

POWER
PATRIOTS
OF
NEW MEXICO



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WHAT IS A POWER PATRIOT OF NEW MEXICO?

A POWER PATRIOT is an everyday citizen committed to advancing limited-government by engaging in their community and working to hold public officials accountable for their actions. The POWER PATRIOT program is sponsored by [New Mexico Business Coalition](#), a strong advocate for a better New Mexico representing businesses, employees and community members.

This program is designed to encourage and honor those who are willing to participate by actively supporting and defending the principles of:

Liberty

Limited Government

Fiscal Responsibility

Free Market Economy

POWER PATRIOTS are people who roll up their sleeves and sacrifice their needs to serve others and who are willing to shine a light of truth on government activities. They engage in the political process, supporting public policy and officials who are focused on doing what's best for New Mexicans and opposing those who focus on special interests, party or personal agendas.

The POWER PATRIOT'S initiative is open to anyone volunteering their time according to the above principles and ideals. To incentivize and reward this work, a point system has been devised which allows participants to earn Power Points for approved activities such as, but not limited to: attending a government hearing/meeting, having an editorial letter published, or canvassing/phone banking for a candidate, who subscribes to these principles.

In order to become a POWER PATRIOT, you must complete an application. Once approved, you will receive details on how to report your volunteer activity for POWER POINTS. As this is a new program offered to New Mexicans, every individual who has been accepted into the program will be recognized at the New Mexico Business Coalition's Annual Heroes Banquet held in November, and the top three winners will receive rewards provided by New Mexico Business Coalition.

“Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look.” - President Ronald Reagan

WHAT DOES A POWER PATRIOT DO?

- Actively communicate with elected officials to hold them accountable.
- Attend and participate in community events and government meetings.
- Keep friends and family informed and engaged.
- Take action to support or oppose public policy according to POWER PATRIOT principles.
- And more!

WHAT DOES A POWER PATRIOT RECEIVE?

- **The Patriot Papers:** The official handbook 'Power Patriots of New Mexico'.
- Personal support from the [New Mexico Business Coalition](#) team.
- Invitations to regular strategy calls and other events with the [New Mexico Business Coalition](#) team.
- Networking and support with other POWER PATRIOTS.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Changing Policy:

- Attending and speaking at government meetings in order to advocate for policy changes; government meetings include: city councils, county commissioner courts, school board, water boards, municipal utility districts, HOA's, Etc.
- Communicating with elected officials to hold them accountable.

Activism:

- Candidate advocacy (for candidates who subscribes to the defined principles and can include, but is not limited to: block walking, phone calling, letter writing.)
- Organizing an event for a candidate who subscribes to the defined principles.
- Organizing or participating in a petition drive.
- Getting published by a credible media source.

HOW TO SUCCEED

This is a volunteer reward program. That is, Power Points are not offered for any work that is being compensated.

The intent of the POWER PATRIOT rewards program is to incentivize further citizen activism across the Land of Enchantment and show our appreciation for those willing to stand and fight for a better New Mexico.

As you engage in the political process, you will learn more about it as well as about those who promote principles that will improve New Mexico and the quality of life for all New Mexicans. You will become a powerful agent of change as you recruit others to join this mission.

EARNING PATRIOT POINTS

Patriot Points are used to measure how actively you are fighting for freedom and liberty in your community! Is your torch of freedom burning bright? Here are the ways you can crank up the intensity and earn points with the Power Patriots. Points are earned by actively participating in an organization or supporting elected officials who follow these four ideals: **Liberty Minded, Limited Government, Fiscally Responsible and Free Market ideals.**

Questions about points? Contact the Power Patriot Manager!

Earn 25 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- *Having a political sign in your yard;*
- *Having a political bumper sticker on your car.*

Earn 50 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- *Contact an elected official concerning an issue via phone or email.*

Earn 100 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- *For each hour of phone banking;*
- *For each hour of canvassing;*
- *For each hour of working as a poll worker during an election;*
- *For each hour of registering citizens to vote;*
- *For each hour while attending a county party meeting or state or county convention;*
- *For each hour of attending any event that supports Liberty Minded, Limited Government, Fiscally Responsible and/or Free Market ideals;*
- *For each hour as attending a local government meeting; (Additional 200 points for speaking at this meeting;)*
- *Contact an elected official though mail via USPS.*

Earn 200 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- ***Recruiting a new Powerful Patriot.***

Earn 250 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- ***Become a Board Member for an organization that follows our guidelines, (examples: NMBC, FRW's, ATP, a county/ state party.)***

Earn 300 Points (examples – not all inclusive list)

- ***Sponsoring a Meet & Greet for a candidate in your home***
- ***Writing an editorial piece which is published by a public media source;***
- ***Attending a legislative meeting;***
(Additional 200 points for speaking at this meeting.)

ALL PARTICIPATING PATRIOTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE NMBC ANNUAL HEROS EVENT IN NOVEMBER, WITH THE TOP THREE WINNERS RECEIVING AWARDS SPONSORED BY THE NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

POWERFUL PATRIOTS will also be eligible to receive additional prizes and incentives on a biennial and annual basis through drawings administered by *New Mexico Business Coalition*.

Note: Points & Bonus Points Subject to Modification by Administrator

Periodically, bonus points, recognition, and additional New Mexico Business Coalition swag will be distributed to top performing citizen activists. Opportunities to earn these rewards will be explained in email communications with POWER PATRIOTS.

Integrity First: Zero Tolerance Policy

The intent of the POWER PATRIOT'S rewards program is to incentivize citizen volunteer activists and reward them for activities they are already doing and encourage those not currently volunteering to get involved in their community.

Any POWER PATRIOT who is found to be abusing the intent of this program, which is based on honest reporting of volunteer activities that meet the ideals mentioned above, will be removed from the program.

"For evil to flourish, all that is needed is for good people to do nothing."

- Edmund Burke

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE: WORDS TO KNOW

ACT:

A public law enacted by the New Mexico Legislature.

AMENDMENT:

Any proposed alteration to a bill or resolution as it moves through the legislative process.

AUTHOR:

The legislator who files a bill and guides it through the legislative process.

BILL:

A type of legislative measure that requires passage by both chambers of the legislature and action by the governor to become law. A bill originating in the House is an HB, a bill originating in the Senate is an SB.

BILL ANALYSIS:

A document prepared for all bills reported out of committee that explains in non-legal language what a bill will do.

CALENDAR:

A list of bills or resolutions that is scheduled or eligible to be taken up for consideration on a specified date by the members of a chamber.

CHAIR:

A legislator appointed to preside over a legislative committee.

COMMITTEE:

A group of legislators, appointed by the presiding officer of the house or the senate, to which proposed legislation is referred or a specific task is assigned.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The text of a bill or resolution and its required attachments that is prepared when the measure is reported from a committee for further consideration by the members of the chamber.

COMPANION BILL:

A bill filed in one chamber that is identical or very similar to a bill filed in the opposite chamber.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The “speed lane” by which the majority of bills pass each session.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

A committee composed of five members from each house appointed by the respective presiding officers to resolve the differences between the house and senate versions of a measure. Upon reaching an agreement, the conferees issue a report that is then considered for approval by both houses.

DAILY HOUSE CALENDAR:

A list of new bills and resolutions scheduled by the House Committee on Calendars for consideration by the body.

FLOOR:

A traditional term for the meeting chamber of either house.

FLOOR VOTE:

A listing of the individual vote of each member of a committee or the full house or senate on a particular motion or measure.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The lower house of the New Mexico Legislature are elected every two years for two-year terms.

INTERIM:

The period between regular legislative sessions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

This is a team of lawyers and others who assist lawmakers in drafting legislation.

LOBBY:

The act of a person or group of persons (lobbyists) seeking to present their views on an issue to the members of the legislature and its committees and working for the passage or defeat of proposed legislation. Word “lobby” or “Lobbyist” comes from the act of someone waiting in a lobby for members of the legislature.

POINT OF ORDER:

A motion calling attention to a breach of the procedural rules.

PREFILING:

Filing of bills and other proposed legislation prior to the convening of a session of the legislature.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A meeting of a house or senate committee or subcommittee during which public testimony may be heard

and formal action may be taken on any measure or matter before the committee or subcommittee.

RESOLUTION:

A formal expression of opinion or decision. A resolution does not change any law.

SENATE:

The upper house of the New Mexico Legislature, consisting of 42 members elected from districts of roughly equal population, elected every 4 years.

SESSION:

The period during which the legislature meets. There are two types of sessions: 1) The regular session convenes every other year and lasts 60 days. 2) Budget session that occurs every even numbered year and lasts 30 days with the purpose of setting a budget. Other topics must receive a message from the Governor to be heard

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:

The presiding officer of the house of representatives elected from and by the membership of the house at the beginning of each regular session.

TABLING:

A parliamentary maneuver used to kill a bill or amendment to an item of legislation.

HOW TO LOOK UP BILLS ON THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE

The New Mexico Legislative system is an internet application that enables the public to view the status of legislation and provides the ability to search bill text, amendment text, and bill information.

Use the *Bill Finder* window to look up or compare bill numbers during a specific legislative session. You can choose the information you want to initially display for the bill.



1. From the menu bar, choose **Legislation | Bill Finder**. From here you can find the complete list of Bills or search by number, sponsor or keyword.
2. In the *Bill Number* field, enter the bill number you want to look up.
3. From the *Legislature* drop-down list, select the legislative session.
4. From the *Information Type* drop-down list, select the information you want to display when you look up a bill:
 - **History**: Displays the entire history of a bill.
 - **Actions**: Displays the *Bill Actions* screen with a description of the steps that a bill undergoes as it moves through the legislative process.
 - **Amendments**: Displays a list of any amendments associated with the bill.
 - **Authors**: Displays a list of the bill's authors.
 - **Companions**: Displays any companion bills.
 - **Sponsors**: Displays a list of the bill sponsors.

- **Text:** Displays the text screen where you can choose to view the full text of a bill, fiscal note, bill analysis, witness list, and summary of committee actions. Any fiscal impact statements are also displayed.
5. Click **Submit**. Depending on which [Information Type](#) you selected, the corresponding window displays.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR

You should be in constant contact with your legislators about issues you care about. You can find out how to contact your legislators by going to their state members page:

New Mexico House and Senate

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Find_My_Legislator

Tips for testifying in front of a committee hearing:

Before the hearing:

Plan your testimony and if possible, print out approximately 20 copies. Practice your testimony and time yourself. You will only have 2-3 minutes to testify.

At the hearing:

If you want to testify, try to be at the hearing before it starts.

You should start your testimony by addressing the committee chair and committee members and providing some identifying information, along with your position on the bill.

Hearings will almost always have a time limit on testimony, which is typically two minutes, but sometimes only one.

Remember that hearings are public and video recordings of hearings are entered into public record. Please be clear, concise and respectful.

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY DO'S & DON'TS

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY DO'S:

- *Make sure your legislator knows people who are affected by the bill or issue.*
- *Be honest, direct, positive, and brief—be specific and know your facts.*
- *Write out a one-page statement for your legislator or the press to use in getting out the facts on an issue. Provide facts that tell “who, what, where, when, and why.” DO write letters to the editor or submit an article to the opinion column of your newspaper.*
- *Have reasonable priorities; compromise—it’s a long process.*
- *Meet and talk with legislators’ staff—they are there to keep their bosses informed on the issues.*
- *Remember to write your legislator after a visit or action on a piece of legislation.*

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY DON'TS:

- *Don't neglect the fact that there are other issues or problems your legislator is working on.*
- *Don't hesitate to admit it when you don't know all the facts, but indicate you will find out.*
- *Don't press for results on the first visit.*
- *Don't be offended in the event of a cancelled appointment with a legislator—things are unpredictable and hectic during session.*

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