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2018 General Election Results Official

Los Alamos, New Mexico — The Los Alamos County (LAC) Clerk’s Office completed the required canvass process to certify and finalize the results of the November 6th General Election. The Canvass Committee met at 2:00 p.m. today in Room 330 of the LAC Municipal Building. The committee consisted of Ms. Robyn Schultz, Mr. Jeff (Scott) Brown, and Ms. Cathy Walters. Also, in attendance were County Clerk - Naomi Maestas, Elections Manager - Gloria Maestas, Chief Deputy Clerk – Adrianna Ortiz, Senior Deputy Clerk - Francella Montoya, and Deputy Clerk – Victoria Martinez.

During the canvass process, the committee reviewed and verified the accuracy of the election results from the early and absentee locations, as well as the election day vote centers. Today’s canvassing of the early and election day results passed with a perfect match between the machine tapes and the results posted on Tuesday evening. The canvassing of absentee results included the 87 ballots the absentee precinct board hand tallied on election night, along with the hand tally totals from 10 provisional ballots. As a result of their review, the committee issued a certificate of canvass, which will be sent to the New Mexico Secretary of State and kept on file in the Clerk’s Office. *“The Los Alamos County Clerk’s Office does such an excellent job, it is a pleasure to serve on the committee,” said Committee Member Robyn Schultz.*

The final count of ballots cast in the election totaled 10,340, representing a turnout of 73% among the 14,191 eligible Los Alamos County registered voters. This was a 15 percent increase from the last mid-term General Election in 2014. Of the total 10,340 votes; 6,562 were cast during early voting, 705 were cast by mail, 3,063 were cast on election day, with an addition of 10 qualified provisional ballots. Clerk Maestas stated, *“Democracy is alive and well in Los Alamos County. We had one of the highest, if not the highest voter turnout percentages in the state for this mid-term election. This goes without saying Los Alamos Votes, which is something we should all be very proud of! Thank you to all those who chose to exercise their right to vote and make their voice heard this election cycle.”*

Clerk Maestas would like to thank all the candidates for their dedication and commitment through this election process. As well, the partners of the office promoting voter registration and the election itself; The Los Alamos League of Women Voters, LAHS and iVOTE members, UNM-LA, BESC, Sombrillo Nursing Home, Aspen Ridge, and The Farmer’s Market. She would like to extend a special “Thank You” to all the Election Poll Workers, who spent nearly 440 hours, from October 9th through the late hours on election day serving voters in a friendly, professional, and efficient manner. She would also like to extend her appreciation to the employees of Los Alamos County for their fervent assistance this election, along with her sincere gratitude for the hard work of her dedicated staff: Elections Manager - Gloria Maestas, Chief Deputy Clerk – Adrianna Ortiz, Senior Deputy Clerk - Francella Montoya, Deputy Clerk – Victoria Martinez, and Office Specialist - Jordan Duran.

The County Council is set to review the canvass results at their next scheduled meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, November 13th. The certificate of canvass and official election results will be made available on the County Clerk webpage: www.losalamosnm.us/clerk once they are accepted.

Clerk Maestas would like to remind everyone that voter registration opens on Tuesday, November 13th. Any registrations that were received during the recent book closure, October 10th through November 9th, will begin to be processed, and these registrants will receive a voter information card in the mail. Those residents who are not registered or have moved, can complete a voter registration form in the County Clerk's Office at 1000 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 240. Voter registration services and forms are also available at the Motor Vehicle Department or online to eligible New Mexico citizens through the NM Secretary of State website: NMVote.org.

For more information, please visit the Clerk's website at www.losalamosnm.us/clerk or contact the office at 505-662-8010 or by email at clerks@lacnm.us.



Canvass Committee Members pictured L to R: Ms. Cathy Walters; Ms. Robyn Schultz; and Mr. Jeff Brown

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