

**Anne Brown**  
**Candidate for District One**  
**San Miguel County Commissioner**



## Strengths

- **Highly capable incumbent** - up to speed as sitting County Commissioner; many staff and elected officials have contributed to Anne's education and training; it would be a waste to squander this community investment when Anne is widely viewed as doing a solid job.
- **County-wide perspective** - 35-year resident of SMC; has lived in all 3 commissioner districts, so familiar with geographies and sub-communities; broad and deep relationships across the county; feels it is her duty and an honor to represent the diverse interests within District One and all of SMC.
- **Open-minded approach** - approaches every decision with an open mind and an open heart; a passion for thorough research, deep questioning and clear understanding; thoughtful and level-headed perspective.
- **Collaborative decision-maker** - relationship-builder and connector; insists on a transparent public process; actively seeks opinions from all constituent viewpoints; combines public input with evidence-driven analysis; balances community aspirations with fiscal responsibility.

## Priorities

- **Workforce housing** - housing is 1 of 3 top [commissioner priorities for 2024-25](#); together with other commissioners, committed to pursue 4 specific projects (\*listed below); requested that county staff report 2x monthly on housing progress to maintain momentum; regarding Diamond Ridge, Anne supports an open public process based on current information that will decide its future; as long as we have a deficit of workforce housing, Anne will say YES to projects that have gone through an open public process and proper due diligence, that consider the surrounding environment, and make financial sense; there are many in the pipeline.
- **Behavioral health** (mental health/substance misuse) - Anne proposed behavioral health as 1 of 3 top commissioner priorities for 2024-25; she is working with other advocates to build an integrated behavioral health system of care in the county; initiated collaboration with [Axis Health Systems](#) to redevelop the co-responder program (will ensure a mental health professional responds to behavioral health-related calls for police/EMT).
- **Solar regulations** - solar and other renewable energy generation must be part of the climate solution; SMC should participate at scale; [moratorium](#) on medium/large-scale solar applications currently in place as county develops regulations; at the same time, opposed to industrial-scale solar on Wrights Mesa in order to preserve this historic agricultural district; helped thwart 2024 state legislation that would have dictated key elements of local renewable energy regulations.
- **East End Master Plan** - while commissioners have no official role in master planning, Anne is committed to a fair and far-sighted [EEMP](#); reviews virtually all community input and regularly submits detailed comments; Anne advocated strongly to revisit the Community Housing Zone District before the EEMP is finalized.
- **Immigrant advocacy** - Anne proposed immigrant equity as a commissioner priority for 2024-25; first commissioner to join the Collaborative Action for Immigrants (CAFI) as active member; advocating at state level for expansion of [Omnisalud](#) health insurance program for undocumented residents.