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KANW to Broadcast Forum on APS Mail-In Election

The public is invited to attend the informational forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the KANW radio station, 2020 Coal Ave. SE.

WHAT: The League of Women Voters of New Mexico is hosting an informational forum on the APS mail-in election that will be broadcast live on public radio station [KANW 89.1 FM](#). It also will be live-streamed on the [New Mexico PBS website](#) and on the [Albuquerque Public School's Facebook page](#).

The forum will include:

- A presentation by a representative of the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office on how the District's first-ever mail-in election will work.
- Pros and cons of the ballot initiatives presented by both supporters and opponents.
- Questions and answers from the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico as well as audience members.
- Closing arguments from both sides.

WHEN: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

WHERE: KANW radio station, 220 Coal Ave. SE. Open to the public; seating is limited.

WHY: In the coming days, registered voters in the Albuquerque Public Schools district will receive a ballot seeking funding for school renovations and repairs, improved safety and security, and refreshed technology and equipment.

A yes vote on all three ballot measures would mean a property tax increase of about 5 percent. That amounts to about \$8 a month for a \$150,000 home; \$12 a month for a \$220,000 home. The District has explained that the tax increase is needed to cover soaring construction costs.

A no vote would make it difficult for the District to maintain classrooms, schools and grounds as well as its technology and educational equipment including musical instruments. In addition, planned renovations and improvements of many aging schools would not take place.

Ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office by Feb. 5.

[Get more information on the mail-in election.](#)