

FUERZAS UNIDAS CAUCUS



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

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At the New Mexico Democratic Party State Rules Committee Meeting on Oct 21, 2021, our bylaws were found to be in compliance with the rules of the Democratic Party for forming a Caucus.

Bylaws



We support and shall abide by the rules, goals, beliefs and values of the Democratic Party of New Mexico and the Democratic Party of the United States.

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Filling a Need in New Mexico



Number of Registered Democrats in New Mexico

611,357

New Mexico Secretary of State



Percentage of Latino Democrats in New Mexico

50%

Pew Research Center

Two Caucuses for Hispanic Democrats?



At 50% of the Democratic Voters, New Mexico has almost 306,000 Nuevo Mexicano/Hispanic/Latino/Chicano Democrats.

We should have 50% representation in the party structure.

We should be 50% of the attendees at party functions. There are PLENTY of Hispanic Democrats for two caucuses!

Feeling Left Out?



In every region of our state, Nuevo Mexicano/Hispanic/Latino/Chicano Democrats are reporting that they feel left out, abandoned, and not heard, especially in rural areas.

We are losing Democrats who are feeling left out. Many Nuevo Mexicano/Hispanic/Latino/Chicano Democrats who are no longer voting.

There are currently active efforts to spread false information in churches, businesses and other organizations where our voters are actively being converted to the Republican Party.



Mission

- Our mission is to reach out to members of Our Community with the aim of empowering and organizing all of Our Community in the state of New Mexico.
- We have seen a decline in participation by Our Community in recent years.
- We are committed to expanding an actively engaged membership that will have a stronger voice within the Democratic Party and the state by establishing a more inclusive caucus that actively reaches out to all Our Community,

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Membership and Officers



Membership

- Fuerzas Unidas has Voting and Non-Voting members.
- Voting members are Democrats who identify themselves as Nuevo Mexicano, Latina, Latino, Latinx, Chicana, Chicano, Chicanx, Hispanic, Puertorriqueño/a, Afro-Caribbean, South American, Central American, Mexican American, Indo-Hispano, and other Hispanic ethnic identities within New Mexico (aka and further referred to as Our Community).
- We currently have 76 voting and non-voting members from all three Congressional Districts of the state.



We value our members in rural areas, their strengths and their needs. Nuevo Mexicanos from every region of New Mexico deserve to be heard and to be active in the Democratic Party.

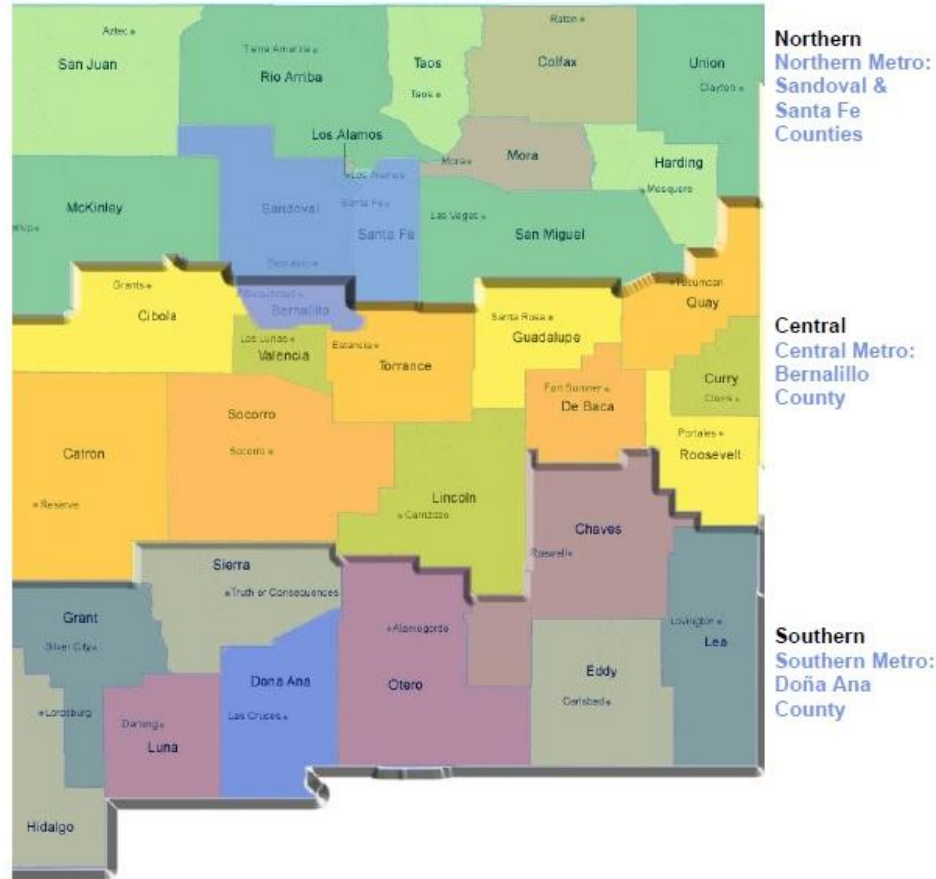
That's why we will have rural representatives for all areas of the state.

One idea is to identify three sections of the state and to have rural members in those regions elect their own rural representatives to our Executive Council.

Regional Representatives

Northern
Central
Southern

Fuerzas Unidas Regions



Interim Officers



Our Interim Officers were elected by the same caucus members who wrote the mission statement and bylaws. Once our caucus is approved by the State Central Committee and we have a few months to begin developing our operational policies, we will hold an election for officers. Any voting member can be nominated or nominate themselves to any office in the caucus. We anticipate this election will be held in the spring of 2022, if all goes along the estimated timeline.



Interim Officers

Interim Chair: Diane Torres-Velásquez

Interim Rural Vice Chair: Tirzio “TJ” López

Interim Metro Vice Chair: Marsella Duarte

Interim Treasurer: Vicky Estrada-Bustillo

Interim Secretary: Michelle Mares

Mission Statement



We work for the well-being and dignity of all people who identify themselves as Nuevo Mexicano, Hispanic, Latina, Latino, Latinx, Chicana, Chicano, Chicanx, Mexican American, Puertorriqueño, , Puertorriqueña, Afro-Caribbean, South American, Central American, whether voters or not, documented or not, incarcerated or not, individuals with and without disabilities, and regardless of gender conformity, sexual identity, or sexual orientation.



Mission Statement

We work with communities, and we strive to empower communities to support and elect candidates who address their concerns.

As a caucus we will operate in an ethical and moral fashion for the good of all people and our lands.



Key Issues in New Mexico: Our Regions Decide their Goals

- Voting rights
- Voter registration
- Access to healthcare
- Access to food
- Education
- Broadband
- Employment
- Industry Consequences
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Other

Can we count on your
vote for the Fuerzas
Unidas Caucus?





The public comment period for Fall 2021 SCC Voting began on Tuesday, October 26th at 9AM and will continue until Monday, November 8th at 11:59PM. (See Team DPNM newsletter sent Oct 26th at 11:17 AM)

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS.](#)

Fall 2021 SCC Voting will take place via absentee balloting from Tuesday, November 16th at 9AM to Tuesday, November 23rd at 5PM. You should expect to receive your ballot by email by 9AM on the 16th.



If you have any questions or concerns about the SCC voting process, please contact sccvoting@nmdemocrats.org



If you are unsure of your Voter PIN, please contact sccvoting@nmdemocrats.org so a member of the DPNM staff can confirm your Voter PIN with you before the voting begins on November 16th.



Questions?

Write us at fuerzasunidasnm@gmail.com

Fuerzas Unidas Information Session on
<https://youtu.be/TNwaliROPSI>



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