


# POST-ELECTION CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Good afternoon Lobos -

Thanks to the overwhelming support of New Mexico's citizens and our dedicated UNM community, the statewide general obligation bonds for both [higher education](#) and [libraries](#), the [UNM Hospital mill levy measure](#), and the [constitutional amendment](#) to allow the Dean of the UNM School of Law more flexibility in the judicial selection process have passed in the November 5 general election. This outcome is a testament to the trust and confidence that our fellow New Mexicans place in the mission and impact of The University of New Mexico.

The approval of the general obligation bonds for higher education and libraries will have a transformative effect not only on our institution but also on the entire state. It will allow our Humanities and Social Sciences complex, College of Pharmacy, and Branch Campus facilities to serve both today's and tomorrow's learners and will permit us to upgrade research infrastructure and improve library resources across New Mexico. Voters in Los Alamos and Valencia counties also voted in favor of local bonds supporting our branch campuses. These improvements will benefit our students, faculty, and staff, ensuring that UNM remains at the forefront of academic excellence and innovation.

The renewal of the UNM Hospital mill levy is especially significant. This critical funding, which accounts for about 10% of the hospital's revenues, will enable UNM Hospital to continue providing world-class healthcare services to our community for the next eight years. It will support maintaining and improving our healthcare facilities and essential services and operations such as food services, critical supplies, and patient record management. As New Mexico's only Level 1 Trauma Center and dedicated children's hospital, this funding is vital for UNM Hospital to meet our state's diverse and complex healthcare needs.



The passage of these measures reflects the strong partnership between UNM and the people of New Mexico and a shared commitment to education, research, and healthcare that will benefit future generations. We pledge to use these resources wisely and efficiently as we move forward. We will continue to listen to our community's needs and work tirelessly to improve the health, education, and overall well-being of all New Mexicans. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported these measures, whether by voting, spreading awareness, or engaging in community discussions; your belief in UNM's mission and potential drives us to excel daily. We are building a brighter future for our university, community, and state.

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## General Election

The outcome of any election can bring a range of emotions and concerns, particularly regarding potential impacts on higher education. I want to assure you that The University of New Mexico remains dedicated to providing a world-class education to all our students, fostering an inclusive and diverse campus environment, advancing cutting-edge research and innovation, and serving our local and global communities. These commitments are unwavering and will continue to guide our actions.

While it is natural to have questions about potential changes that may affect higher education, it is important to remember that our university has navigated various administrations and policy shifts throughout its history. We will carefully monitor any developments at the federal level that may impact The University of New Mexico and respond thoughtfully to protect the best interests of our students, faculty, and staff.

I want to emphasize that UNM is, first and foremost, a community. We are Lobos, and we support one another. We will continue to provide [resources](#) and [support](#) for our diverse student body, including international students and those from underrepresented communities. I pledge to keep our campus community informed of any significant developments that may affect UNM and to maintain open lines of communication to address your questions and concerns. Remember, the strength of our university lies in our unity, our diversity of thought, and our shared commitment to education and discovery.

As always, I am proud to serve as your president, and I remain confident in the resilience and spirit of our Lobo community.

Let's go, Lobos!

Garnett S. Stokes  
President

