

2021 Scorecard Director's Message



Welcome to CVNM's 2021 Legislative

Scorecard! The Conservation Scorecard is our primary tool to hold legislators accountable for the votes they cast. Please use this Scorecard as a tool to push your legislators

to continue to reflect your values in their votes. We know that when legislators vote with their constituents' conservation values, New Mexico communities win.

The 2021 legislative session marked a moment in our state history unlike any other: New Mexico was in the grip of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that showed no signs of waning. In the weeks leading up to the start of the session, we faced an unprecedented lobbying obstacle: the state's decision to have a primarily virtual session and close the state capitol to the public.

This was all new terrain to navigate. How would all-virtual committee meetings operate? What tools would we use to engage with the public and the legislature? What kinds of public engagement would still be permitted? In the absence of a physical public presence, would the legislature hear from their constituents? It was clear the broader advocacy and political community needed to be more creative to develop platforms for engagement.

What resulted was a full transformation of the public's access to the legislature. Testimony was provided remotely and virtually, and written public comment was permitted by email for the first time. Some committees also piloted bilingual committee presentations on key bills, addressing long-standing language barriers experienced by communities.

These steps addressed some significant barriers to public participation in the legislature: the vast distance most communities statewide have between their home and the state capital, and the lack of opportunities to directly influence the political process for the many that can't take the significant time and resources needed to travel to Santa Fe. As a result, we witnessed a substantial increase in the number of rural community members participating in hearings, sharing their stories with decision-makers, and tracking the political process. This is a huge win for public participation, and one we hope will continue regardless of the format of the session in future years.

The massive uptick in public engagement, along with the fierce tenacity and persistence of advocates pushing for community-centered policy, resulted in the largest number of pro-conservation bills in our organization's history getting signed into law. We got 11 new laws on the books that will protect our public lands and wildlife, support low-income and rural communities tapping into the renewable energy economy, and modernize some of our state's environmental regulation and governance. These are historic wins that developed in a uniquely challenging legislative session.

We hope you'll enjoy reading more about the key policies that moved this past year, and the obstacles we've overcome together to get them across the finish line.

Thank you for being a Conservation Voter,

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Dedication: Community Solar

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed Senate Bill 84 (Community Solar) into law on April 5, 2021, giving all New Mexicans equitable access to sustainable and clean energy for the first time in New Mexico state history.

Community Solar culminated a long effort, with a version of it first introduced in 2005. In 2016, CVNM Education Fund's former program Juntos: Our Air Our Water, based in Albuguerque, formed a core of local promotores who partnered with Representative Patricia Roybal Caballero to sponsor community solar. That bill and another in 2019, although they failed, advanced community solar's prospects. A 2020 attempt also failed, but one of the co-sponsors, Senator Liz Stefanics, passed a memorial (SM 63) to create a study group to resolve some of the key issues in the Community Solar debate. This process led to the 2021 legislation (SB 84).

The story of community solar is a great example of a proactive framework that places community at the center of policy work. The Community Solar Act was a result of many years of consensus building in partnership with a diverse group of stakeholders. Spanish-language access during committee hearings was vital for legislators to hear from voices not usually present at the Roundhouse. This was truly a collaborative effort that could not have happened without the support from community partners, Conservation Voters around the state, legislative champions, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.

CVNM dedicates our 2021 Conservation Scorecard to the many activists, partners, allies, decision-makers and families who advocated for years to pass community solar into law.

About the Scorecard

Conservation Voters New Mexico's 2021 Conservation Scorecard provides objective, nonpartisan information about the conservation voting records of all members during the 55th Legislature of the State of New Mexico. Scorecards are a clear and comprehensive way for you to see how you are being represented on issues that matter to you.

Vote Selection

Each vote was selected solely on the basis of the conservation values embodied in the legislation. Responsibility for the final set of selected votes rests entirely with Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM).

Thousands of votes are taken during a legislative session in New Mexico. Many of these votes represent overwhelming agreement on non-controversial issues or amendments. To provide better insight into the various positions of our legislators, CVNM tends to select measures that illustrate the key debates over conservation policy in the state.

CVNM selected the most critical votes on each issue. In some cases, a vote on an amendment to a bill or a procedural

motion was more important than voting on the bill itself. In others, a procedural motion is the only public indication of a legislator's position on a measure. In all cases, the actual vote included in the *Scorecard* is detailed in the vote description. Some votes, such as those taken on a motion to "table" a bill, are not made public on the Legislature's website. These votes are recorded and shared here as a demonstration of where legislators stand on critical issues.

We encourage you to read the descriptions of each vote to determine how well your legislators represented you on the issues and bills that are most important to you.

CVNM Priority Votes

Let's face it: not all votes are equal. Some votes are more critical than others, either because of the issues at stake or the personal courage required of legislators who take the pro-conservation position. Here, we represent the most critical measures by classifying them as "priority" bills. The priority bills are in orange in the bill description and the data tables. The value of these votes is doubled in the *Scorecard*.

Know the Score, Take Action

It's never too late to say 'thanks!'—or 'no thanks'...

Tell your legislators that you know the score.

One of the best ways to influence the voting records of your elected officials is to **communicate regularly with them.** If your legislators scored well, it's important to thank them and to support them. If you feel you weren't well-represented by your legislator's votes, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes. The *Scorecard* is your key to staying informed on your legislators votes and getting in touch with them.

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit www.scorecard.cvnm.org and click on the "Take Action" tab.

Communicate with the Governor and your Legislators

Whether you're congratulating your legislators on their score or expressing your disappointment, **be direct, courteous and polite.** The most important part of your communication is letting them know that you are paying close attention to how

they vote or, in the case of the Governor, what actions she takes on legislation that affects our air, land and water.

Calling your legislator directly and **sending letters** through regular mail remain by far the most effective ways to communicate with your legislators.

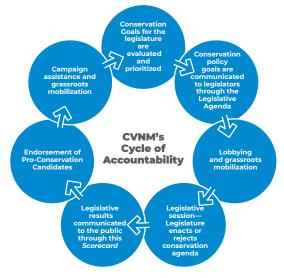
The Governor and Lieutenant Governor can always be contacted at the State Capitol. Except during the legislative session, state legislators should be contacted in their home districts, as listed on pages 22 and 23.

Join Conservation Voters New Mexico today!

We take on tough fights to protect New Mexico and these efforts in the State Capitol and around the state require financial resources. We can only win with your support. Please join other New Mexicans in becoming a Conservation Voter today! Membership is easy: just submit the enclosed envelope with your contribution or join online at www.CVNM.org and click "Donate."

CVNM's Cycle of Accountability

CVNM's work to report to you about how your legislators voted on key conservation policy during each legislative session is part of our strategic approach to building power for the environment and ensuring New Mexicans' air, land and water is protected. We call this approach the "Cycle of Accountability."



Issue Spotlight: Why Good Legislation Dies

Most people in New Mexico, even those who know very little about how legislation is made in the state, know that we have a "citizen legislature." In fact, New Mexico is the only state that does not pay its legislators, although they do get a per diem to cover the costs of being in Santa Fe during the session.

The idea of a non-professional legislature is attractive to many, but every year brings calls for something to be done to make the legislative process more effective at addressing both short-term needs and long-term planning. Suggested solutions include: paying legislators so candidates who better represent the diversity of the state are encouraged to run; providing legislators with permanent staff to help them with bill drafting and analysis; extending the legislative session so there is less incentive to stall bills without allowing meaningful votes; and allowing needed vetting of complex legislation.

The results of recent elections and the legislative sessions that followed them should make us step back a bit and think more deeply about how and why the legislature can be dysfunctional. The legislative long (60-day) sessions that followed each of these elections made it clear that legislative outcomes depend on the people who wind up at the Roundhouse to do the people's business. Who New Mexicans elect matters.

During the anti-conservation administration of Governor Susana Martinez, there was little point in promoting pro-conservation legislation that, even if it managed to get through the legislature, would be vetoed by the Governor. The emphasis for eight years was on blocking legislation that would harm our air, land, water, wildlife and communities. We were effective at that task, but we and our allies knew there was critical work that also needed to be advanced on climate and public lands.

The elections that followed yielded dedicated pro-conservation champions, pushing out legislators too beholden to oil and gas and other interests or too mired in an outmoded way

of doing business that couldn't accommodate the urgent needs the state faces. Replacing them were candidates representing New Mexico's diverse communities who have a strong will to get things done.

The flood of pro-conservation and other visionary legislation in the 2019 and 2021 long sessions was the result of a dynamic shift in the legislature and the knowledge that Governor Lujan Grisham would be supportive. And yet, many new legislators expressed frustration with committee processes, entrenched committee leadership, and the short session length, all of which led to many bills dying before getting a real hearing and meaningful vote. Steady electoral gains have helped, but there are still bottlenecks in the system.

Time, of course, is the big enemy. Thirty-day sessions that are limited to budget-related bills and whatever else the Governor wants to propose might be workable, but wide-open 60-day sessions are simply too short. Pro-conservation legislation alone in the 2021 session amounted to more than 100 bills. We could only reasonably support half of them. In order to pass, bills generally need to get through at least two committees in each chamber, plus floor votes in those chambers; if there are substantial amendments, then reconciliation comes into play before a final vote can take place.

Committee discussion is regularly used by anti-conservation legislators to substantially slow the process down. For example, a legislator will do a slow walk through a bill, asking endless questions about a word or phrase or line, then moving on to the next one. When they're finally finished, an anti-conservation ally will start in again, often focused on the same minutiae as before. If a bill gets to the House or Senate floor, the same process takes place.

This session made another issue painfully clear. Committee chairs wield tremendous influence—either intentionally or inadvertently—in killing bills. Committees such as Judiciary and Finance are frequently the second referred committees for many bills, meaning that as bills wind their way through the committee process, they tend to pile up on the dockets of committees they're referred to second. With potential hours of debate and discussion on each bill, chairs can struggle to move through the backlog.

This has renewed talk of having a professional legislature or enacting other reforms that can, at the very least, ensure that bills get a fair and reasonably quick hearing. New Mexico has big needs – not least of which is ensuring a rapid and just transition to a renewable energy economy and the economic diversification that can adequately replace the state's long over-reliance on the boom-and-bust revenues from oil and gas extraction. With these critical challenges in front of us, we cannot do business as usual at the legislature.

Elected Spotlight: **New Voices**

The 2018 elections drastically shifted the political landscape with the election of Governor Lujan Grisham and a stronger majority pro-conservation House. The Governor made it clear from her first day in office that she wanted to create a climate-focused administration by signing a critical Executive Order on Climate. The legislature responded rapidly with pro-conservation legislation, a welcome change following eight years of an anti-conservation Governor whose veto power had made it pointless to attempt to pass proactive climate and conservation legislation.

New legislation included the groundbreaking Energy Transition Act, which started the state down the path toward a renewable energy economy with a nation-leading carbonfree energy standard, and processes and funding put in place to ensure the Four Corners region's transition away from a coal-based economy would be equitable. There were also bills banning coyote killing contests and creating the Outdoor Recreation Division, including its first-of-a-kind Outdoor Equity Fund to increase access to the outdoors for historically underserved youth, especially youth of color.

The *Scorecard* for 2019 showed that female legislators outperformed their male counterparts on conservation votes by 15%, with an average conservation score of 78% compared to 63% for male legislators.

The 2021 session followed an election that broadened and deepened the diversity that had been developing since the 2016 and 2018 elections. The legislature is looking a lot more like New Mexico now. A pro-conservation majority also emerged in the Senate to match the House. An energized legislature driven primarily by new members produced an unprecedented amount of pro-conservation legislation. We identified 106 environmental bills and ultimately designated 47 of them as Support bills on our legislative agenda. Our Priority bills included the Environmental Database Act, the "Gila Bill", and the Community Solar Act.

While there are many legislators we could highlight—a sign of how deep the pro-conservation bench is now—we would like to highlight four new legislators who exemplify a hopeful future for progressive legislation in New Mexico.

■ Senator Carrie Hamblen sponsored several pieces of legislation to expand rural broadband access, two of which—SB 93 and SB 204—passed and were signed by the Governor. They will not only improve educational and entrepreneurial opportunities, but also make virtual participation in the legislative process more effective and accessible. During the session, we mobilized voters in Carrie's district to thank her for stepping up in committee and calling on the chair to provide equitable access for frontline community voices waiting online to make public comment.



- Senator Siah Correa Hemphill co-sponsored HB 200 (the Gila bill). This was a contentious piece of legislation impacting Siah's district, and she stood behind the community-driven effort to redirect funding under the New Mexico Central Arizona Project (NMCAP) to regional sustainable water projects and replace the CAP with the Water Trust Board as fund administrator. After the bill was passed and signed, the Interstate Stream Commission officially defunded the NMCAP and withdrew from the entity working on a diversion project, and the CAP Entity executive director resigned, opening space for a much better community-driven approach to water management in the region.
- Senator Brenda McKenna co-sponsored SB 32, known as Roxy's Law or the Wildlife Conservation and Public Safety Act, culminating a decades-long effort to ban traps, snares, and poisons on public lands except under certain limited circumstances (passed and signed).
- Representative Kristina Ortez sponsored four bills on our agenda. These included HB 15 to extend and expand the sustainable building tax credit and add incentives involving LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building (passed & signed); HB 30 to change New Mexico law on water leases to require public notice and allow protests before a lease is approved (died in House Judiciary); HB 206 preventing utility services from being disconnected for customers impacted by Covid-19 and creating a bill relief program and various programs aimed at improving conditions for primarily low-income energy customers (passed the House and died in Senate Finance); HB 265 to expand the management purpose of the Natural Lands Protection Act and expand the list of possible priority determinations for projects (passed its House committees but was taken off the House calendar).

The message for us and for those looking at improving the legislature is clear. The legislature may need reform, but the new entering class—many of whom are women as well as a notable group of LGBTQ+ legislators, the first Black Senator in the legislature (Harold Pope, Jr.), and increasing tribal nation representation—are helping create a bold new path for New Mexico.

Quick Hits Highlights from the 2021 Session

Impact of oil and gas revenues on legislative process

State appropriators are always concerned about whether or not the level of oil and gas development activity will generate enough state revenue to keep critical agencies functioning properly. This issue is compounded by the fact that New Mexico under-collects revenues from this industry—which tends to do well only during times of new drilling and growth—and by the shocks to state revenues when the industry experiences a decline, which has happened several times just in the past decade. Industry messaging has been designed to reinforce this anxiety in legislators, focusing extensively on the revenue that severance tax payments bring to state coffers as a method of building leverage to push back against regulatory efforts. The state has begun to take proactive measures to diversify revenue sources, such as tax reforms in 2019 that will see high earners taxed more equitably. The New Mexico State Land Office has also been a leader in the conversation to develop and promote new revenue sources for New Mexico.

Legislating in uncertainty

The 2021 session brought tremendous uncertainty around ways the legislature could function in a pandemic. What would virtual committee meetings be like? How could advocates successfully lobby in an all-virtual session? What would public participation look and be like? With so much in flux, it didn't seem practical to try to pass a breakthrough bill like 2019's Energy Transition Act, so we prioritized a legislative agenda that centered on an array of smaller but still transformative bills. Ultimately, 11 pro-conservation bills passed, and all were signed by the Governor, including three of our Priority bills. This was historic, representing the largest number of pro-conservation bills to pass in a single legislative session. Two of the 11 enacted into law, Community Solar and Roxy's Law, represented years of advocacy effort aided in this session by strong coalition work.

Community voices in a virtual session

The Covid-19 pandemic forced everyone to confront the task of carrying out a virtual legislative process. A big question was how the public would be able to participate in an effective way. Despite some stumbles and failures at the outset, making public comment in a virtual legislature became, suddenly, much more democratic. Low-income and frontline community members across the state did not have to drive to Santa Fe and just hope that the committee they wanted to attend wasn't postponed or too full to accommodate them. Simultaneous Spanish-English translation during committee Zoom calls allowed new voices to be heard. Many legislators said they would push to continue virtual access to committee meetings even after in-person legislation returns.



Climate Solutions

The Climate Solutions Act (HB 9) required a statewide framework to address climate change and establish a sustainable economy. It directed state agencies to adopt rules to achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050 while ensuring inclusion in workforce development and procurement—a just transition. The lack of support for setting an ambitious—but necessary—goal for eliminating GHG emissions by 2050 looked like it had killed the bill. However, legislative sponsors, especially then-Rep. Melanie Stansbury and Rep. Angelica Rubio, pivoted. With strong support from Power4NM's community-based organizations, they shifted to a new focus on the just transition aspect of HB 9 and sponsored the Workforce & Economic Prosperity Act (HB 297). This received committee support in the House, but with better prospects in the Senate, they rolled the House bill into Senator Mimi Stewart's SB 112, the Sustainable Economy Task Force. That bill easily passed and was signed by the Governor. This was a victory for frontline communities because the bill put into statute the requirement to fully engage them in a just transition from oil and gas to a sustainable renewable energy economy.

Coalition work

Even though some of our hard-fought priority bills didn't make it through, the partner work carried out in coalition with our legislative champions and the communities most impacted by policy has built a strong advocacy base. Working together, we will continue to push to get critical climate and pro-conservation legislation enacted in the coming years. Community-based allies also sparked new conversations in committees, and centered social justice in the policy discussion. Native American Voting Alliance (NAVA) Education Project was a critical ally, as were other groups in the Power4NM coalition, including OLÉ (Organizers in the Land of Enchantment), NM CAFé (Communidades en Accion y de Fé) and Somos Un Pueblo Unido.

2021 Conservation Bill Descriptions

This is a subset of bills scored this session. Priority bills are orange. For complete data, visit www.scorecard.cvnm.org

HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit

(Lujan/Martínez/Ortez/Serrato)
HB 15 extends and expands the sustainable building tax credit and adds incentives involving LEED.
The existing tax credit is applied to construction begun prior to 2021 and completed by the end of 2021.
HB 15 passed the House 48–22 and the Senate 29–6. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2021.

HB 26: Exclude Greenfields from Certain Taxes

(G. A. Romero)

HB 26 excluded development on undeveloped lands, like forest land, from the Tax Increment for Development Act and the establishment of related Tax Increment Development Districts (TIDD). HB 26 was tabled and died in the House Local Government, Land Grants & Cultural Affairs Committee.

HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes

(Louis)

HB 50 enabled private parties to file civil lawsuits for violations of environmental statutes. **HB 50** passed out of committee but died on the House calendar.

HB 51: Environmental Database Act

(Chasey/Louis; Stewart)
HB 51 creates a centralized,
map-based, searchable website
to provide various geographic
data, information on public
health, wildlife status, and other
interrelated environmental and
energy industry data in order
to enhance transparency and
interagency cooperation. HB 51
passed the House 44–25 and the
Senate 29–12. The bill was signed
by the Governor on April 7, 2021.

HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Compliance

(Chandler/Serrato)
HB 76 allows the Environmental Improvement Board to revoke permits for projects if companies refuse to disclose information, misrepresent material facts, have prior court convictions, operate without a permit, or have a previous revocation. HB 76 passed the House 42–26 and the Senate 23–15. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2021.

HB 200: Water Trust Board Projects & NM Unit Fund

(McQueen/Small; Hemphill/ Stewart)

HB 200 prevents NM Unit Fund monies from being used on any diversion of the Gila River and redirects funding to meet water supply demands in the southwest water planning region of New Mexico. HB 200 passed the House 43–24 and the Senate 26–15. **The bill was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2021.**

HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act

(Ferrary/Ortez/A. Romero/Rubio/ Stansbury)

HB 206 prevented utility services from being disconnected for customers impacted by Covid-19, created a bill relief program, and funds for low-income household energy efficiency efforts. HB 206 passed the House 39–31, but died in the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection

(Ortez)

HB 265 offered technical fixes to the Natural Lands Protection Act and Natural Heritage Conservation Act to allow state agencies to directly acquire and manage lands, and conservation and restoration-focused nonprofits to apply directly for restoration and conservation funding. HB 265 passed the House 40–29, but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 299: Improvement Special Assessment Act

(Small)

HB 299 authorized special assessment programs to be authorized to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, resiliency, and other implements. It would have also provided more financial tools for homeworkers to make households more energy efficient. HB 299 passed the House 42–26, but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations

(Chandler/Small; Lopez/Wirth) SB 8 allows state agencies and local boards to adopt rules that ensure a maximum ozone concentration of 95 percent of the national ambient air quality standard for ozone. It also allows the state to adopt rules that are stronger than current federal standards. SB 8 passed the Senate 23–15 and the House 39–29. **The bill was signed by the Governor on April 8, 2021.**

SB 11: Clean Fuel Standard Act

(Small; Stewart)

SB 11 established a state clean fuel standard, and set specific reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions. SB 11 passed the Senate 25–14, but died on the House calendar.

SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act

(Chandler/McQueen; Gonzales/ McKenna)

SB 32 bans the use of non-essential traps, snares and wildlife poisons on public lands in New Mexico. SB 32 passed the Senate 23–16 and the House 35–34. **The bill was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2021.**

SB 84: Community Solar Act

(Roybal Caballero; Lopez/ Stefanics)

SB 84 increases access to renewable energy resources by creating a subscriber-based community solar program. SB 84 passed the Senate 27–14 and the House 44–3. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2021.

SB 86: Use of Water for Oil & Gas Operations

(Sedillo Lopez/Stefanics) SB 86 would have made it illegal for oil and gas operators to spill produced water, wastewater produced in oil extraction. SB 86 passed the Senate Conservation Committee but died on the calendar of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 103: Restricting Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticide

(Stewart)

SB 103 would have reduced the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, which are toxic to pollinating insects like bees, by banning the use of it in certain crop production. SB 103 passed out of committee but failed in the Senate 18–20.

SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force

(Stewart)

SB 112 establishes a task force that will develop a strategic plan and identify ways to develop a sustainable economy with diversified revenues, especially for communities dependent on natural resource extraction. SB 112 passed the Senate 25–16 and the House 40–25. It was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2021.

SB 419: Narrow Landowner Animal Takings

(Steinborn/Stewart)
SB 419 would have narrowed
the conditions for landowners
taking or killing animals on
private lands causing livestock or
crop depredation, and requires
state agencies to offer additional
interventions. SB 419 passed the
Senate Conservation Committee,
but died in the Senate Finance
Committee.



Reading the Votes

If a legislator voted in support of the pro-conservation position, his or her vote is recorded on the chart as a \checkmark ; votes against the conservation position are indicated with an X.

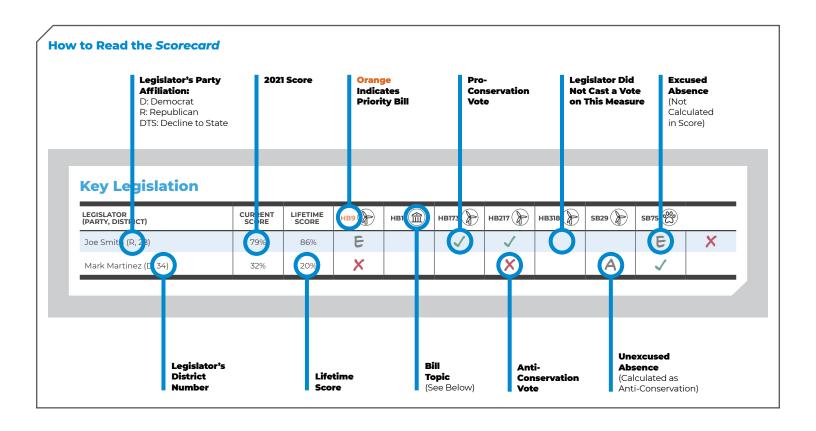
If a legislator was excused from voting, this is noted by an **E**, and the vote does not count positively or negatively towards their final score. If a legislator was not excused from voting but missed the vote, they are recorded as 'absent', shown as **A**. An absence counts against a legislator in the calculation of their score because they can be excused. Wherever possible, the votes included in the *Scorecard* were taken on the floor of the House or Senate, where every legislator's position can be represented. However, some of the most important actions are taken in legislative committees on measures that never reach the floor. In these cases, CVNM has presented the relevant committee votes. If no vote is displayed, that means the legislator did not cast a vote on the bill. This occurs because a legislator may not sit on the committee that debated and voted on a bill.

If the sponsor of a measure does not serve on a committee for which a vote is being scored, their sponsorship is considered representative of their position, and is recorded with a \checkmark or X, as appropriate.

Regional Data

To better help Conservation Voters identify how their legislators' votes impact their community, we have grouped legislators into six regions in New Mexico.

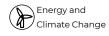
For each region, we have highlighted how the legislators that represent that region voted on CVNM's priority legislation and bills that specifically or disproportionately impact that region. In addition, we have highlighted certain legislators whose strong performance stands out and the legislator with the lowest score for reach region. In order to display regional data in this *Scorecard*, we chose to highlight a subset of data on bills and votes in the print version of the *Scorecard*. For complete data, visit www.scorecard.cvnm.org.

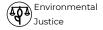


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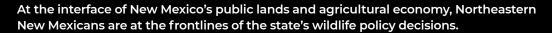








Northeast



Senate

Serving Districts 7, 8

Key Legislation

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50 🛂	HB 51	нв 76 🟦	нв 265	SB 32	SB 103	SB 419
Pete Campos (D, 8)	80%	78%		✓	✓		×	✓	X
Pat Woods (R, 7)	0%	18%		X	X		X	X	×





House

Serving Districts 63, 64, 67

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50	HB 51	нв 76 🟦	HB 265	SB 32 000	SB 103	SB 419 000
Jack Chatfield (R, 67)	0%	6%		×	×	×	×		
Randal S. Crowder (R, 64)	0%	17%		×	×	×	×		
Martin R. Zamora (R, 63)	0%	3%		X	X	X	X		

Northwest

Senate

Serving districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 30

BEST

Shannon Pinto

Party: **Democrat**

District: 3

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		✓
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	₹ Ø ₽	
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	✓
SB 86: Use of Water for Oil & Gas Operations	\bigcirc	
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	404	✓

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Joshua Sanchez

Party: Republican

District: 30

Current Score: **0%** Lifetime Score: **0%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		X
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		×
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	₹ Ø ₽	E
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	×
SB 86: Use of Water for Oil & Gas Operations	(
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	40	×

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB 51	нв 76 🟦	нв 206	нв 265	SB 8	SB 86 🚫	SB 112 404
George Muñoz (D, 4)	53%	50%	✓	Α			×		✓
Steven P. Neville (R, 2)	11%	35%	×	×			×	×	×
Shannon Pinto (D, 3)	100%	100%	✓	✓			✓		✓
Joshua A. Sanchez (R, 30)	0%	0%	×	×	E		×		×
William P. Sharer (R, 1)	15%	17%	×	×			×		×
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D, 22)	79%	78%	✓	Α	✓		✓		✓

Northwest New Mexico is home to two of the largest coal power plants in the Southwest U.S., one of the largest natural gas patches, and widespread abandoned uranium mine waste, making this an area where energy policy in particular tends to loom large.



House

Serving districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 65, 69

BEST

Eliseo Lee Alcon

Party: **Democrat**

District: 6

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **85%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		>
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		>
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	403	✓
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	✓
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	✓
SB 86: Use of Water for Oil & Gas Operations	(
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	40	>

WORST

Rod Montoya

Party: Republican

District: 1

Current Score: **0%** Lifetime Score: **7%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		X
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		×
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	40	X
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	&	×
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	×
SB 86: Use of Water for Oil & Gas Operations	(
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	₹ Ø ₽	×

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB 51	нв 76 🛍	нв 206	HB 265	SB 8	SB 86 🚫	SB 112
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D, 6)	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Anthony Allison (D, 4)	86%	78%	✓	✓	×	✓	✓		✓
Harry Garcia (D, 69)	71%	83%	✓	✓	×	×	×		✓
D. Wonda Johnson (D, 5)	93%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
T. Ryan Lane (R, 3)	0%	0%	×	×	×	×	×		×
Derrick J. Lente (D, 65)	86%	89%	✓	✓	✓	×	✓		✓
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D, 9)	60%	64%	✓	✓	×	×	✓		E
Rod Montoya (R, 1)	0%	7%	×	×	×	×	×		×
James R.J. Strickler (R, 2)	0%	12%	×	×	×	×	×		×



Santa Fe Area

Senate

Serving districts 5, 6, 24, 25, 39



Nancy Rodriguez

Party: **Democrat** District: **24**

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **89%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit	>	✓
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 299: Improvement Special Assessment Act	>	
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	%	✓
SB 84: Community Solar Act	>	✓
SB 103: Restricting Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticide	8	✓
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	403	✓



LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 15	HB 51 (🟦	HB 299	SB 32 000	SB 84	SB 103	SB 112 (40)
Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D, 6)	94%	79%	✓	✓		✓	✓	Α	✓
Leo Jaramillo (D, 5)	93%	93%	✓	✓		×	✓	✓	✓
Nancy Rodriguez (D, 24)	100%	89%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (D, 39)	94%	95%	✓	✓		✓	✓	E	✓
Peter Wirth (D, 25)	100%	99%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



Home to a high concentration of progressive climate focused voters, Santa Fe decision-makers tend to reflect this by prioritizing clean air, clean water and a proactive approach towards dealing with climate change.



House

Serving districts 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 70

BEST

Andrea A. Romero

Party: **Democrat** District: **46**

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit	№	✓
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 299: Improvement Special Assessment Act	№	✓
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	%	✓
SB 84: Community Solar Act	>	✓
SB 103: Restricting Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticide	8	
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	₹Ø ₽	✓

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Ambrose Castellano

Party: **Democrat**

District: 70

Current Score: **58%** Lifetime Score: **58%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit	>	✓
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 299: Improvement Special Assessment Act	>	X
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	8	X
SB 84: Community Solar Act	>	✓
SB 103: Restricting Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticide	**	
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	404	Е

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 15	HB 51	нв 299	SB 32	SB 84	SB 103	SB 112 404
Ambrose Castellano (D, 70)	58%	58%	✓	✓	×	×	✓		E
Christine Chandler (D, 43)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E
Brian F. Egolf (D, 47)	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Susan K. Herrera (D, 41)	93%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Tara L. Lujan (D, 48)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Matthew McQueen (D, 50)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Roger E. Montoya (D, 40)	85%	85%	✓	E	✓	×	✓		✓
Kristina Ortez (D, 42)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Andrea A. Romero (D, 46)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Linda Serrato (D, 45)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓



Southwest

Senate

Serving districts 28, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38

BEST

Carrie Hamblen

Party: **Democrat** District: **38**

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	404	
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 200: Water Trust Board Projects & NM Unit Fund		✓
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	***	✓
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	₹ Ø ₽	✓
SB 419: Narrow Landowner Animal Takings	8	✓

WORST

Crystal R. Diamond

Party: **Republican**

District: 35

Current Score: **7%** Lifetime Score: **7%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	404	
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		X
HB 200: Water Trust Board Projects & NM Unit Fund		X
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	&	
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	8	X
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	404	×
SB 419: Narrow Landowner Animal Takings	8	X

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50 🐠	HB 51	HB 200	HB 265	SB 32	SB 112 403	SB 419
Joseph Cervantes (D, 31)	81%	84%		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Crystal R. Diamond (R, 35)	7%	7%		×	×		×	×	×
Carrie Hamblen (D, 38)	100%	100%		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Siah Correa Hemphill (D, 28)	100%	100%		✓	✓		E	✓	✓
William P. Soules (D, 37)	89%	93%		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Jeff Steinborn (D, 36)	100%	99%		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓





House

Serving districts 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 49, 52, 53

BEST

Angelica Rubio

Party: **Democrat** District: **35**

Current Score: **100%** Lifetime Score: **100%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	404	
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		✓
HB 200: Water Trust Board Projects & NM Unit Fund	\bigcirc	✓
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	&	✓
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	**	✓
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	₹ Ø ₽	✓
SB 419: Narrow Landowner Animal Takings	~	

WORST

Rebecca Dow

Party: **Republican**

District: 38

Current Score: **0%** Lifetime Score: **28%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	463	
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		×
HB 200: Water Trust Board Projects & NM Unit Fund		×
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	×
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	&	×
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	403	X
SB 419: Narrow Landowner Animal Takings	8	

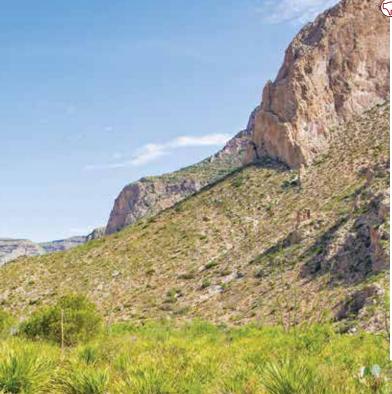
LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50 🐠	HB 51	HB 200	нв 265	SB 32	SB 112 404	SB 419
Gail Armstrong (R, 49)	0%	28%		×	×	×	×	×	
Micaela Lara Cadena (D, 33)	100%	93%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rebecca Dow (R, 38)	0%	28%		×	×	×	×	×	
Joanne Ferrary (D, 37)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D, 52)	100%	86%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Raymundo Lara (D, 34)	86%	83%		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	
Willie D. Madrid (D, 53)	50%	62%		✓	✓	×	×	×	
Angelica Rubio (D, 35)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nathan P. Small (D, 36)	100%	99%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Candie Sweetser (D, 32)	50%	60%		✓	×	×	×	✓	
Luis M. Terrazas (R, 39)	0%	0%		X	X	X	X	X	



Southeast



Serving Districts 27, 32, 33, 34, 41, 42



WORST

Cliff R. Pirtle

Party: **Republican**District: **32**

Current Score: **0**% Lifetime Score: 27%

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	₹ 6 3	
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		×
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		×
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	3	
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	×
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	8	×
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	₹\$\$	×

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50	HB 51 (🕋	нв 76 🟦	HB 265	SB 8	SB 32 (%)	SB 112 40 4
William F. Burt (R, 33)	20%	29%		✓	×		×	×	×
David M. Gallegos (R, 41)	11%	14%		×	×		×	×	×
Ron Griggs (R, 34)	21%	32%		✓	×		×	×	×
Stuart Ingle (R, 27)	0%	23%		×	×		×	×	×
Gay G. Kernan (R, 42)	7%	32%		×	×		×	×	×
Cliff R. Pirtle (R, 32)	0%	27%		×	X		X	×	×



Eddy and Lea counties are home to the Permian Basin, one of the most productive oil fields on the planet. Common sense policy that holds the oil and gas industry accountable is particularly important here.



House

Serving districts 51, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 66



James G. Townsend

Party: Republican

District: 54

Current Score: 0% Lifetime Score: 8%

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 50: Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes	404	X
HB 51: Environmental Database Act		×
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		X
HB 265: Natural Resources & Lands Protection	&	×
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	X
SB 32: Wildlife Conservation & Public Safety Act	%	X
SB 112: Sustainable Economy Task Force	404	X

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 50 🐠	HB 51	нв 76 🛍	HB 265	SB 8	SB 32	SB 112 404
Phelps Anderson (DTS, 66)	46%	24%		×	×	✓	×	×	E
Rachel A. Black (R, 51)	0%	0%		×	×	×	×	×	×
Cathrynn N. Brown (R, 55)	0%	15%		×	×	×	X	×	X
Zachary J. Cook (R, 56)	0%	16%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Candy Spence Ezzell (R, 58)	0%	16%		×	×	×	×	×	X
Greg Nibert (R, 59)	7%	11%	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
Randall T. Pettigrew (R, 61)	0%	0%		×	×	×	×	×	X
Larry R. Scott (R, 62)	0%	10%	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
James G. Townsend (R, 54)	0%	8%	×	X	×	×	X	×	×



Albuquerque/Central

Senate

Serving Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 29, 40

BEST

Linda M. Lopez

Party: **Democrat**

District: 11

Current Score: 100% Lifetime Score: 86%

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit		✓
HB 26: Exclude Greenfields from Certain Taxes	3	
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		✓
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	₹Ø ₽	
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	(✓
SB 11: Clean Fuel Standard Act		✓
SB 84: Community Solar Act	>	✓

WORST

Gregory A. Baca

Party: Republican

District: 29

Current Score: **0%** Lifetime Score: **26%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit	>	×
HB 26: Exclude Greenfields from Certain Taxes	3	
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		X
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	₹ Ø ₽	
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	(2)	×
SB 11: Clean Fuel Standard Act	>	×
SB 84: Community Solar Act	>	X



LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	нв 15	нв 26	нв 76 🟦	нв 206	SB 8	SB 11	SB 84
Gregory A. Baca (R, 29)	0%	26%	×		×		×	×	×
Craig W. Brandt (R, 40)	0%	27%	Α		×	×	×	×	×
Jacob R. Candelaria (D, 26)	64%	78%	A		✓		✓	✓	✓
Katy M. Duhigg (D, 10)	86%	86%	✓		A		A	✓	✓
Martin Hickey (D, 20)	93%	93%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (D, 15)	82%	86%	E		A		✓	✓	✓
Linda M. Lopez (D, 11)	100%	86%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Brenda G. McKenna (D, 9)	100%	100%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Mark Moores (R, 21)	7%	27%	×		×		×	×	×
Bill B. O'Neill (D, 13)	79%	94%	Α		✓		✓	A	✓
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D, 12)	100%	94%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Michael Padilla (D, 14)	100%	88%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harold Pope (D, 23)	95%	95%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Gregg Schmedes (R, 19)	12%	24%	×		×		×	×	×
Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (D, 16)	91%	96%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Mimi Stewart (D, 17)	100%	98%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Bill Tallman (D, 18)	100%	97%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Albuquerque/Central

House

Serving Districts 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,



Daymon Ely

Party: **Democrat**

District: 23

Current Score: 100% Lifetime Score: 98%

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit	>	✓
HB 26: Exclude Greenfields from Certain Taxes	&	
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		✓
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	₹ Ø ₽	✓
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations	9	✓
SB 11: Clean Fuel Standard Act	>	
SB 84: Community Solar Act		✓

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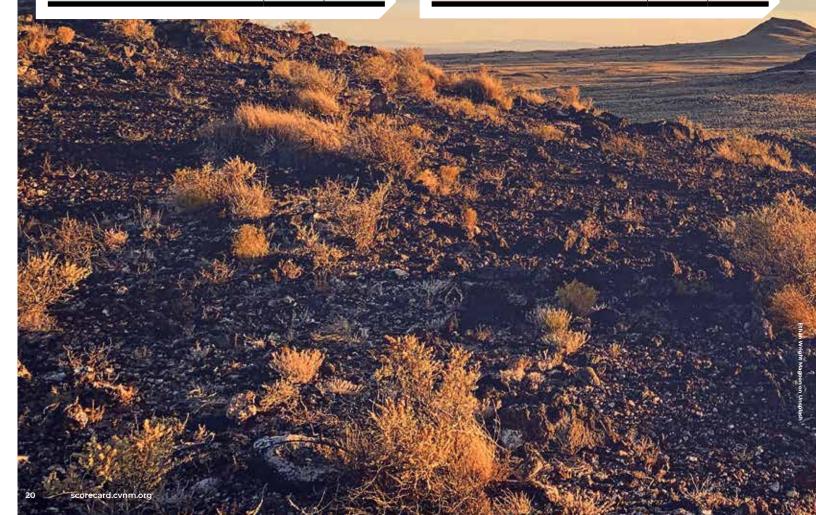
Alonzo Baldonado

Party: Republican

District: 8

Current Score: **0%** Lifetime Score: **16%**

BILL	CATEGORY	VOTE
HB 15: Sustainable Building Tax Credit		×
HB 26: Exclude Greenfields from Certain Taxes	&	
HB 76: EIB Permit Denial for Poor Performance		X
HB 206: Utility Affordability & Relief Act	40 3	×
SB 8: Local Government Air Quality Regulations		X
SB 11: Clean Fuel Standard Act	>	
SB 84: Community Solar Act		X



31, 44, 57, 60, 68

LEGISLATOR (PARTY, DISTRICT)	CURRENT SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB 15	нв 26	нв 76 🛍	нв 206	SB 8	SB 11	SB 84
Deborah A. Armstrong (D, 17)	100%	95%	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Alonzo Baldonado (R, 8)	0%	16%	×		×	×	×		X
Brittany Barreras (D, 12)	93%	93%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Karen C. Bash (D, 68)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Gail Chasey (D, 18)	100%	96%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Meredith A. Dixon (D, 20)	94%	94%	1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daymon Ely (D, 23)	100%	98%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Kelly K. Fajardo (R, 7)	14%	26%	1	×	×	×	×		Α
Natalie Figueroa (D, 30)	100%	100%	1		✓	✓	1		✓
Miguel P. Garcia (D, 14)	100%	96%	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Joy Garratt (D, 29)	100%	97%	1		✓	✓	✓		E
Jason C. Harper (R, 57)	8%	21%	1		×	×	×		X
Joshua Hernandez (R, 60)	8%	8%	1		×	×	×		Α
Dayan Hochman-Vigil (D, 15)	100%	94%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Stefani Lord (R, 22)	0%	0%	X		×	×	×		Α
Georgene Louis (D, 26)	100%	98%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Antonio "Moe" Maestas (D, 16)	86%	87%	1		×	✓	Α		✓
Javier Martínez (D, 11)	100%	99%	1		✓	✓	E		✓
Marian Matthews (D, 27)	100%	100%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R, 44)	0%	16%	×		×	×	×		Α
William "Bill" R. Rehm (R, 31)	0%	26%	X		×	×	×		Α
G. Andrés Romero (D, 10)	100%	97%	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D, 13)	100%	96%	1		✓	✓	✓		✓
Debra M. Sariñana (D, 21)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Melanie A. Stansbury (D, 28)	100%	98%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D, 19)	92%	79%	✓		E	✓	✓		✓
Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson (D, 24)	100%	99%	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Christine Trujillo (D, 25)	100%	95%	1		1	1	1		1

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