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Ethan Watson, City Clerk

July 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Ahren L. Griego
4612 Marbella Dr. NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87120
ahren.griego@gmail.com

Re: Certification as Participating Candidate for Public Funding

Dear Ahren L. Griego,

I am writing to confirm that you have been certified as a Participating Candidate under Article XVI of the Albuquerque City Charter, the Open and Ethical Election Code ("OEEC").

Candidates seeking public financing agree to abide by contribution and expenditure limits, restrictions on the use of public funds, and related compliance obligations under the OEEC and the 2025 Rules issued by the City Clerk. You have successfully met all requirements necessary for certification.

II. Determination

Following a review of your submitted materials and campaign finance activity, I find that you have fulfilled all certification requirements. **Our office was able to verify 507 of the Qualifying Contributions you submitted, the amount of Qualifying Contributions you submitted were above the 450 threshold required to qualify a City Council Candidate for public financing.** You have complied with contribution and expenditure restrictions, including Seed Money limits, and there are no pending issues related to your filings or qualification with the Bernalillo County Clerk. Our internal records also confirm that you have not operated as a non-participating candidate for the same office, and there are no findings or allegations of fraud, material misstatements, or outstanding penalties. You are therefore certified as a Participating Candidate for the 2025 Regular Local Election.

III. Fund Distribution

Pursuant to OEEC § 12(B), participating candidates for City Council receive \$1.25 per registered voter in the City of Albuquerque. For purposes of calculating the base distribution, the number of registered voters—determined from the County Clerk's voter registration database as of the first business day in February 2025—is 45,049.

This amount is reduced by your reported Seed Money total of \$610.00, as well as \$58.10 in swipe processing fees (based on 166 online contributions at \$0.35 each). Accordingly, the final distribution amount is **\$55,643.15**

The City's Treasury Division will initiate a transfer to your campaign account on or before **Thursday, July 31, 2025**, using the banking details currently on file:

Bank name: New Mexico Bank & Trust

Routing Number: [REDACTED]

Account Number: [REDACTED]

If this information is incorrect, please notify my office immediately. You can expect the funds to post within one to two business days. If your account has not received the deposit by **August 7, 2025**, contact us to follow up.

The following is a summary of the amounts that apply in calculating your distribution of money from the Fund:

1.25 per registered voter:	\$56,311.25
Swipe fees	\$ -58.10
Seed money:	<u>\$ -610.00</u>
Total Distribution	\$55,643.15

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ethan Watson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ethan Watson
Albuquerque City Clerk

Cc: Cilia Aglialoro, City Treasurer, CAglialoro@cabq.gov; Thad Porph, Independent Auditor, thad.porph@porchcpa.com; Rachel Rodarte, Fiscal Officer, rrodarte@cabq.gov.



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The Bernalillo County Clerk's Office is in receipt of signature petitions and declaration of candidacy forms for Ahren L Griego that were received in our office on July 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

In compliance with NMSA 1978, §1-22-3.2 our office has performed a candidate certification process and below are the results of our candidate certification process:

City Councilor, District 1 – City of Albuquerque

1. Ahren L Griego Declaration of Candidacy is in order, candidate is registered in the County of Bernalillo, City of Albuquerque at 4612 Marbella Dr N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87120, precinct number 178 which is registered in the Municipality of Albuquerque, City Council, District 1.

Mr. Ahren L Griego is qualified to be a candidate.

The petition signatures have been reviewed and are in order. The candidate submitted a total of 1108 signatures, which meets the minimum requirement of 500 signatures for City Councilor.

Sincerely,

Michelle S. Kavanaugh
Bernalillo County Clerk

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