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TOMORROW: Federal and Statewide Candidates to File with Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver

SANTA FE – Major party candidates for United States Senator, United States Representative and for all statewide offices must file a declaration of candidacy with the Office of the New Mexico Secretary of State tomorrow, February 6, 2018. As those candidates file, [a searchable list will be updated on the Secretary of State's website in near-real time](#).

“My staff and I are ready to help all candidates navigate each step of the electoral process and to comply with all campaign laws,” said Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver. “With just over four months until the Primary Election, I encourage all New Mexicans to get registered and to vote in this election.”

A declaration of candidacy is required in order to appear on the 2018 Primary Election ballot in New Mexico. Candidates must also turn in nominating petitions containing the required number of valid signatures from registered New Mexico voters. The specific requirements for nominating petition signatures can be found in [the 2018 Candidate Information Guide](#) under “Major Party Petition Signature Requirements.” Candidates or members of the public who wish to view petitions submitted to the Secretary of State may submit a [Petition Request form](#) and receive the requested petitions in PDF format. The petitions will be available starting on February 7, 2018.

Candidates for statewide office are also required to submit a [2018 Financial Disclosure Statement](#) (Section 10-16A-3(A) NMSA 1978), which will be posted to the Secretary of State's website in a searchable format. Candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives are not required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the New Mexico Secretary of State.

After federal and statewide candidates file and are qualified by the Secretary of State, they still must be nominated at their respective party's pre-primary convention. If a candidate fails to receive their party's nomination, they still have an opportunity to submit additional nominating petitions to the Secretary of State in order to appear on the primary ballot.

Major party candidates for the following offices must file with the Office of the New Mexico Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 6, 2018:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor

- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- State Treasurer
- Attorney General
- Commissioner of Public Lands
- Judge for the Court of Appeals

As of January 29, 2018, the date of the Governor's Primary Election Proclamation, the three major parties in New Mexico are the Democratic Party, Libertarian Party and Republican Party.

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. On that day, minor party 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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