



New Mexico

Voters in New Mexico will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 70 seats are up in the House where Democrats will be defending a majority. New Mexico is considered a gubernatorial battleground state.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham](#)

Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham has served the 1st district since 2012 and calls herself “socially liberal and fiscally conservative.”

Congresswoman Lujan Grisham has focused on job development and economic growth. She wants to invest in a clean energy economy in an effort to provide affordable energy and create jobs. She wants to bring new transmission infrastructure online by 2020 for wind power and to increase the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% by 2030 by expanding it to include small-scale, customer-owned solar and wind systems, and include incentives for production in rural areas.

She is in favor of overhauling the state’s procurement system to prioritize New Mexico-based business contracts. She is in favor of raising the state’s minimum wage and increasing the state’s Working Families Tax Credit.

She [opposes](#) a Medicare For All and single payer health care system but favors Medicaid buy-in, negotiating drug prices, and expanding public health clinics. In her recently released [plan](#) to fight the opioid epidemic, she vows to work closely with the attorney general to hold pharmaceutical companies accountable for pushing prescription opioids.

She breaks with most of progressive colleagues in Congress with her support of the oil and gas industry citing that the industry can help New Mexicans. She also wants to make New Mexico a national leader in methane mitigation.

Congresswoman Lujan Grisham is in favor of universal full day Pre-K and raising teacher salaries. She wants to adopt STEM standards aligned to Next Generation Science Standards.

***Trivia:** Congresswoman Lujan Grisham enjoys skiing, rollerblading, and carbs.*