

## Lange, Dylan, SOS

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Dylan,

These comments address both the content of the proposed change, and the process used for the hearing.

First, I suggest some link to the hearing protocol; <http://164.64.110.134/parts/title01/01.024.0025.html> and having this protocol available to those attending the hearing. This new 2018 protocol is a big improvement on previous ad hoc protocols, and the public isn't really aware of it yet. The SOS should not only use the protocol but educate the public a bit.

Second a link at the Sunshine Portal to <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/> for the hearing info isn't really very useful. It leaves you looking at Maggie's pic, which contains little info. Far better a link to the material itself, such as; <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/notice-of-proposed-rulemaking-december-31-2019/> which actually is quite hard to find on the SOS website.

As for the suggested new rule itself, it seems very poorly thought out, and quite cumbersome and confusing. A far simpler, and more general scheme would be to assign random numbers to those candidates being selected, then assign ballots positions based on the random numerical values assigned to the candidates. This is much simpler, more robust, and less confusing than the arcane scheme proposed.

As it would also be a major change and thus perhaps the scope of the hearing, I suggest a new hearing.

Regards,

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