



## Sandoval County Straw Poll Results Campos Surges to Challenge Colon for Lieutenant Governor

The results are in for the Democratic Straw Poll held December 16 by the Democratic Women of Sandoval County and the Democratic Club of Sandoval County and the votes indicate the race for Lieutenant Governor is wide open. As expected by many political observers, Brian Colon, the former Chairman of the Democratic Party in New Mexico, was the winner of the straw poll but the emergence of State Representative Joe Campos as the leading challenger to Colon is reshaping the race for Lieutenant Governor. Campos finished a strong second in voting followed by Rael, Ortiz y Pino, and Lopez. Solano did not participate.

Johnnie Meier, Communications Director to the Campos Campaign, offered this analysis. "I think observers are going to be surprised by Colon's unimpressive numbers. Colon was only able to garner 30% of the vote which indicates that the majority of voters are looking at alternative candidates. Campos' strong second place finish indicates that Joe is well positioned to leap ahead in this race for Lieutenant Governor."

Representative Campos has been campaigning vigorously statewide on a variety of issues including renewable energy, education, economic growth, and ethics reform. Voters have been responding to Campos' message that among the candidates, Campos has the broadest range of experience and the broadest range of accomplishments citing his record as a small business owner, Mayor, County Commissioner, State Representative, and Chair of the Council of State Governments West.

Campos' Political Director Carlos Trujillo states, "We are very pleased with Joe's results in the straw poll and it demonstrates that momentum is building and that Campos is in it to win it. The race is on and Joe is the candidate to watch. As voters become more acquainted with Joe's vision, Joe's accomplishments, and Joe's energy, Joe is going to earn the support and the votes that will elect Joe to the Office of Lieutenant Governor."

Representative Campos had this reaction to the straw poll results, "I am energized by the response to my campaign for Lieutenant Governor. I knew when I entered this campaign that I had a lot of work to do, travelling around the state, meeting voters, listening to their concerns, and introducing myself as an experienced leader with a vision for better government, better services for the citizens, better opportunities, and a better quality of life for all New Mexicans. The straw poll results, along with the response on the campaign trail, affirms that the campaign is getting traction, that my campaign is resonating with voters, and that I can win this campaign. I want to thank the voters who supported me in

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the straw poll and I am honored to be the candidate that represents the people in our common goal for a more prosperous New Mexico."

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