2022 New Mexico Voter Address Confirmation Mailer

- Since 1993, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) has required each State to maintain an accurate and current voter registration list using a process that is uniform, nondiscriminatory and in compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- The NVRA gives States latitude in how they go about maintaining an accurate and current voter registration list.
- Between every Primary Election in June and General Election in November, New Mexico state law requires the Secretary of State to send notice to all voters who have been identified as having possibly moved without updating their voter registration. (NMSA 1978, 1-4-28)
- To comply with the NVRA and NM state law, the Secretary of State's office has sent a voter address confirmation postcard this week to 153,808 New Mexico voters who have been identified as having possibly moved without updating their voter registration.
- The 153,808 New Mexicans are receiving a voter address confirmation postcard if:
 - 1. The county clerk sent official election mail to the voter that was returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS); or,
 - 2. The USPS National Change of Address database indicates a different current address for the voter than where they last registered to vote.
- If a New Mexican receives a voter address confirmation postcard, there are three simple ways to remain a registered voter:
 - 1. Complete the postcard and return it to the county clerk;
 - 2. Visit NMVote.org to update your voter registration online; or,
 - 3. Vote in <u>any</u> election through the 2024 General Election.

Voter Address Confirmation Postcard FAQ

Why did I receive this postcard?

You received this postcard because official election mail has been returned as undeliverable by the post office based on the address you provided in your voter registration record. This postcard provides you with an opportunity to update your voter record by filling it out and returning it to your County Clerk.

Why did we send the postcard?

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires every state to maintain a program that ensures the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll. Therefore, we maintain a nondiscriminatory process to identify voters who have potentially moved and not updated their voter registration address.

How was I identified to receive this postcard?

Voters were identified in two ways:

- The county clerk marked your voter record as having received undeliverable mail.
- A positive match was made when comparing the statewide voter file to the U.S.
 Postal Service National Change of Address (NCOA) Database.
- I have received a postcard, but I believe I am already registered. What should I do? If you believe you have received the postcard in error, please verify your voter record online at nmvote.org. If you have further questions about your voter record, you may call your local county clerk; check here for your local county clerk's contact information. You may also contact the Secretary of State's Office at sos.elections@state.nm.us or 505-827-3600.

What happens if I ignore this postcard?

If you ignore this postcard, you will be eligible for removal from the voter rolls if you do not update your address or vote in any election through the 2024 General Election.

Am I still eligible to vote in the general election this fall?

Yes. You are registered to vote at the address listed on the postcard and may still vote in the general election even if you do not return the postcard.

• Why are you sending the postcard to voters before the general election?

New Mexico State law requires that the postcards be sent to voters between every primary election in June and general election in November. This provides an opportunity to ensure accurate rolls while also ensuring no one is mistakenly removed from the rolls that is eligible to vote.

Where can I cancel my voter registration from New Mexico?

You can cancel your voter registration by filling out the form on this page, https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/voter-cancellation-request-form/, and mailing it to your county clerk.

When is the last day to register to vote in the 2022 General Election?

The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 11, 2022. However, New Mexico does have a provision for same-day registration (where a voter can register or update their registration and vote in the same transaction), at select in-person early voting and election

day locations. Check with your county clerk for the location(s), dates, and hours of operation.

- What laws can I look up to learn more about this process?
 National Voter Registration Act of 1993
 Subsection C of Section 1-4-28 NMSA 1978

 - 1.10.35.9 NMAC Voter Records System