



# TRIBAL OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

### STRONG 2020 TRIBAL TURNOUT

Across the nation, we noticed the difference it makes when our tribal communities vote (Fig. 1). In New Mexico our tribal communities voted 75% for Joe Biden. By recognizing the needs of Native Americans we continue working towards equitable solutions for the issues our New Mexico communities face.

### COLLABORATION

DPNM will continue to collaborate year-round with the 23 NM tribes, pueblos, and nations in order to increase knowledge and participation among Native voters. We have established partnerships with the NM Secretary of State Tribal Liaisons, Voting Task Force members, Voting Rights coordinators and the Native American Democratic Caucus of New Mexico.



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Sign up here to become involved in initiatives like these!

Tribes	Voted	Registered	Turnout
Acoma	719	1324	54.31%
Cochiti	312	470	66.38%
Ft. Sill	586	931	62.94%
Isleta	1067	1741	61.29%
Jemez	951	1507	63.11%
Jicarilla	803	1588	50.57%
Laguna	1234	2180	56.61%
Mescalero	619	1247	49.64%
Nambe	238	323	73.68%
Navajo	29020	48057	60.39%
Ohkay Owingeh	620	1024	60.55%
Picuris	67	110	60.91%
San Felipe	766	1356	56.49%
San Ildefonso	278	379	73.35%
Sandia	265	353	75.07%
Santa Ana	285	413	69.01%
Santa Clara	533	811	65.72%
Santo Domingo	761	1390	54.75%
Taos	519	850	61.06%
Tesuque	165	204	80.88%
Zia	370	515	71.84%
Zuni	2673	4769	56.05%

Figure 1: 2020 Tribal Voter Turnout

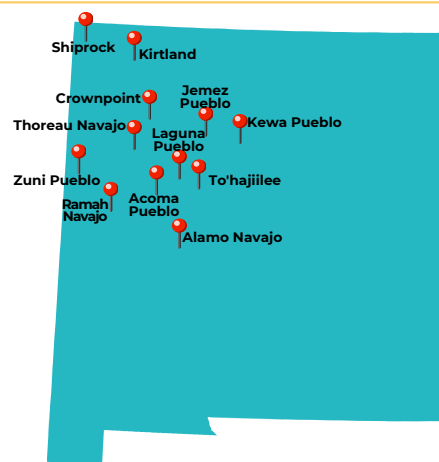
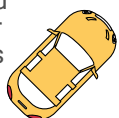


**45 NATIVE FELLOWS**

DPNM hired local Natives to work and inform their communities about voting.

#### TRANSPORTATION

DPNM coordinated ride assistance for tribal communities to the polls.



**5,700 PPE VOTER KITS**

Our tribal communities helped assemble, transport, and distribute these kits which included PPE, voter information, snacks, and other goodies across 17 sites in the state.

DPNM is continuing to build our Native community members and organizers.



**ORGANIZE**

Handwritten notes with voter info were sent to CD-2 individuals without active phones.



**3,000 POSTCARDS**

# 2021 KEY LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

## HB 6 STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE DISTRIBUTIONS

Signed by Gov. Apr. 5

Properly directs millions in federal Impact Aid dollars to schools serving Native American communities and other federally underserved students. Recurring funds will be apportioned from the general fund to ensure all districts continue to receive funds.

## HB 231 NATIVE AMERICAN POLLING PLACE PROTECTION

Signed by Gov. Apr. 6

Guarantees that polling locations on Indian nation, tribal or pueblo lands shall not be eliminated or consolidated with other polling locations without the written agreement of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo on which the polling place is located.

“Native Americans face a myriad of obstacles when it comes to voting, including the lack of a traditional mailing address, difficulty meeting identification requirements, unequal access to registration, and even direct voter suppression,” said Rep. Johnson. “House Bill 231 eliminates one major barrier to entry by ensuring that Native residents in New Mexico have guaranteed access to vote at convenient and accessible locations.”  
-Rep. Wonda Johnson

## SB 84 COMMUNITY SOLAR ACT

Signed by Gov. Apr. 5

Provides for the development and operation of community solar facilities by providing credit value for the electricity generated. This will expand and develop native community solar programs and access to this renewable energy source for businesses and individuals.

## SB 112 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY TASK FORCE

Signed by Gov. Apr. 5

The sustainable economy task force shall develop a strategic plan in fiscal year 2022 to transition the state economy away from reliance on natural resource extraction. The advisory council shall include eight representatives of tribal governments or entities.

## LOCAL NATIVE ARTIST DESIGN COLLABORATION



DPNM thanks Marcus Trujillo (Laguna) for collaborating with us to create eye-catching designs specifically for our tribal outreach.

## SB 304 VOTING DISTRICT GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Signed by Gov. Apr. 6

The secretary of state shall collect and make publicly available the geographic information system data for each voting district. To the extent possible districts shall be drawn to preserve boundaries of Indian nations, tribes, and pueblos.



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## NEXT ELECTION

Tuesday, June 1, 2021  
NM First Congressional District

# KEEP CD1 BLUE!

Following the historic appointment of Secretary Deb Haaland to lead the Department of the Interior, New Mexico is holding a special election to fill the vacancy in New Mexico's First Congressional District on Tuesday June 1, 2021.

Melanie grew up in Albuquerque in a working-class family that at times, struggled to make ends meet. She's experienced food insecurity and knows firsthand the sacrifices hardworking New Mexicans make to get by. Her upbringing inspired her career in community development and sustainability, including working as a STEM educator and professional addressing land and water issues across the state; in the White House Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Senate, where she worked on climate initiatives, tribal affairs, science policy, and the federal budget; and as a legislator, where she dedicated her work to hunger and homelessness, climate change, and water resilience.



In Congress, she will continue these efforts, working with President Biden to tackle poverty, protect our planet, remove disparities in healthcare, and develop an economy where New Mexicans thrive.

Melanie proudly supports tribal communities and looks forward to working in consultation with Tribal Nations at the federal level. She understands that Tribal Nations are inherently sovereign and the U.S. government has a solemn responsibility to recognize, uphold, and strengthen its relationship with our sovereign Tribal Nations.

In the state legislature she sponsored and cosponsored numerous bills aimed at addressing social injustices and improving the quality of life for tribal communities, such as:

- HB 278: Missing and Murder Indigenous Women, creating a task force to address the emergency of missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives in the state.
- HB 651: Water Data Act, to improve water security in NM through better planning and management as coordinated with Tribal leaders.
- HB 10: Broadband Development Division, to expand broadband access in conjunction with at least three Tribal governments on a statewide advisory group to help design, develop, and implement broadband services.

How people can support during this election or get involved in politics: First, make sure you register to vote before May 4, 2021! To register or update your current voting registration [click here](#). Sign up today to volunteer to support Melanie's campaign! There are many ways to get involved with politics, including community organizing or volunteering with the Democratic Party of New Mexico.



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Volunteer with Rep. Melanie Stansbury's campaign

# SECRETARY DEB HAALAND

Former Representative Deb Haaland made history on March 18, 2021 when she was sworn in as the first Native American Secretary of the Interior, and became the first Native American to hold a Cabinet-level position in the United States.

Representative Haaland was elected to the House of Representatives in 2018. During her time in Congress, Representative Haaland focused on advancing policies that directly benefit New Mexico's first Congressional district, while staying true to her strong progressive values.

As a Congresswoman, she held nearly 200 events to connect directly with her constituents and secured significant benefits for New Mexicans in legislative packages like the FY21 Agriculture appropriations bill and the American Rescue Plan.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, Representative Haaland shepherded the Great American Outdoors Act and a bipartisan Public Lands Package through her subcommittee to the House Floor. She is known for her ability to work across the aisle to pass common sense measures that directly benefit communities in New Mexico and across America.

*Congrats Sec. Haaland*

-DPNM

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