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## **Amended Secured Containers for the 2021 Local Election**

(Ballot Drop Boxes)

Pursuant to NMSA §1-6-9 and NMAC 1.10.19, the Otero County Clerk's Office must make a certain number of 24-hour, secured containers available to voters for the return of absentee ballots during an election. The locations and information related to secured containers for the 2021 Regular Local Election are included below.

Absentee ballots may be returned by voters as well as voters' caregivers by mail or in-person using secured containers, at any Early Voting site, at any Election Day voting site or at the Otero County Clerk's Office. Per state law, "immediate family" means the spouse, children, parents or siblings of a voter. There will be a space on the ballot envelope where a person returning an envelope should indicate their relationship to the voter.

The plan is for secure containers to be installed at the following locations. They will be open for receipt of ballots beginning on October 5, 2021.

1. **Otero County Clerk's Office**, 1104 N. White Sands Blvd. Ste. C, Alamogordo, NM 88310
2. **Tularosa Public Safety Facility**, 609 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa, NM 88352
3. **Cloudcroft Council Chambers**, 201 Burro Ave., Cloudcroft, NM 88317

**The following secured containers will NOT be open for the 2021 Regular Local Election but are planned for installation prior to the 2022 Primary Election:**

4. **Chaparral Community Center**, 472 Ace Ryan St., Chaparral, NM 88081

Collections from the containers will be conducted in compliance with state statute and state administrative code at approximately 7:00 pm each day, beginning on October 5, 2021. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (575) 437-4942.