

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### **First Day of Early Voting sees Exceptionally High Voter Turnout in Santa Fe County**

“Voting was steady and enthusiastic at the Clerk’s office”, says Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark in response to much stronger-than-expected turnout on the first day of Early Voting. With over 500 voters showing up to vote, Clark explained this was “more than double what we expected. We’re hoping we continue to see high turnout.”

Clark said she hopes this excitement “will continue into the following weeks as Election Day approaches. Voters should make a plan to vote and vote early if possible.”

Voting is open at the downtown 100 Catron Clerk’s office location during business hours, 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday and one Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10am to 6pm.

Voting will expand to several more locations throughout the county beginning Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. These locations will be open from 10:00am-6:00pm on Saturdays, and 12:00pm-8:00pm Tuesdays-Fridays. The last day of Early Voting is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Voters can visit <http://SantaFe.vote/pollinglocations> to view all Voting Convenience Centers for Early Voting and Election Day.

In addition to in-person enthusiasm, nearly 10,000 voters have already requested absentee ballots. Because of the influx of election mail, Clark explained, “voters who wish to vote absentee should [apply for their ballot](#) now and allow 7 days each way for it to travel in the mail. They should return their ballots to a drop box, especially closer to the election, to ensure our office receives them by Election Day. If you have not requested your absentee ballot, do it now.”

Voters can sign up track their absentee ballots via SMS [here](#), and check [http://SantaFe.vote/drop\\_boxes](http://SantaFe.vote/drop_boxes) to view all ballot drop box locations. These drop boxes are open 24 hours a day until the polls close at 7:00pm on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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