

Robert F. Kennedy on the New Mexico Ballot

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Maggie Toulouse Oliver
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Dear Secretary Toulouse Oliver,

I am writing to bring to your attention an issue concerning Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s eligibility to appear on the New Mexico ballot for the 2024 presidential election. Recently, the New York Supreme Court ruled on **August 13, 2024**, that Mr. Kennedy did not reside at the New York address listed on his voter registration and candidate petitions. Justice Christina Ryba found that the address was a sham, intended solely to maintain voter registration in New York, while Mr. Kennedy has resided primarily in California since 2014.

This ruling raises serious concerns regarding Mr. Kennedy's filings in New Mexico. Under **NMSA 1978, Section 1-8-32**, any person who knowingly falsifies information on a nominating petition is guilty of falsifying an election document. The court's finding that Mr. Kennedy used a false address on his nomination petition and candidate forms clearly falls under this statute. New Mexico law requires truthful and accurate information in election filings, and the use of a fraudulent address violates these legal standards.

This situation mirrors what occurred in 2022 with Mayna Myers, who was allowed to remain on the ballot despite having moved to Washington State before the primary election. Ms. Myers had failed to file the appropriate campaign registration forms and did not collect enough valid petition signatures, yet she remained on both the primary and general election ballots. Allowing ineligible candidates to remain on the ballot, as in these cases, constitutes election interference and could be considered election fraud. Voters who cast ballots for ineligible candidates have their voices silenced, which denies them their constitutional right to vote for an eligible candidate.

I urge you to take action to prevent a recurrence of this issue in 2024. Permitting Mr. Kennedy to stay on the ballot despite the court ruling would not only be a violation of New Mexico law but also an affront to the integrity of our electoral process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to understanding the steps your office will take to uphold the principles of fair and lawful elections.

Sincerely,
Ramona L. Goolsby,

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