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Bernalillo County Republicans Call for Action to End the Revolving Door for Repeat Offenders

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Across Bernalillo County, families consistently name crime and public safety as their most urgent concerns. The Republican Party of Bernalillo County today called for a results-driven public-safety agenda that protects victims, backs law enforcement, expands treatment that works, ends catch-and-release for repeat offenders, and holds fentanyl traffickers accountable. Bernalillo County families deserve communities where violent offenders and fentanyl traffickers are held accountable and public resources are focused on results.

“Families should not have to wonder whether the same repeat offender will be back on the street before the paperwork is finished,” said Daphne Orner, Chair of the Republican Party of Bernalillo County. “We can support treatment for those who need it while also making clear that fentanyl traffickers and repeat offenders will be held accountable.”

1. Fentanyl is destroying families and communities. Bernalillo County Republicans support protecting victims and holding traffickers accountable by prosecuting fentanyl trafficking as a first-degree felony.
2. Support law enforcement with the staffing, training, and resources needed to respond quickly, investigate effectively, and keep dangerous offenders off the street.
3. Support treatment that works by prioritizing programs with measurable outcomes, accountability, and a clear path from crisis intervention to long-term recovery.
4. End catch-and-release policies that return repeat offenders to the street without meaningful accountability or a clear plan to protect the public.
5. Require a minimum 10-day pretrial detention period for anyone arrested and charged three times within one year, consistent with constitutional requirements.

The Republican Party of Bernalillo County will continue to advocate for public-safety policies that put families first, protect victims, support law enforcement, and demand measurable results from every taxpayer-funded program. New Mexicans deserve safer

neighborhoods, accountable government, and a justice system that places public safety above the revolving door for repeat offenders.

Our Governing Standard: protect what families cannot protect alone, remove barriers that hold New Mexicans back, and spend public money only where it delivers measurable results.

Bernalillo County Republicans are offering a clear, accountable public-safety alternative: safer neighborhoods, stronger support for law enforcement, real consequences for repeat offenders and fentanyl traffickers, and treatment programs that deliver measurable results for New Mexicans.