

**NOTICE OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING  
NOTICE OF LOCATION FOR SECURED CONTAINERS**

**WHEREAS**, State statute requires an Absentee Voting Precinct be designated for the purpose of the registered voters within Valencia County to cast their vote by mail beginning 28 days prior to the election and mailed ballots must be requested no later than the Thursday immediately prior to the date of the election (Section 1-6-5F, NMSA; 1978); and

**WHEREAS**, State Statute requires that absentee ballots shall be mailed and returned in the official mailing envelope; and may be returned by mail using the United States Postal Service, or may be returned using a commercial delivery service, or may be returned in person to the office of the County Clerk, alternate voting location, election day location or may be returned by depositing the official mailing envelope in a secured container made available by the county clerk.

**WHEREAS**, secured containers that are made available to return an absentee ballot in the official mailing envelope will be located at the Belen Community Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen, New Mexico and the Bosque Farms Public Library, 1455 W. Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms, New Mexico and the Valencia County Administration Offices, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico. Secured containers will be available beginning 28 days prior to the election from 8AM to 5PM Monday thru Friday, the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election, and Election Day, November 8, 2022 from 7AM to 7PM.

**WHEREAS**, State Statute allows the County Clerk to establish an alternate voting location near the clerk's office, ballots may be marked in person at the location during the regular business hours and days of business beginning in 28 days prior to the election from 8AM to 5PM Monday thru Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election (Section 1-6-5.7, NMSA; 1978); and

**WHEREAS**, State Statute also requires an Early Voting Precinct for the purpose of the registered voters within Valencia County to cast their vote on a voting machine at an alternate location, established by the County Clerk, commencing on the third Saturday prior to a statewide election and ending on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election (Section 1-6-5.7B, NMSA; 1978); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk and Bureau of Elections is now undertaking to perform that statutory duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk has designated that the Absentee Voting Precinct be located at the Valencia County Administration Offices, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico. The hours for Absentee Voting will be 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday,

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk has designated three alternate voting locations for the sole purpose of Early Voting be located at the Belen Community Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen, New Mexico, in a designated area for the purpose of the public in which to cast their vote in absolute privacy; and Bosque Farms Public Library, 1455 W. Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms, New Mexico, in a designated area for the purpose of the public in which to cast their vote in absolute privacy; Valencia County Administration Offices, 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, New Mexico, in a designated area for the purpose of the public in which to cast their vote in absolute privacy. The hours for Early Voting will be Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

**WHEREAS**, during a statewide election, a qualified elector may register to vote or update an existing certificate of registration at the office of the County Clerk or an alternate voting location immediately before voting (Section 1-4-5.7C, NMSA; 1978), and at a Voting Convenience Center during Election Day (Section 1-4-5.7D, NMSA; 1978).

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