SOS Toulouse Oliver & State Canvassing Board Certify 2018 Primary Election Results
State Canvassing Board Orders Two Automatic Recounts

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and the State Canvassing Board met today at the State Capitol Building to certify the official results of the 2018 Primary Election. In addition to certifying the statewide results today, the State Canvassing Board ordered an automatic recount for the Republican Primary contest in Public Regulation District 5 and for the Democratic Primary contest in State House District 27.

"New Mexico's voters should have a high level of confidence in these official results because our canvassing process is extremely thorough," said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. "At the same time, our automatic recount system ensures that candidates in a close election can be confident of the election outcome, as well as the voters in their district. The checks and balances that are built into our election laws put New Mexico ahead of the curve."

Today, the State Canvassing Board certified the results from the 2018 Primary Election for each contest for statewide office and for districted offices that span more than one county, with the exception of the Republican Primary contest for Public Regulation District 5 as it requires an automatic recount. Secretary Toulouse Oliver's fellow State Canvassing Board Member Supreme Court Chief Justice Judith Nakamura was in attendance at today's meeting. Governor Susana Martinez, the third member of the State Canvassing Board, was unable to attend. Every County Canvassing Board in the state convened prior to today's meeting to certify the unofficial Primary Election results for legislative districts wholly within a single county and county offices.

Under state law, elections for districted offices other than United States Representative, including the Public Regulation Commission and all legislative offices, must be automatically recounted if the margin between the top two vote-getters in the race is less than one percent.

The Public Regulation Commission District 5 requires an automatic recount because candidates Ben L. Hall and Chris P. Mathys remained within one percent of each other's total votes received following the canvass of the statewide results. Unofficial results as of the start of today's State Canvassing Board meeting showed Hall receiving 5,513 votes, or 36.05% of the total, and Mathys receiving 5,486 or 35.87% of the total. Another contest that requires an automatic recount is the Democratic Primary contest for State House District 27, where candidates William B. Pratt and Nicholas Harvey Martin are still within one percent of each other as of the start today's canvassing meeting. Unofficial election results showed Pratt

receiving 1,181 votes, or 50.38% of the total, and Martin receiving 1,163 votes, or 49.62% of the total.

The State Canvassing Board will reconvene on Thursday, July 5, to certify the results of the PRC District 5 recount. The automatic recount for PRC District 5 will begin on Thursday, June 28, and will be conducted by the eleven County Clerks whose counties contain at least some portion of the district: Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Sierra Socorro, Torrance and Valencia. The automatic recount for House District 27 will begin on Wednesday, June 27 and will be conducted by the Bernalillo County Clerk. The Bernalillo County Canvassing Board will then be responsible for certifying the results of this recount.

Secretary Toulouse Oliver has set up a web page for each of the two automatic recounts, each of which will be updated in near-real time as the involved counties complete their portion of the recount. You can follow the progress of the automatic recount in PRC District 5 here. You can follow the progress of the automatic recount in House District 27 here. The official, certified results for all other contests is available here.

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