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## **SOS Toulouse Oliver Qualifies Major Party Candidates for Pre-Primary Convention Designation**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today qualified major party candidates for pre-primary convention designation for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and all elected statewide offices. Secretary Toulouse Oliver’s office sent a letter to the leadership of New Mexico’s three major political parties – Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican – certifying the names of the candidates who have met the requirements outlined in state law.

“Major party candidates who qualified can now focus on their party’s convention as they move forward with their campaigns,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “As always, my staff is available to answer any questions candidates may have as they navigate the electoral process.”

Last week, major party candidates for federal and statewide elected offices filed declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions containing the signatures of qualified New Mexico voters with the Secretary of State’s Office. Secretary Toulouse Oliver’s office conducted a review of the documents submitted by candidates before qualifying them for pre-primary convention designation today.

Each of the three major parties must now convene a pre-primary convention to elect their candidates to appear on the Primary Election ballot in June.

**Below are the names of the major party candidates who qualified for each federal and statewide elected office (*parties listed alphabetically*):**

### **U.S. Senate**

- Martin T. Heinrich, DEM
- Aubrey Dunn, LIB
- Mick Rich, REP

### **U.S. Representative, District 1**

- Patrick M. Davis, DEM
- Debra A. Haaland, DEM
- Damian R. Lara, DEM
- Damon P. Martinez, DEM
- Paul D. Moya, DEM

- Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, DEM
- Lloyd J. Princeton, LIB
- Janice E. Arnold-Jones, REP

#### **U.S. Representative, District 2**

- L. Madeline Hildebrandt, DEM
- Xochitl Torres Small, DEM
- Gavin Clarkson, REP
- Clayburn Griffin, REP
- Yvette Herrell, REP
- Monty Newman, REP
- John (Jack) S. Volpato, Jr., REP

#### **U.S. Representative, District 3**

- Ben R. Luján, DEM
- Christopher Manning, LIB
- Jerald Steve McFall, REP

#### **Governor**

- Jeff Apodaca, DEM
- Joseph Cervantes, DEM
- Peter DeBenedittis, DEM
- Michelle Lujan Grisham, DEM
- Steve Pearce, REP

#### **Lieutenant Governor**

- Jeff Carr, DEM
- Billy G. Garrett, DEM
- Javier M. Gonzales, DEM
- Rick S. Miera, DEM
- Howie C. Morales, DEM
- Michelle Garcia Holmes, REP

#### **Secretary of State**

- Maggie Toulouse Oliver, DEM
- Sandra D. Jeff, LIB
- JoHanna Cox, REP

#### **State Auditor**

- Brian S. Colón, DEM

- Bill McCamley, DEM
- Wayne A. Johnson, REP

#### **State Treasurer**

- Tim Eichenberg, DEM
- Arthur L. Castillo, REP

#### **Attorney General**

- Hector Balderas, DEM
- A. Blair Dunn, LIB
- Michael Eugene Hendricks, REP

#### **Commissioner of Public Lands**

- Stephanie Garcia Richard, DEM
- George K. Muñoz, DEM
- Garrett O. VeneKlasen, DEM
- Michael G. Lucero, LIB
- Patrick H. Lyons, REP

#### **Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 1**

- Kristina Bogardus, DEM
- Stephen G. French, REP

#### **Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 2**

- Jacqueline R. Medina, DEM
- Hank Bohnhoff, REP

#### **Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 3**

- Briana H. Zamora, DEM
- Emil J. Kiehne, REP

#### **Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 4**

- Megan P. Duffy, DEM
- Daniel Jose Gallegos, REP

#### **Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 5**

- Jennifer L. Attrep, DEM

Angel D. Peña, who filed a declaration of candidacy to run for U.S. Representative in the Second Congressional District, was disqualified because a number of his submitted petition

pages failed to meet the requirements set forth in state statute. As a result, Mr. Peña did not meet the minimum number of signatures required for qualification.

Major party candidates for all other offices subject to the New Mexico Campaign Reporting Act must file on March 13, 2018. Those who will file with the Secretary of State on March 13 include: candidates for legislative offices elected from multicounty districts; all candidates for the Public Regulation Commission; all elective judicial offices in the judicial department, except magistrates; and, all offices representing a district composed of more than one county. Those who will file with their county clerk include: all elective county offices; magistrate judges; and, legislative offices elected from a district located wholly within one county.

On June 28, 2018, minor party candidates will be certified by their party leadership to the Secretary of State or their county clerk, depending on the proper filing officer for each office. On that day, minor party and independent candidates will also be required to submit their petition signatures totaling not less than one percent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the state at the last preceding general election in their respective district.

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