

NEW MEXICO

Voters in New Mexico this year will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. All 70 seats in the New Mexico State House of Representatives will be up for election. The gubernatorial race is expected to be competitive, while Democrats anticipate keeping control of the Office of Attorney General and the House.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Mark Ronchetti \(R\)](#)

Mark Ronchetti, a meteorologist by trade, is running again for statewide public office, this time for governor. In 2020, he ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate representing New Mexico but lost to Ben Ray Luján (D).

If elected, Ronchetti [intends](#) to push for a statewide Voter ID law in New Mexico, requiring voters to show photo identification to vote.

He [pledges](#) to lower taxes, make the state more conducive to small business, stop “runaway spending” by the government, expand broadband, and eliminate unnecessary regulation.

Ronchetti [pledges](#) to give parents a “stronger voice” in their children’s education. He also [hopes](#) to increase the number of technical and vocational charter school programs.

He [plans](#) to deal with violence in New Mexico by repealing sanctuary state policies, appointing conservative judges, supporting law enforcement, and advocating tougher laws that target violent offenders. He also pledged to repeal the state’s rules governing pretrial release and detention procedures for accused individuals.

Ronchetti [opposes](#) COVID-19-related mandates by the government. He accuses his opponent, Governor Lujan Grisham, of failing to follow science in her approach to the pandemic.

He [plans](#) to order the National Guard to secure the U.S. - Mexico border and hopes to end policies that he believes encourage undocumented immigration. He proposes the creation of a Border Strike Force within New Mexico’s Department of Public Safety to target border-related crimes.

Ronchetti has also [proposed](#) a plan to implement an Oil and Gas Annual Rebate—à la the Alaskan Permanent Fund dividend—where every New Mexican regardless of age, would receive \$100 for every \$1 billion the state receives in oil and gas revenue each year.

Trivia: Ronchetti’s grandfather emigrated to the U.S. from Italy during the 1920’s.