



DAN LEWIS RECAPTURES ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL SEAT

REPUBLICANS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD MAJORITY ON COUNCIL

Albuquerque, November 3—Former Albuquerque City Councilor Dan Lewis is heading back to City Hall. Lewis defeated incumbent Cynthia Borrego last night with 52% percent of the vote.

Lewis's victory means another conservative voice will be on City Council. He represents District 5 in Northwest Albuquerque. Lewis served as City Councilor from 2009-2017.

Lewis says he's honored voters put their faith in him again and pledges to bring more accountability to city government.

"I look forward to working with the administration, but we must make sure we have checks and balances," said Lewis. "We must hold the administration accountable and really take a look at spending and priorities. I also really want to improve road infrastructure in my district and to work at getting my constituents a better quality of life."

Lewis's win swings Council to the right, and there's now an opportunity for a power change. Republicans have a chance to hold the majority of seats.

Two other Republican candidates ran strong campaigns and will be in runoffs next month.

City Councilor candidate Lori Robertson in District 7 received 32% of the vote. That district is in the Northeast Heights.

"We have a great opportunity for big change at City Hall," said Robertson. "We need to get people to go out and vote in the runoff election. There's never been a greater opportunity for conservative voices to be heard on City Council. It's so important to make sure people get out and vote."

City Council candidate Renee Grout in District 9 got 43%. That district is in the Southeast Heights and Foothills.

"I'm so grateful to my family, our volunteers and all the voters who supported me. We still have a lot of work to do," said Grout. "We will continue to campaign hard, and I look forward to serving our great city."

Both Robertson and Grout ran strong campaigns and got out their conservative message.

If Robertson and Grout win their runoffs, Albuquerque's City Council would hold a Republican majority for the first time since 2013.

The runoff election is December 7.
