

Sarah Piano wins District 3 election

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Sarah Piano is currently the regional director for the nonprofit Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region, but soon she'll be adding another title to her roster.

On March 1, Piano won the Gallup District 3 election, capturing 65 percent of the vote.

In an interview with the *Sun*, Piano said she was feeling anxious the entire day of the election, especially before the results came in.

"Of course I wanted to win, I wouldn't have done it if I didn't want to win, but I was very anxious throughout the day," Piano said. "You just never know, and my opponent worked hard as well so you don't know what's going to happen. It was kind of a moment of relief to know the final answer, but then [I'm] obviously super excited for this opportunity."

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The unofficial results reported in the evening of March 1 declared that Piano won with 356 votes while Azua had 188.

Azua commended Piano on her success and offered her support.

“I will definitely work with and support Sarah,” Azua said. “She’s got a long road ahead of her to build her experience portfolio as a city council member and I anticipate she’s going to need a lot of active community members to help her be successful. So I will support her in any way that I can.”

Azua said she isn’t done with her mission to help Gallup. She’s going to get involved with some committees to help improve the city. She noted that health care is still one of her priorities.

In a previous *Sun* article published on Feb. 18, Piano described some of her goals for her city council term. She said she wants to work on strengthening the relationship between the city, county and tribal governments, increasing transparency with decision making around city projects and finding new funding opportunities to support infrastructure projects in Gallup.

Additionally, she would make supporting small businesses and retaining police officers a priority.

Piano praised Azua for her hard work during the race.

“I want to say that I feel like we ran a really clean race and I’m very proud of both of us because we wanted to help the community...,” Piano said.

Piano’s city council term will begin on April 1.

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DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR CITY OF GALLUP – DISTRICT 1 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 0 of 9 (0.00%)

Total

Times Cast: 66/0 N/A

Candidate

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Party

Total

LINDA M. GARCIA

60

Total Votes

60

Total

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DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR CITY OF GALLUP – DISTRICT 3 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported 0 of 7 (0.00%)

Total

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Times Cast: 54/0 N/A

Candidate

Party

Total

JULIA AZUA

188

SARAH ELIZABETH PIANO

356

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Total Votes:

544

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