



Joe Campos Leads the Legislature with Bold Initiatives

The second session of the 49th Legislature has concluded and it was a very important and very busy session. Joe Campos, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, demonstrated leadership and vision introducing a slate of innovative and forward-looking legislation that included:

- Ethics reform designed to end pay-to-play.
- A bill to strengthen equal pay statutes reinforcing the rights of women and other groups subject to discrimination.
- Legislation to amend the state constitution to allow the Taxation and Revenue Department to negotiate tax debt in hardship cases.
- A bill to allow the efficient use of absentee ballots, eliminating waste.
- A bill that promotes privately owned renewable energy generation plants by exempting these plants from regulation as a public utility.
- A bill that provides a funding formula of emergency medical services (**EMS**).
- A bill that qualified the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) for the Public Project Revolving Fund and provide for the sale of bonds to finance RETA.

Joe Campos applied determination and legislative expertise to draft the bills and get these bills introduced. The enactment of these bills stood to benefit a broad range of citizens as well as restore trust in state government.

Campos' bills generated strong support in the House passing in House committees and on the floor of the House. In fact, the equal pay bill and the RETA bill received a unanimous floor vote to pass in the House and the renewable energy generation plant bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. Campos' emergency services funding bill was narrowly defeated on the House floor.

This legislative session was burdened with the challenge of balancing the state budget. Joe Campos worked toward an equitable balance between cutting expenditures and generating new revenue streams. However, the budget shortfall crisis diverted attention from many worthwhile and meritorious legislative initiatives. Joe Campos is disappointed that several of his widely supported bills did not get to a vote in the Senate as time expired in the legislative session. Campos is particularly dismayed at the resistance put forth by special interest groups that sought to delay and defeat the ethics bill he introduced in the House. **During the debate, Campos stood firm and pushed back at the special interests and succeeded in garnering support to pass the ethics bill in the House.** The legislative session ended before the ethics bill could be voted on in the Senate. **However, Joe Campos will continue to advocate for ethics reform, equal pay statutes, tax relief for hardship cases, and providing funding resources for emergency medical services.**

With the conclusion of the session, Joe Campos looks forward to renewing his campaign for Lieutenant Governor where he will continue to meet the people, listen to their concerns and ideas, and earn their support for his campaign to serve as the next Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico. With his distinguished leadership in the past legislative session, voters will have a clear choice for Lieutenant Governor; **a candidate who is experienced, knowledgeable, bold, tested, and who knows how to work within the government for the benefit of the people.**

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