

# BernCo at a Glance

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## Final Week of Early Voting

Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover reminds citizens that early voting and same day voter registration for the Dec. 10 Albuquerque Runoff Election concludes Saturday, Dec. 7. The Runoff Election for City Council Districts 2 and 4 is required under the Top-Two Runoff Election rule which requires candidates for Albuquerque City Council to receive fifty percent or more of the votes cast for the office in question. If no candidate receives 50% of the votes, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes automatically become the candidates for the runoff election. The District 2 candidates are Isaac Benton and Zackary Quintero. The District 4 candidates are Brook Bassan and Ane Romero.

The following early voting locations are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019:

Clerk's Annex - 1500 Lomas Blvd NW, Suite A ([map](#))

Daskalos Center - 5339 Menaul Blvd NE ([map](#))

Holly Plaza - 6600 Holly Ave NE, Suite B-6 ([map](#))

Los Ranchos Villa - 6601 4th St NW, Suite E, F ([map](#))

The Shoppes at 6001 San Mateo - 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE, Suite B-3 ([map](#))

**On Election Day, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, there will be [10 voting convenience centers](#) open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** There will be no same day voter registration nor voter registration updates on Election Day.

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## County Manager Appoints New Director to the Department of Behavioral Health Services

Bernalillo County Manager Julie Morgas Baca announced that Margarita Chavez-Sanchez is the new director for the county's Department of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS).

Chavez-Sanchez, a former special projects coordinator and assistant director of the Department of Behavioral Health Services, served as interim director for DBHS the last four months. Former Behavioral Health Services Director Katrina Hotrum-Lopez took a new job in August as cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department.

More than 80 applicants applied for the director position. County Manager Julie Morgas Baca says Margarita Chavez-Sanchez's track record was unmatched.



Chavez-Sanchez was one of the first county employees assigned to help establish the Behavioral Health Initiative, and she has played a major role in all of the milestones and successes achieved

by the department so far.

Chavez-Sanchez has more than a decade of experience working in the public health sector. Her resume includes a graduate fellowship in Washington D.C. with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, policy work through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, experience working in the Presbyterian Hospital Emergency Room, and years of work dedicated to promoting health and wellness for the University of New Mexico and Bernalillo County. Chavez-Sanchez graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in university studies and summa cum laude with a Master of Science in community health.

The DBHS oversees the Behavioral Health Initiative and operations at the CARE Campus (formerly MATS), which provides a range of services including: seven substance abuse programs, the Crisis Stabilization Unit, and DWI services. In addition to space for all the services, the CARE Campus consists of residential units for the supportive aftercare program and manages Renee's Project Supportive Housing, the Mariposa Residential Program, and the Addiction Treatment Program. Collectively, more than 30,000 people are served each year through all the department's behavioral health programs.

**South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center**  
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# 2019 Property Tax Delay

## 2019 will be an unusual year for property taxes!

This year's bill is delayed because of a new state law (HB407-2019) allowing school districts to have a mill levy question on the November election ballot, delaying mailing and due dates for first half of property taxes. The new law affects 11 New Mexico counties, including Bernalillo, which had an Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) mill levy question on the Nov. 5 ballot.

For Bernalillo County, the delayed dates are:

- Dec. 9, 2019 – Mailing of property tax bills
- Dec. 19, 2019 – Payment due date
- Jan. 19, 2020 – Final due date without late penalties and interest

The second half of property taxes continue as before starting April 10 with May 10 as the final due date.

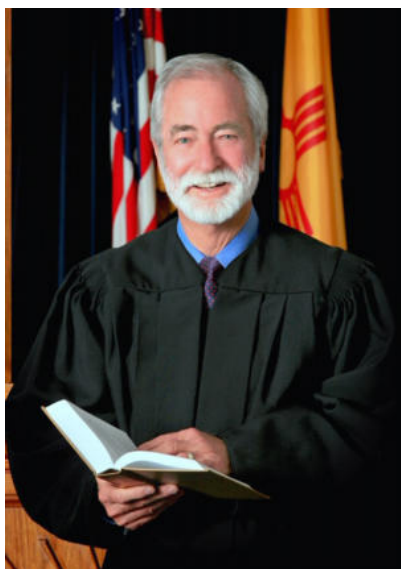
*NOTE: This delay does not apply if you are on our monthly payment or if your taxes are paid through your mortgage company.*

*For monthly payments, continue to pay your usual amount. Mortgage companies have been notified and will pay your taxes on time.*

For further questions, please call the Treasurer's Office at (505) 468-7031 or via email at [treasurers@bernco.gov](mailto:treasurers@bernco.gov). More info at [www.bernco.gov/2019PropertyTaxes](http://www.bernco.gov/2019PropertyTaxes).

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## BernCo is Seeking Public Comment



**Proposal to rename the Bernalillo County Courthouse at 400 Lomas Blvd. NW in Albuquerque in honor of the late Charles W. Daniels.**

The name change is proposed to honor the 50 years of service to law, education, and civil rights in New Mexico of the former Chief Justice Charles Daniels, a lifelong resident and practitioner of law in Bernalillo County, who advocated in the Second Judicial District.

Two possible names for consideration:

Charles W. Daniels Second Judicial District Courthouse

Charles W. Daniels Bernalillo County Courthouse

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## For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
  - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, [probate@bernco.gov](mailto:probate@bernco.gov)
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- Neighborhood Coordinator, Darrell Dady: (505) 468-7364, [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov)
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, [contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(click to read and learn more)

- **Glyphosate Moratorium**

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