From Precinct to DNC – NM Democratic Party Elections

It all starts here. Elections in 2016 and 2018 have shown the difference the Democratic Party structure can make. Fresh energy and progressive efforts have reformed the way we will choose our next Presidential candidate. New Mexico has a whole new generation of smart and eager leadership. And the 2018 election brought a huge turnout and a chance to bring Democratic values to bear on New Mexico's future.

Starting in March we will choose our leadership for the next two years – at both the local and national levels – starting with ward and precinct elections on March 23, 2019.

How does it happen?

This chart shows how our system of selecting leadership works. Each level is important and has a different role to play in our overall success. Each step attempts to build responsiveness to grassroots Democratic voters.

Party structure Result in the community Ward and precinct elections - March 23 Ward and precinct officers: **GROUND ZERO** Open to all registered Democrats in the ward ✓ Get to know people in their area Must be present to vote but officers can be Build local activity and gather grassroots nominated and elected in absentia information on policy needs ✓ Elect ward and precinct officers Build turnout for all elections **Elect** County Central Committee members Act as ambassadors for Democratic values in Elect representatives to standing committees their neighborhoods Propose and vote on resolutions from voters County officers **County Central Committee Members** ✓ Remain neutral in party primary elections ✓ Work to elect Democrats by organizing Meeting - April 6 canvasses and supporting campaigns One meeting per year with occasional one Hold candidates and office holders to the extra values in our platform Can vote by proxy Speak out publicly on local affairs ✓ Elect *County officers* ✓ Lead and support ward chairs Elect State Central Committee members Raise funds to maintain flow of information Approve or reject platform resolutions and visibility State Central Committee Members -State Party officers **April 2**8 Work to elect Democrats by planning election Two meetings per year strategy, recruiting candidates and raising Can vote by proxy funds to help them Elect **State Party officers** Remain neutral in party primary elections Approve or reject platform resolutions Hold candidates and office holders to the Can vote by proxy values in our platform Speak out publicly on state issues Lead and support county chairs State Party Chair and Vice Chair ✓ Vote on National Chair