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EAC Awards Committee Members,

We are pleased to submit our entry for the 2026 Clearing House Awards. This year we want to focus on the efforts our team made to engage with workers at the Doña Ana Government center and with kids at a local elementary school to create a unique and special "I voted" sticker and a "future voter" sticker.

Each year, the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office invites county employees from departments across the Doña Ana Government Center to participate in designing our official "I Voted" sticker in both English and Spanish. This friendly, cross-departmental competition encourages collaboration and reinforces a shared commitment to civic participation. Employees submit original designs, and county staff vote to select the winning entry creating excitement and civic engagement through out the County building.

The winning design was created by Jaclyn Duran of the Clerk's Office. Her artwork featured a vibrant turquoise background inspired by traditional New Mexico patterns, centered around a chile—an unmistakable symbol of our region's culture and pride. The design beautifully captured the spirit of our community while celebrating the importance of voting.

To further expand civic engagement, we introduced a "Future Voter" sticker in partnership with Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School. Building on our ongoing collaboration with the school where we host mock elections to teach students about the voting process we invited students ages 5–11 to submit original sticker designs illustrating what voting means to them.

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The response was extraordinary. We received more than 100 creative entries, featuring colorful artwork, meaningful civic messages, and even trilingual designs. After careful consideration, our office selected the design submitted by Emma Luna, a 5th grader at the school. Her artwork showcased a roadrunner, New Mexico's state bird, alongside the Zia symbol from the state flag, creating a vibrant representation of New Mexico's cultural identity and civic pride.

The "I Voted" stickers were distributed throughout early voting, while the "Future Voter" stickers were presented to children during our Early Ballot Bash, an interactive event where kids cast mock ballots on fun topics such as favorite candy, Halloween characters, and seasons. This hands-on experience allowed young participants to learn about the voting process in an engaging, age-appropriate way.

Together, these initiatives strengthened community partnerships, celebrated local culture, and fostered civic education across generations. By empowering both county employees and young students to contribute creatively to the democratic process, we reinforced that voting is not only a right—it is a shared community value.

We respectfully submit this initiative for your consideration.

Best regards,

Dr. Amanda López Askin

