

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Launches #KidsVote Initiative at Early Voting Locations



Clerk Clark assists small group of Future Voters in casting their ballots into the tabulator.

The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is excited to announce the launch of the #KidsVote initiative, a fun and educational opportunity for children to learn about voting with a hands-on voting experience. Available at select early voting locations, #KidsVote allows young future voters to accompany their parents or guardians to the polls and cast their own mock ballot with non-political questions such as their favorite ice cream flavor, day of the week, and more.

The initiative will be available at both the **Santa Fe County Clerk's Office** and the **Nancy Rodriguez Community Center** during the early voting period. By engaging children in this hands-on, interactive experience, the Clerk's Office hopes to inspire a lifelong interest in voting and civic engagement.

"Voting is the foundation of our democracy, and it's important to start teaching the next generation about its significance early on," said Clerk Clark. "The #KidsVote initiative makes it fun for children to participate while learning about the democratic process in a way that is accessible and enjoyable."

Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children to participate in #KidsVote while casting their own ballots. Each child will receive a special prize and a **#FutureVoter sticker** to commemorate their participation.

The initiative is part of the County Clerk's broader effort to make voting more inclusive and engaging for all members of the community. It complements other ongoing campaigns such as **Paws at the Polls**, which partners with local animal shelters to host adoption events at polling sites.

#### **#KidsVote Locations and Dates:**

- **Santa Fe County Clerk's Office:** Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm, and one Sat only, Nov 2, 10am - 6pm
- **Nancy Rodriguez Community Center:** Saturdays, 10am - 6pm, Tues - Fri, 11am - 7pm

For more information about #KidsVote or other election-related initiatives, please contact Mitchell Cox, Voter Outreach Coordinator at 505-992-9858 or [mcox@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:mcox@santafecountynm.gov)