



Andrea Romero, State House District 46 Candidate Gun Safety Policy Positions

“The summer after I graduated high school, I attended a concert in Albuquerque. After the show, a driver shot indiscriminately into the crowd. I was lucky—I wasn’t hit—but others near me were, including a teenage classmate of mine. Using first-aid skills, I used my shirt to create a tourniquet to stop the bleeding in his leg and talked to him to keep him from going into shock.”

Nobody should experience gun violence, which is why Andrea been a proponent of gun safety since her early college years. Born and raised in northern New Mexico with a brother in law enforcement, Andrea believes the legislature must pass laws to reduce and prevent gun violence in New Mexico. Andrea is proud to have earned the *Moms Demand Action, Gun Sense Candidate* distinction.

As a State Representative, Andrea will advocate for:

Background checks

We must keep guns out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people. Currently, federal law requires all licensed dealers to do background checks, but it’s the unlicensed and unregulated dealers who sell online or privately who can sell to anyone, no questions asked, and with no background check. Andrea will:

- Close the background check loophole by requiring background checks for all gun sales; and
- Allow reasonable exemptions for family members (temporary transfers or loans for hunting, target-shooting or self-defense).

Legislation to Protect Our Kids in School and Prevent Mass Shootings

Often, mass shooters display warning signs before they become violent and it’s a family member or law enforcement officer who are the first to recognize that a person they know is in crisis. Right now, there’s little they can do about it. Gun violence restraining orders allow a family member or a law enforcement official to petition the court to get an order to temporarily restrict a person’s access to guns when they are a danger to themselves or others. Andrea will:

- Pass a gun violence restraining order law in New Mexico to help reduce mass shootings and suicides.

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

Other Gun Safety Priorities

- Banning assault weapons
- Gun-free State Capitol Building
- Stop Permitless Carry Laws (NRA’s top state legislative priority) and weakening of Concealed Carry Laws
- Funding for Gun-Violence Prevention Programs
- Child Access Prevention