

Taos News 2018 primary election guide
Candidate Q and A

Taos County Assessor
Maria Dimas

Why are you running for office?

I am committed to making sure that the property assessment process is transparent for all Taos County residents. As a lifelong Taoseña, I want what's best for our community and will strive to model standards of public service. To that end, I'll approach the valuation of all properties with complete fairness and equitability, and to be available to meet the needs of constituents at all times.

In your experience, what's the biggest challenge facing the assessor's office?

Given budgetary and staff restraints, I believe the greatest challenge for the Assessor's Office will be to further integrate those technological advances now available to us with the traditional practices of the property appraisal system. Correct implementation of these methodologies will ensure far fewer disparities in property values.

With limited funds, what are three projects you would put money towards in the Assessor's Office and in what order would you prioritize those projects?

While there are any number of "projects" I would like to set in motion as assessor, the proper use of taxpayers' dollars is my primary concern. As such, I pledge that any funds made available to the Assessor's Office will be used to realize and maintain the highest level of service to the citizens of Taos county.

Do you think there should be changes to property tax laws in New Mexico? If so, what are those changes?

It would be good to revisit an amend some of the current laws that the public might want to change.

How can you improve communication with the public about their property taxes and your internal processes?

I'll be available to meet the needs of constituents at all times.