



RPNM Responds to AG Torrez's Letter Regarding 2020 Electors

January 1—The New Mexico Democratic Attorney General, Raúl Torrez issued a [press release](#) Friday afternoon exonerating the 2020 Republican electors while calling on Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to change current New Mexico election law to make the elector's legal actions a crime in the future.

Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman and former Representative of New Mexico's Second Congressional District, Steve Pearce issued the following statement in response:

"AG Torrez is hypocritically trying to criminalize a process that famously allowed Democrats in Hawaii to cast their vote for John F. Kennedy despite the state being called for Richard Nixon during the 1960 Presidential election.

Had the Democratic electors not cast their votes for John F. Kennedy by the federal deadline, even though the state was still called for Nixon, they would have lost their ability to have their electoral vote counted when the election outcome eventually did change in that instance.

In 2020, New Mexico faced numerous election challenges that had the possibility of going before a court. Therefore, the New Mexico electors cast their votes by the deadline written within the federal statute [3 U.S.C. §§7-8](#), 'on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December,' in the event the election outcome changed.

AG Torrez agrees that the Republican electors did not violate the law, but now he wants to criminalize the process used by both Democrats and Republicans.

New Mexicans are tired of Democrats' unproductive stunts that are a diversion from the real issues affecting our state and the actual assaults being waged on New Mexicans' constitutional rights by the Democratic Party."