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SOS Toulouse Oliver Qualifies Major Party Candidates for Districted & County Offices

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver has qualified major party candidates for state districted and county elected offices to appear on the 2018 Primary Election ballot.

“Candidates who submitted the required paperwork on time last week can now focus on their campaigns,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “I wish these candidates the best of luck and encourage them to reach out to my office if they have any questions about how to comply with New Mexico’s campaign laws.”

Last week, major party candidates for state districted offices filed declarations of candidacy with the Secretary of State’s Office, while candidates for county elected offices or districted offices that are wholly within one county filed with their County Clerk. Candidates for state districted offices were also required to submit nominating petition pages containing signatures of New Mexico voters.

The Secretary of State’s office conducted a review of the documents submitted by candidates before qualifying them to appear on the Primary Election ballot, and will send a letter to candidates who successfully filed informing them that they have been qualified. All thirty-three County Clerks will send qualification letters to candidates who successfully filed with their offices.

On February 6, major party candidates for United States Senator, United States Representative and all statewide elected offices filed declarations of candidacy with the Secretary of State’s Office. You can view a list of all candidates who filed in February and March [on the Secretary of State’s website](#).

On June 28, 2018, minor party candidates will be certified by their party leadership to the Secretary of State or their county clerk, depending on the proper filing officer for each office. On that day, minor party and independent candidates will also be required to submit declarations of candidacy and nominating petition signatures. The nominating petition signatures must total:

- For minor party candidates, not less than one percent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the state at the last preceding general election in their respective district.

- For Independent candidates, not less than three percent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the state at the last preceding general election in their respective district.

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