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New Mexico voters will head to the polls to select a new governor as current governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) is term limited. Voters will also select a lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 70 state house seats are also up for election. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and the house.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Gregg Hull

Gregg Hull currently serves as the mayor of Rio Rancho. He was first elected in 2014 and is the city's longest-serving mayor to date. Throughout his time in office, Hull has focused on **infrastructure improvement, public safety, and economic development**. He previously served as President and CEO of Certified Packing and Crating Inc.

Hull's healthcare plan aims to expand access to **affordable and quality healthcare** for both rural and urban communities. This includes protecting rural healthcare systems, reforming medical malpractice laws, creating competitive reimbursement rates, modernizing payment systems, lowering prescription drug costs, expanding interstate medical compacts to make it easier for professionals to practice across state lines, and increasing the health workforce.

Throughout his career, Hull has prioritized public safety. He states that the Rio Rancho police budget has more than doubled and the city has been ranked one of the safest in the state under his leadership. He vows to use this experience to address recruitment and retention challenges among **law enforcement** in the state. This includes fostering competitive police pay and expanding grant programs to assist cities and counties in covering the costs of new officers. He also supports strengthening behavioral health services to ensure addressing mental health crises, addiction, and homelessness does not fall on police.

Hull wants to make the state as "business-friendly as possible," supporting the expansion of new industries to diversify the economy and create new jobs. He calls to bring more **advanced manufacturing** to the state and will support targeted incentives for aerospace, defense, bioscience, energy technology, and precision manufacturing. He also vouches for increased **career and technical education** in high schools and improved licensing processes.

On education, Hull seeks to hold education systems accountable for their results by **tying a portion of school funding to measurable improvements** in literacy, math, and graduation rates. He also supports expanding **school choice** to allow parents greater say in their child's education. He calls to align education and training with the needs of employers by fostering connections between high schools, community colleges, universities, employers, and workforce agencies.

Hull supports incorporating **emerging energy sources** to help carry out the state's Energy Transition Act. He states that he is not opposed to **data centers** but wants to ensure that developers are held accountable for their environmental impacts, calling them to use alternative water sources, like brackish water, to cool their systems.

Hull also wants to upgrade infrastructure to address the state's dwindling **water supply**. This includes advanced wastewater treatment and modern irrigation systems.

The Cook Political Report rates this race as Solid Democratic and Sabato's Crystal Ball rate this race as likely Democrat.

Trivia: Gregg Hull is currently a board member of New Mexico Workforce Connections, New Mexico Metropolitan Transportation, and the Schuman Foundation.