

CVNM Action Fund endorses pro-conservation, pro-voting rights candidates for general election

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Conservation Voters New Mexico, through its political action committee, announced Sept. 1 the continuation of its efforts to build a strong political voice for air, land, and water by endorsing candidates who will work to protect New Mexico families and communities.

Two candidates noted in the announcement — incumbent Sharon Clahchischilliage and newcomer GloJean Todacheene — face-off for the District 4 seat of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Liliana Castillo, communications manager at CVNM, said the group's action fund endorses candidates running for the state House of Representatives, state Senate, and Secretary of State in the Nov. 8 general election.

"When it comes to ensuring that our families and communities are healthy and resilient, every vote counts — whether at the ballot box or in the Roundhouse," Ben Shelton, CVNM legislative and political director, said. "That's why we are honored to endorse a slate of New Mexicans who will ensure that each voice is heard both in our elections and in the policy debates that impact

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Both Clahchischilliage and Todacheene are Navajo and retired educators.

Clahchischilliage is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and one of six female Navajo Republicans to ever serve the New Mexico legislature. She is from Kirtland.

Todacheene is a University of New Mexico graduate from Shiprock who once appeared on the PBS television show *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*.

District 4 includes San Juan County and runs as far south as Newcomb in the Navajo Nation.

CVNM is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that connects the people of New Mexico to their political power in order to protect the state’s land, water, and air. According to Castillo, the organization achieves its goal by holding elected officials accountable, helping candidates win elections, and advancing responsible public policies.

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