



Andrea Romero, State House District 46 Candidate Women's Issues

Andrea believes women's issues are family issues—and not separate and apart from what New Mexicans all care about—good paying jobs, safe communities, health, and childcare. When women have opportunities to do better, children do better, and so does our state.

Andrea Romero will not allow our state or country's progress on women's rights to be rolled back. That's why she will fight to ensure women have access to reproductive healthcare services, strengthen laws on sexual harassment, domestic violence, and equal pay to make sure that all women are treated equally under the law.

Expand Family Planning Benefits

All women in New Mexico should be able to access a full range of reproductive healthcare services. Access to contraception helps prevent unintended pregnancies and reduces abortion. Andrea will work to expand family planning benefits and will stand against legislation that rolls back progress made on women's healthcare. Andrea supports:

- Expanding and increased funding for family planning benefits, including full access to contraception, especially in rural areas;
- Full access to contraception through employer insurance. She will stand against legislation that denies employer insurance coverage of contraception or otherwise rolls back women's rights or access; and
- A woman's right to make deeply personal decisions about when and whether to have a child without government interference

Andrea is proud to have endorsement of Planned Parenthood Votes-New Mexico.

Stronger protections on sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence

The #metoo movement is past due. We can no longer ignore or look the other way when sexual assault and domestic violence occurs at home or in the workplace. All workplaces should have sexual harassment training and a zero tolerance policy for such behavior. Andrea supports:

- Increased funding for Domestic and Sexual Violence Services;
- A Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights so that victims of sexual assault have the right to request HIV testing for themselves and the offenders and full control over their sexual assault examination kits; and
- Increased funding and training to process rape kits in a timely manner to
- Prevent a backlog of rapekits from ever happening again

Pay Equity and Expand Minimum Wage

Too many children in our state live in poverty and most single-parent homes are headed by women. Women in New Mexico make \$.82 cents for every dollar a man makes [link:

<http://www.nationalpartnership.org/research-library/workplace-fairness/fair-pay/americas-women-and-the-wage-gap.pdf>] . When women earn enough to meet all their living expenses, they are able to plan for a secure future for their families. Andrea supports:

- A minimum wage increase to \$15.00, indexed to inflation;
- Increased protections for pregnant workers and new moms from being fired or demoted; and
- Expanded access to quality childcare for working mothers and families

Gun Safety: Keep Guns Away from Domestic Abusers

When a woman is killed by a gun, she is most likely killed by an intimate partner or family member. If a gun is present in a domestic violence situation, a woman is *five times* more likely to be killed. Andrea will:

- Prohibit gun possession by convicted domestic abusers and require domestic abusers to have domestic violence restraining orders;
- Ensure all domestic abusers who become prohibited from possessing guns turn their guns in to law enforcement (not just a friend or relative); and
- Prohibit gun possession by convicted stalkers.

Andrea is proud to have the Moms Demand Action "Gun Sense Candidate" distinction.