



New Mexico Open Primaries (NMOP) is a movement of diverse New Mexicans who believe in a simple, yet radical idea: no New Mexican should be required to join a political party to fully and fairly exercise their right to vote.

Our mission is to make sure that every voter has equal protection under the law when it comes to voting and that by making sure that every voter is heard, we help get at the root cause of our political dysfunction. Our goals are to create a system in New Mexico with more competitive elections leading to a better functioning legislature and increased voter engagement.

Saturday February 11, 2017 — CALL TO ACTION [SB205](#)

Dear NMOP Supporter:

Thanks to you we are off to a great start in the current session of the Legislature. While, as expected, our "top two" open primaries bill is stalled, our two main pieces of legislation were received very well. Our main open primaries bill, HB 206, got a great reception in its first House committee, but needed a few small changes, so we expect it to pass unanimously Tuesday. HB 226, the fair ballot access bill, DID pass unanimously. Next stop for these bills will be House Judiciary.

This bipartisan support is very positive and reflects the very significant contributions our supporters have made. The challenge now is to build on the momentum we have created. We are fortunate to live in a state in which our elected officials are very accessible. They want to hear from us and listen very carefully to the positions we take.

The purpose of this communication is to ask you to take action to support our next initiative. On Monday morning (yes, in less than two days!) the Senate version of our remaining open primaries bill will be heard in the Senate Rules Committee. This legislation, [SB 205](#), is sponsored by Senator Sapien. The members of that body are listed below (*clicking in their names will provide you with their Capitol phone # and their email address*). Please get in touch with them and urge them to support SB205. Because their offices are not generally staffed on the weekend, email is probably best to use for this action. Templates for both email and phone communications are below. Please feel free to use your own words — just remember to be brief.

Thanks again for your help so far. Keep those sleeves rolled up!

Senate Rules Committee

Title	Name	Party	Role
Senator	Linda M. Lopez	D	Chair
Senator	Jeff Steinborn	D	Vice Chair
Senator	Gregory A. Baca	R	Member
Senator	Jacob R. Candelaria	D	Member
Senator	Stuart Ingle	R	Member
Senator	Daniel A. Ivey-Soto	D	Member
Senator	Gerald Ortiz y Pino	D	Member
Senator	Mary Kay Papen	D	Member
Senator	Cliff R. Pirtle	R	Member
Senator	Clemente Sanchez	D	Member
Senator	Mark Moores	R	Ranking Member

Email template:

Dear Senator _____:

I am writing to urge you to support SB 205, an open primaries bill sponsored by Senator Sapien. You will hear it on Monday in the Rules Committee.

I believe that increasing voter participation is one of our most important challenges. Too many of your constituents, particularly younger ones, are alienated from our democracy. Many of them are not affiliated with a major party. Opening up elections is a major step towards restoring our citizens' confidence that our system of government is not rigged — that their vote matters.

Thank you very much,

Your name

Your location, NM

Telephone Script

My name is _____. I live in _____. I am calling to register my support for SB 205 which Senator _____ will hear in Senate Rules on Monday morning. Thank you very much.

(Take your time, you want the staffer to write down your info,)