



# Doña Ana County

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Mr. Efren Yturralde  
Superintendent, GISD  
4950 McNutt Road  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

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Re: Voting Convenience Centers.

Dear Mr. Yturralde:

As you may know, the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections is planning on operating 39 Voting Convenience Centers ("VCC") in next year's primary and general elections in place of the 80 some-odd individual and consolidated polling places that have served to date, at great county expense. A VCC is a location serving as a polling place at which any registered voter may vote regardless of the precinct in which the voter is registered. Ballots are printed that coincide with the precinct in which the voter is registered, listing only the names of candidates for whom the voter is entitled to vote.

Because of the greater number of Election Day voters at each location and the larger array of voting equipment required to serve them, VCC's require building locations with large interior spaces, such as cafeterias and gymnasiums. With this in mind, in addition to using certain county-run facilities, the Bureau of Elections proposes to use the GISD facilities listed in the attached chart.

Obviously, use of these types of facilities is impractical if school is in session. Security risks exist for teachers and students when non-school personnel frequent the buildings, voter parking spaces are limited when school staff is present, and simultaneous use of the facilities by voters, poll workers and students is infeasible.

This is not a problem for the June 5, 2012, primary election because school is out at that time. However, if school is in session on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, the county will be unable to operate VCC's as planned.

Accordingly, in preparing the district's calendar for the coming year I would very much appreciate it if GISD would declare Tuesday, November 6, 2012, as a school holiday in order to let this important program proceed.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Lynn J. Ellins  
County Clerk

VOTE CENTERS	
1.	Garfield Elementary School
2.	Hatch High School I
3.	Rincon Community Center
4.	Doña Ana Community Center
5.	Sunrise Elementary School
6.	Oñate High School
7.	Organ Fire Station
8.	Radium Springs Community Center
9.	Desert Hills Elementary School
10.	Camino Real Middle School
11.	Las Cruces Country Club
12.	Fairacres Elementary School
13.	Mayfield High School
14.	East Picacho Elementary School
15.	Jornada Elementary School
16.	Vista Middle School
17.	Sierra Middle School
18.	Lynn Middle School
19.	Las Cruces High School
20.	University Hills Elementary School
21.	Corbett Center
22.	Good Samaritan Social Center
23.	Mesilla Park Recreation Center
24.	Mesilla Elementary School
25.	NM Farm and Ranch Museum
26.	Las Alturas Fire Station
27.	Branigan Library
28.	DAC Government Center
29.	New Covenant Fellowship
30.	Del Cerro Community Center
31.	North Valley Elementary School
32.	Anthony Elementary
33.	Chaparral Middle School
34.	Gadsden High School
35.	La Union Elementary School
36.	Santa Teresa Middle School
37.	Desert View Elementary School
38.	Sonoma Elementary School
39.	Berino Elementary School