza	11012 Montgomery NE
CNM – South Valley Campus	5816 Isleta Blvd., SW
University of New Mexico	Student Union Building

Saturday October 18: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Tuesday October 21 – Friday October 24: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday October 25: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Tuesday October 28 – Friday October 31: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday November 1: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Tuesday November 4: 7:00am – 7:00pm **LOCATION:**

Clerk's Office Voting Machine Warehouse

2400 Broadway, SE

Absentee Voting

Clerk's Office Voting Machine Warehouse
2400 Broadway, SE

Thursday October 30:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday October 31:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday November 1:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday November 2:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Monday November 3:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday November 4:	7:00am – 12:00am (midnight)
Wednesday November 5:	12:01am – 3:00am
	7:00am – 10:00pm
Thursday November 6:	7:00am – 10:00pm

Election Day Voting

171 Polling Locations and 423 precincts throughout Bernalillo County

Tuesday November 4: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Coordination with County Political Party Chairs

We are encouraging all individuals who are interested in serving as a challenger or watcher for any of these activities to coordinate with their respective major party chairs.

Bernalillo County Republican Party Chairman
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8100 Mountain Rd NE # 102
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110-7818

Bernalillo County Democratic Party Chairman
Ana Canales
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Albuquerque, NM 87110

Questions and Additional Information

Please contact Robert Adams, Deputy County Clerk at radams@bernco.gov or 505.468.1207.