

## Two New Mexico officials issue Voter Protection Advisory

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Santa Fe —Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Attorney General Hector Balderas issued an advisory to all New Mexicans Oct. 14, reminding them of their right to participate in a free and fair election and providing critical information about the upcoming general election.

“New Mexican voters should be informed, and they should be confident that their elections are safe, secure, and free from intimidation,” Balderas said. “Secretary Toulouse Oliver and I will ensure that the electoral process is conducted openly and securely, and my office will hold anyone accountable who interferes with any New Mexican’s right to vote.”

“One of the best things for voter confidence and participation is clear information about how to vote and what to expect when doing so,” Toulouse Oliver said. “I’m happy to have partnered

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with the Attorney General's Office on this voter information advisory that will assist the public in answering some of the most pressing questions around the 2020 General Election.

"Voters should know that they have multiple, easy ways to vote in this election and they should contact trusted sources for election information, like their county clerk or my office," she said.

The advisory details critical information for voters to know about how to cast their vote in the general election and what to do if they have questions about casting their vote.

Topics include:

Voter rights and how to find official information about the election;

Key deadlines for participating in the election;

What to expect when voting by absentee ballot;

What to expect when voting in person;

Who is allowed in a polling location and what type of activity is prohibited;

The role of law enforcement in the electoral process;

COVID-19 compliance in polling locations.

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Balderas and Toulouse Oliver remind and encourage New Mexicans to be informed and vigilant when casting their votes. If any person suspects that someone is intimidating them, harassing them, or otherwise interfering with their right to vote, they are encouraged to contact local law enforcement and call the Attorney General's voter protection hotline at (505) 318-1008 immediately with this information.

The Attorney General and Secretary of State are partnering with state, local, and federal agencies to ensure a fair and open election. Interference with the electoral process will not be tolerated, and any violation of state law in connection with the election will be assigned to a state prosecution unit and any federal violation will promptly be referred to the FBI and the U.S. Attorney.