STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO,
DAVID GALLEGOS, TIMOTHY JENNINGS,
DINAH VARGAS, MANUEL GONZALES, JR.
BOBBY AND DEE ANN KIMBRO, and
PEARL GARCIA,

Plaintiffs,

v. 

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER, in her official capacity as
New Mexico Secretary of State, MICHELLE LUJAN
GRISHAM, in her official capacity as Governor of New
Mexico, HOWIE MORALES, in his official capacity as
New Mexico Lieutenant Governor and President of the
New Mexico Senate, MIMI STEWART, in her official
capacity as President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico
Senate, and JAVIER MARTINEZ, in his official capacity as
Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives,

Defendants.

EXPERT REPORT OF BRIAN SANDEROFF
I. **Expert Qualifications**

Research & Polling, Inc. (RPI), was founded in 1986, and I have served as the President of RPI since its inception. RPI is the largest market research, demographic analysis, and public opinion polling corporation in New Mexico. We have 8 full-time employees and 30 professional interviewers. RPI specializes in public policy polling for New Mexico’s most prominent organizations. I have supervised the administration of over 2,000 survey research studies. Included in many of the survey research studies were topics directly related to upcoming elections, including ballot issues and candidate preferences.

RPI has conducted all of the election polls for the Albuquerque Journal since 1986, including Primary, General, and special elections. Since 2002, I have been the political analyst for KOAT (local broadcast, Channel 7), providing live on-air and taped analysis of election results and topics.

The nationally recognized FiveThirtyEight website currently ranks RPI as only one of four polling organizations in the nation with an A+ accuracy rating for election polling.

Our major clients include New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts, New Mexico State Legislature, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, PNM, University of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratories, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

We have provided redistricting and demographic analysis services on more than 180 occasions for various local and state government entities.

**Redistricting experience for the New Mexico Legislature**

I have participated in statewide redistricting efforts in New Mexico following every decennial census since 1981. In 1981-82, I played an active role in the redistricting process on behalf of the Governor’s office, where I was employed at the time. Beginning in 1991 and for every redistricting cycle since then (2001, 2011 and 2021), RPI has contracted with the New Mexico Legislature to provide technical consulting services for redistricting. In 1991, I worked
on behalf of the Legislature to consult with the United States Department of Justice on obtaining pre-clearance for New Mexico’s State Senate redistricting plan under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. In 2001 and 2011, I was also qualified as an expert witness in redistricting litigation, which is discussed in more detail below.

For the latest redistricting cycle, RPI was hired by the Legislative Council Service (“LCS”) to deliver professional technical consulting services related to designing redistricting plans as requested, finalizing alternative redistricting plans, providing expert technical assistance, and assisting in preparation for committee hearings. RPI’s contract with LCS began November 9, 2020 and ran until June 30, 2022. The agreement provides that, “[i]n performing services pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with the laws and policies of the LCS just as if the Contractor were a member of the LCS staff.”

RPI also entered a Memorandum of Understanding between the Citizen Redistricting Committee and Research and Polling, Inc., pursuant to which RPI agreed to assist the Citizen Redistricting Committee in performing its redistricting duties. RPI also agreed to refrain from consulting with or taking requests from legislators from July 2, 2021, to October 23, 2021.

As part of its consulting role in support of statewide redistricting, RPI develops and updates a partisan performance index that is used as the official index for all the redistricting plans prepared by the Legislature. The partisan performance index is based on the results of all statewide elections in New Mexico over the previous decade (the partisan performance index that was used for redistricting in 2021 included election results from 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020), except any races in which the margin of victory was 20 points or greater. The RPI partisan performance index is widely used and has been relied upon in judicial decisions regarding redistricting.
Previous Expert Work

I have been qualified as an expert witness in state and federal courts for survey research, demographic analysis, and redistricting on over 40 occasions over the past 30 years. A detailed list of those cases is provided on my C.V., a copy of which is attached to this report. With respect to redistricting specifically, my experience serving as an expert is as follows. In 2001, I was qualified as an expert and provided deposition and trial testimony in *Michael Jepsen, et al. v. Rebecca Vigil-Giron*, in her official capacity as New Mexico Secretary of State, et al., First Judicial District Court, County of Santa Fe, D-101-CV-2001-02177. At issue in that case were New Mexico’s redistricting plans for United States Congress and for the New Mexico State House of Representatives.

In 2011, I was qualified as an expert witness and provided deposition and trial testimony in *Brian F. Egolf, Jr., et al. v. Diana J. Duran et al.*, First Judicial District Court, County of Santa Fe, D-101-CV-2011-02942. I provided expert testimony on behalf of the New Mexico Legislature in connection with the litigation over redistricting plans for the New Mexico State House of Representatives, the State Senate, and the State Public Regulation Commission. Issues in that litigation ultimately were reviewed by the New Mexico Supreme Court, and upon remand to the trial court, the state Supreme Court suggested that the district court could use my services as a Rule 706 expert to assist the Court. The district court designated me as a 706 expert without any objection by any of the parties to the litigation.

Education and Early Career

I earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of New Mexico in 1977. I was also a guest lecturer in the Political Science Department at UNM in 1985, where I taught an undergraduate 300 level course called Campaign Management.

Early in my career, I served in various positions in state government, with a focus on public policy development and agency management and administration. Those positions are
outlined in more detail in my C.V., a copy of which is attached to this report. From 1983 to 1986, I ran Sanderoff and Associates, a market research, demographic analysis, and public opinion polling company which was the precursor to RPI.

II. Scope of Expert Engagement

I was retained by counsel for the Legislative Defendants in this case to evaluate the political competitiveness of the congressional redistricting plan for New Mexico that was passed by the New Mexico Legislature in December 2021 and enacted into law. The plan is commonly referred to as “SB-1” and I will refer to it as such throughout this report.

III. Data and Materials Relied Upon

In carrying out this engagement and developing my opinions, I relied upon the following information and materials:

- Maps and data for SB-1, as available on the nmlegis.gov website
- RPI’s partisan performance index for New Mexico that was utilized during the New Mexico special redistricting session
- Election results for New Mexico congressional districts, 2002 through 2022
- The New Mexico Supreme Court’s Order of July 5, 2023

I did not have any involvement in designing SB-1, nor did any RPI staffers. Nor did I or any RPI staffers have any communications with any legislators, legislative staff or consultants about the design effects, intent, or policies behind SB-1. My opinions regarding the political competitiveness of SB-1 are solely my own and were developed based only on the information and materials identified above, using my knowledge and expertise.
IV. Expert Opinions

Through my review and analysis of the materials identified above, I have reached the following opinions concerning the political competitiveness of SB-1:

1. **SB-1 does not entrench the Democratic party in power.**

   In her dissent in the Rucho case, Justice Kagan set out a test for determining whether a particular districting plan constitutes an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander. The first of the three parts of Justice Kagan’s test looks at whether “state officials’ ‘predominant purpose’ in drawing a district’s lines was to ‘entrench [their party] in power’ by diluting the votes of citizens favoring its rival.” As defined in the Oxford English Dictionary, “entrenchment” means “establishing something firmly, especially so that change is difficult or impossible.”

   Under SB-1, Congressional District 2 (“CD 2”) is a competitive district. The partisan performance measure for CD 2 under SB-1 is 53.0% Democrat and 47.0% Republican. Based on my experience, political consultants consider a district to be competitive if the gap between the average Democratic and Republican performance falls within a 54% to 46% range. So, in this case, the partisan average Democratic and Republican performance is narrower, at 53% to 47%, respectively. Other factors are taken into account to determine whether a race is competitive, such as the candidates’ name recognition, favorability, the relative strength and quality of the candidates, and their ability to raise campaign funds, etc.

   The highly competitive nature of CD 2 was demonstrated in the 2022 congressional election in New Mexico, which was conducted using the SB-1 map. In CD 2, the Republican candidate was Yvette Herrell, and the Democratic candidate was Gabe Vasquez. The race was extremely close. Candidate Vasquez ultimately won the election by just 1,350 votes out of 192,673 votes cast, or a margin of 0.7%. This very close outcome demonstrates that under SB-1, CD 2 can be won by either a Democrat or a Republican. Any time the margin of victory in an election falls within one percentage point, that race is considered a “toss up”, in which the
The winner is extremely vulnerable to being challenged and possibly defeated in the next general election cycle.

Therefore, while the Democratic performance of CD 2 increased under SB-1, and the Republican performance of CD 2 decreased under SB-1, CD 2 is by no means a “safe” Democratic district. By drawing CD 2 as a competitive, toss-up district that could be won by a candidate of either party, the Legislature did not entrench the Democratic party in power in CD 2.

2. Prior to SB-1, CD 2 was not a safe Republican district, but was a strong leaning Republican district.

Reviewing the actual congressional races that occurred in a given district over time (known as endogenous races) can shed additional light on the partisan strength of that district. Relying only on exogenous races, such as president or governor, to determine the relative partisan strength of a congressional district can risk missing the subtleties that occur at the local level, within the congressional elections. For example, the residential location of the candidates within the congressional district will impact voting behavior, whether a candidate lives in Las Cruces or Hobbs. Or whether the local candidate is well known or not. These types of factors have historically come into play in congressional elections in CD 2.

First, it is worth noting that the congressional district boundaries of CD 2 from 2012 to 2020 are very similar to the boundaries from 2002 and 2010. In the 2011 congressional district litigation, the district judge adopted a “least change congressional plan.” Thus, the boundaries of CD 2 were very similar from 2002 to 2020.

Based upon the congressional district election history in the former CD 2 (2002 to 2020), this district was a strong leaning Republican congressional district, not a safe Republican district (see appendix 1 and appendix 2). Republican Steve Pearce was first elected to CD 2 in the 2002 General Election. He later stepped down from his congressional seat to run unsuccessfully in the
2008 US Senate race. He was then reelected to his congressional seat in 2010. He later stepped
down again from his congressional district to run unsuccessfully in the 2018 Governor’s race.

Despite Steve Pearce’s inability to win two statewide election contests, he was extremely
successful in winning all his congressional district races in CD 2. He was a hard-working
incumbent candidate who was well-known throughout the district due to his long tenure in
office, serving stints between 2003 and 2019. Steve Pearce prided himself on working closely
with traditional Democratic constituencies such as Hispanic and Native American voters. As a
result, he won his elections by large margins. The power of incumbency and the popularity of
Steve Pearce contributed to his impressive election outcomes.

However, it is interesting to note, that the two times Steve Pearce stepped down to seek
higher office, a Democrat won the election in CD 2. Specifically, in 2008, after Steve Pearce
stepped down to run for U.S. Senate, Democrat Harry Teague won the election by a very
comfortable margin. Then, in 2018, after Steve Pearce stepped down to run for Governor,
Democrat Xochitl Torres Small won the election by 1.8 percentage points. Thus, once the
playing field was leveled, and the powerful incumbent was no longer a factor, a Democrat
candidate won the election on two occasions. It is worth noting, that once Steve Pearce sought to
regain his congressional seat in 2010, he beat Harry Teague by a large margin. It is also worth
noting that Democrat Xochitl Torres Small was defeated by Republican Yvette Herrell after
serving one term.

To summarize, a review of the congressional election results in CD 2 between 2002 and
2020 illustrates that CD 2 was not a safe Republican district, but was a strong leaning
Republican district, before it was changed to a competitive district under SB-1.
3. Under SB-1, all three of New Mexico’s Congressional Districts became more politically competitive.

Any analysis to determine whether the political competitiveness of the three congressional districts increased, or not, should also include a review of the actual congressional races in the congressional districts over time. Again, this is because relying solely on exogenous races such as president or governor to determine the change in competitiveness of a congressional district can risk missing the subtleties that occur at the local level, within the congressional elections.

In CD 1, from 2012 to 2020 (see appendix 3), under the old district boundaries, there were five general elections and one special election to fill a vacancy. The Democratic candidate won those general elections by a wide margin, an average of 21.0%. In the 2022 general election, under the new district boundaries, the Democrat won the election by 11.5%, a significantly narrower margin of victory.

In CD 2, from 2012 to 2020 (see appendix 2), under the old district boundaries, there were five general elections in which the Republican candidate won 4 times. The average margin of victory was 16.4%. In the 2022 general election, under the new district boundaries, the Democrat won by less than one percent, thus the gap between the winning and losing candidate narrowed significantly, and the Democratic candidate won the election.

In CD 3 (see appendix 4), from 2012 to 2020, under the old district boundaries, there were five general elections. The Democratic candidate won all those elections by a wide margin, an average of 24.7%. In the 2022 general election, under the new district boundaries, the Democrat won the election by 16.4%, thus narrowing the margin of victory between the Democratic and Republican candidates.
Thus, for all three congressional districts, when one compares the average margin of victory from the old district boundaries (2012 to 2020 elections) to the new district boundaries (2022 election) the margin of victory narrows. (Chart 1)
Chart 1

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4. Political party registration numbers are not meaningful predictors of partisan performance in elections, especially in Southeastern New Mexico.

In reviewing the New Mexico Supreme Court’s July 5 Order, I noted that the Court directed the district court to consider (among other things) “evidence comparing the relevant congressional district’s voter registration percentage/data, regarding the individual plaintiffs’ party affiliation under the challenged congressional maps, as well as the same source of data under the prior maps.” N.M. Supreme Court Order, July 5, 2023 at para. 7.¹

¹ On August 25, 2023, as this report was being finalized, the New Mexico Supreme Court issued an Amended Order that does not include any mention of voter registration data. However, I have kept this discussion in my report in case it is useful to the Court.
In general, and specifically in New Mexico, political party registration is often not a reliable or meaningful predictor of partisan performance and election outcomes. There are many reasons for this. A good example to demonstrate that voter registration statistics, by party affiliation, are not a good indicator of partisan performance is to look at the Democratic performance in the presidential elections from 2000 to 2020 compared to the percentage of registered Democrats over a similar time. As the accompanying chart shows (Chart 2), in 2000 and 2004, New Mexico was a battleground state in the presidential elections, where a tiny margin determined the outcome of the races. Then, since 2008, the Democratic presidential candidates have won by large margins. This shows how New Mexico is trending more Democratic over time. But, during that same time, the percentage of registered Democrats in New Mexico declined significantly, while the percentage of registered Republicans remained roughly constant (Chart 3).

Chart 2
Chart 3

NEW MEXICO VOTER REGISTRATION
1980 VS 2023

There are numerous reasons for this phenomenon. First, many conservative Democrats switched to the Republican Party over time. Second, many young people decline to state a political party affiliation when they register to vote, but they often vote for Democratic candidates. Third, some registered Republicans moved out of the state or died and were replaced by conservative Democrats who changed their registration to Republican. Therefore, political party registration is often not a reliable or meaningful predictor of partisan performance and election outcomes.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education  
University of New Mexico, B.A. Political Science  

University of New Mexico, Attended Graduate School,  
Political Science Department

Guest Lecturer  
Taught an undergraduate 300 level course in Political Science Department of  
The University of New Mexico called Campaign Management (1985)

Professional Experience

April 1986-Present  
President of Research & Polling, Inc.

Brian Sanderoff has been the political pollster/election analyst for the  
Albuquerque Journal for 37 years and for KOAT TV for over 20 years.

Research & Polling, Inc. has provided redistricting services on more than 180  
ocasions for New Mexico’s congressional districts, state legislative districts,  
Public Regulation Commission Districts, Public Education Commission  
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January 1983  
President of Sanderoff and Associates

To March 1986  
A market research, demographic analysis and public opinion polling company  
in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sanderoff and Associates specialized in  
serving government agencies at the city, county, and state level.
Professional Experience (continued)

November 1978
To December 1982

State Government service as a public policy director.

Positions held include:

Director, Management Analysis Division, Department of Finance Administration.

Responsible for administering this division of state government. The Management Analysis Division identified troubled areas in state government and recommended means to improve the management and operations of the agencies.

Director, Governor's Office of Community Affairs.

Responsible for improving the management and administration of this agency which delivered services throughout the State of New Mexico.

Director, Human Rights Commission.

Responsible for improving the management and administration of this agency which ruled on discrimination cases.

Chairman, Commission of Children and Youth.

Was the first chairman of the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth. The purpose of this commission was to establish a coordinating body within the executive branch to deal with children's issues that were inter-departmental in nature. As chairman of this commission, Sanderoff worked closely with many cabinet departments and division directors to implement pilot programs and to more efficiently administer children's programs which were interdisciplinary in nature.

Aide to the Governor, Governor's Office
Expert Witness Experience, 1992-Present

Brian Sanderoff has qualified as an expert witness in both state and federal district courts for survey research, demographic analysis, and redistricting on over 40 occasions in the past thirty years.

Art Bustos, As Personal Representative of the Estate of Edgar Garcia, and Selena Rodrigues, Individually, and as Next Friend of Ileana Rodriguez and Sophia Garcia, Minors vs. Caza Operating, LLC and Azteca Manufacturing, Inc. f/k/a Azteca Fabrication and Banta Oilfield Services, Inc. 4th Judicial District Court, County of San Miguel, State of New Mexico, #D-412-CV-2017-00592, 2019


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Expert Witness Experience, 1992-Present (continued)


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Expert Witness Experience, 1992-Present (continued)


Appendix 1:

CD 2: 2002-2010

Median Spread: 12.51
Mean Spread: 14.79

2010: 169,762
- Democrat – Harry Teague, 44.60%, 75,709
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 55.40%, 94,053
- Spread: 10.8

2008: 231,552
- Democrat – Harry Teague, 55.96%, 129,572
- Republican – Edward Tinsley, 44.04%, 101,980
- Spread: 11.29

2006: 155,739
- Democrat – Albert Kissling, 40.53%, 63,119
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 59.47%, 92,620
- C. Dean Burke (write-in) - 135
- Spread: 18.94

2004: 216,790
- Democrat – Gary King, 39.80%, 86,292
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 60.20%, 130,498
- Spread: 20.4

2002: 141,628
- Democrat – John Arthur Smith, 43.72%, 61,916
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 56.23%, 79,631
- Padraig Lynch (write-in), 0%, 39
- George Dewey (write-in), 0%, 43
- Spread: 12.51
Appendix 2:

**CD 2: 2012-2020**

**Median Spread: 18.2**  
**Mean Spread: 16.4**

2012: 225,515
- Democrat – Evelyn Madrid Erhard, 40.9%, 92,162  
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 59.1%, 133,180  
- Independent- Jack McGrann ,.0%, 173  
- Spread: 18.2

2014: 147,708
- Democrat – Roxanne Lara, 35.5%, 52,499  
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 64.4%, 95,209  
- Republican (write-in) – Jack McGrann, 0% 69  
- Spread: 29

2016: 228,817
- Democrat – Merrie Lee Soules, 37.2%, 85,232  
- Republican – Steve Pearce, 62.7%, 143,515  
- Republican (write-in) – Jack McGrann, 0% 70  
- Spread: 25.5

2018: 199,373
- Democrat – Xochitl Torres Small, 50.9%, 101,489  
- Republican – Yvette Herrell, 49.0%, 97,767  
- Independent - Steve Jones – 0%, 117  
- Spread: 1.9

2020: 264,829
- Democrat – Xochitl Torres Small, 46.3%, 122,546  
- Republican – Yvette Herrell, 53.7%, 142,283  
- Spread: 7.4

2022: 192,673
- Democrat – Gabe Vasquez, 50.3%, 96,986  
- Republican - Yvette Herrell, 49.6%, 95,636  
- Democrat (write-in) - Eliseo Luna – 0%, 51  
- Spread: 0.7
Appendix 3:

CD 1: 2012-2020

2012-2020 Median Spread: 18.3
2012-2020 Mean Spread: 20.98

2012: 275,855
  • Democrat – Michelle Lujan Grisham, 59.1%, 162,924
  • Republican – Janice Arnold Jones, 40.8%, 112,472
  • Green Party – Jeanna Pahls, .0%, 459
  • Spread: 18.3

2014: 180,032
  • Democrat – Michelle Lujan Grisham, 58.6%, 105,474
  • Republican – Michael Frese, 41.4%, 74,558
  • Spread: 17.2

2016: 277,967
  • Democrat – Michelle Lujan Grisham, 65.1%, 181,088
  • Republican – Richard Priem, 34.9%, 96,879
  • Spread: 30.2

2018: 249,162
  • Democrat – Deb Haaland, 59.1%, 147,336
  • Republican – Janice Arnold Jones, 36.3%, 90,507
  • Libertarian – Lloyd Princeton, 4.5%, 11,319
  • Spread: 22.8

2020: 321,209
  • Democrat – Deb Haaland, 58.2%, 186,953
  • Republican – Michelle Garcia Holmes, 41.8%, 134,337
  • Spread: 16.4

2021: 132,217 (Special Election)
  • Democrat – Melanie Stansbury, 60.4%, 79,838
  • Republican – Mark Moores, 35.6%, 47,111
  • Independent - Aubrey Dunn, 2.7%, 3534
  • Libertarian – Chris Manning, 1.3%, 1734
  • Spread: 24.8

2022: 280,671
  • Democrat – Melanie Stansbury, 55.7%, 156,462
  • Republican – Michelle Garcia Holmes, 44.2%, 124,151
  • Independent -Victoria Gonzales, 0%, 58
  • Spread: 11.5
Appendix 4:

CD 3: 2012-2020

2012-2020 Median Spread: 24.8
2012-2020 Mean Spread: 24.74

2012: 264,719
- Democrat – Ben Ray Lujan, 63.1%, 167,103
- Republican – Jefferson Byrd, 36.9%, 97,616
- Spread: 26.2

2014: 184,076
- Democrat – Ben Ray Lujan – 61.5%, 113,249
- Republican – Jefferson Byrd – 38.4%, 70,775
- Republican (write-in) Thomas Hook – 0%, 52
- Spread: 23.1

2016: 273,342
- Democrat – Ben Ray Lujan, 62.4%, 170,612
- Republican – Michael Romero, 37.6%, 102,730
- Spread: 24.8

2018: 244,893
- Democrat – Ben Ray Lujan, 63.4%, 155,201
- Republican – Jerald McFall, 31.2%, 76,427
- Libertarian – Chris Manning, 5.4%, 13,265
- Spread: 32.2

2020: 317,448
- Democrat – Teresa Leger Fernandez, 58.7%, 186,282
- Republican – Alexis Johnson, 41.3%, 131,166
- Spread: 17.4

2022: 230,782
- Democrat – Teresa Leger Fernandez, 58.2%, 134,217
- Republican – Alexis Johnson, 41.8%, 96,565
- Spread: 16.4