

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF  
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gadsden Independent School District No. 16 (“Board” and “District,” respectively), in the Counties of Doña Ana and Otero and the State of New Mexico, has determined that a regular school district election (“Election”) be held on February 7, 2017, pursuant to the School Election Law, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 through 1-22-19;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that two (2) positions on the Board are to be filled at the Election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of the candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to such positions; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such positions on the Board shall be required to file declarations of candidacy or declarations to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with the School Election Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF DOÑA ANA AND OTERO AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, there will be held in the Gadsden Independent School District No. 16, Doña Ana and Otero Counties, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified, registered electors of the District the name of the candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board.

Section 2. At the Election, the following positions on the Board shall be determined by the registered qualified electors of the District:

Position 2: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017.

Position 5: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017.

Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 2 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 2. Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 5 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 5.

Section 3. A declaration of candidacy for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall be filed with the Doña Ana County Clerk, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 2016, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to § 1-22-7.

Section 4. In making a declaration of candidacy, each candidate for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in § 1-22-8.

Section 5. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall file with the Doña Ana County Clerk, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2017, being the thirty-fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the date of the Election, pursuant to § 1-22-18(C).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if on the day of the Election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk, the Otero County Clerk, or any voter registration agent, in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the Election should register prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, being the twenty-eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) day immediately preceding the Election, during regular business hours and days of business, at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk at the Doña Ana County Government Center, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the office of the Otero County Clerk at the Otero County Courthouse, in Alamogordo, New Mexico, or by any voter registration agent at a designated agency, as provided in NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 and 1-4-49.

Section 7. The polls for the Election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 8. The Voting Districts for the Election shall be as follows:

<u>Voting District</u>	<u>Election Precinct</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
2	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 14 and the northern portion of 13	Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM
	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 15	La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM
5	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precincts 75 and 76; portions of Doña Ana Precincts 6 and 74; Otero Precinct 1, and portions of 35 within the District	Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Dr. Chaparral, NM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-6(B), in the event that only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at the Election, no declared write-ins have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, the Doña Ana County Clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by paper ballot as provided in § 1-22-10(G).

Absentee voting will be as described in Section 10 herein.

Section 9. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by a voting system defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). At least one voting system shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

Section 10. Pursuant to the Absent Voter Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 through 1-6-18, the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 through 1-6-23, and 1-22-19, qualified, registered electors may also vote absentee at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk during regular hours and days of business, from 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2017, being the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Pursuant to the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6B-1 through 1-6B-17, a federal qualified voter or overseas voter may vote absentee as provided in that law. Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot, pursuant to §§ 1-6-8, 1-6-9, and 1-22-19, or by the procedures authorized by the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2016.

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President, Board of Education

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Attest:

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Secretary, Board of Education