



March 17, 2021

Dear State Central Committee Member,

I am writing to provide you with the official Call for the State Central Committee (SCC) election to fill a newly created vacancy on the upcoming general election ballot in the position of Representative for New Mexico's 1st Congressional District pursuant to the Secretary of State's election proclamation. This vacancy was created by Representative Deb Haaland's historic confirmation as Secretary of the Interior, and her subsequent resignation from Congress.

As a result of this resignation, under state law¹ it is our duty as the Democratic Party of New Mexico (DPNM), and your duty as a SCC member who resides in New Mexico's 1st Congressional District, to elect a Democratic nominee to run for this seat in Congress. No later than 56 days before the election to fill the vacancy, the Chair of the DPNM must certify to the Secretary of State a nominee chosen by SCC members who reside in the 1st Congressional District.

This SCC election will be held on March 30, 2021 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM and will take place by absentee balloting in order to ensure COVID safety and compliance with our state's public health order, per DPNM Rules permitting SCC votes to be taken by online and phone voting.²

In the event that one or more runoff elections are necessary, they will be held daily from 7:00AM to 7:00PM as necessary, beginning on the day following the initial election.

More details will follow soon. You can also find additional information at the DPNM CD-1 Hub by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

Marg Elliston, Chair, Democratic Party of New Mexico

¹ 1-15-18.1 United States representative; vacancy

² Article I, Rule 5.6 and Article I, Section 7