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DEMOCRAT PARTY – GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

SAM BREGMAN

Q: What should New Mexico do to address one of the highest crime rates in the nation?

We need a balanced approach: more law enforcement resources, stronger prosecution of violent offenders, and real accountability. We must address root causes by investing in mental health treatment and addiction services.

Q: What changes do you think the state needs to make on gun regulations?

We should enforce the laws we already have and focus on keeping guns out of the hands of violent criminals. I support targeted, commonsense measures that protect public safety without infringing on responsible gun ownership.

Q: How do you think the state should address Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities?

Public safety requires trust. Local agencies should focus on keeping neighborhoods safe, not acting as federal immigration agents. ICE agents who violate the Fourth Amendment should be held accountable.

DEB HAALAND

Q: What should New Mexico do to address one of the highest crime rates in the nation?

New Mexicans deserve to feel safe. I will make sure law enforcement has the tools and staff needed to address violent crime and drug trafficking, while addressing the root causes of crime.

Q: What changes do you think the state needs to make on gun regulations?

We must pass the Stop Illegal Gun Trade Act to provide oversight on restricted weapons. We have a responsibility to keep guns out of the hands of minors.

Q: How do you think the state should address Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities?

I will work with the Legislature to ban ICE agents from wearing masks on the job and restrict ICE from operating within 500 yards of schools, courthouses, or churches.

DEMOCRAT PARTY – LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

HAROLD POPE

Q: What should New Mexico do to address one of the highest crime rates in the nation?

Take a data-driven approach by investing in mentorship and behavioral health. I support community-based policing and ensuring accountability.

Q: What changes do you think the state needs to make on gun regulations?

I support common-sense gun safety including limits on high-capacity magazines. We must ban online ammunition sales to minors.

Q: How do you think the state should address Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities?

Local resources should not be used for federal immigration enforcement that tears families apart. Our agencies should not cooperate with ICE.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER

Q: What should New Mexico do to address one of the highest crime rates in the nation?

Invest in behavioral health, youth career programs, and poverty reduction. We need programs like Albuquerque Community Safety to address root causes.

Q: What changes do you think the state needs to make on gun regulations?

I supported oversight of gun dealers and high-capacity magazine restrictions. Sensible regulations can be enacted without violating rights.

Q: How do you think the state should address Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities?

New Mexico must protect our communities. I advocated for banning armed federal agents from New Mexico polling sites.

