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## Mid-Term State Election Updates: New Mexico

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Like Colorado, the Democratic Party in New Mexico swept state elections, gaining control of the state legislature, Governor's Office, and other state offices, including Attorney General and Land Commissioner. Significantly, this was a change in parties for both the Governor's Office and the Land Commissioner's Office. Governor-elect Michelle Lujan Grisham [has openly supported the oil and gas industry in the state](#), recognizing that it plays a critical role in balancing the state's budget. However, Ms. Lujan Grisham campaigned on a methane mitigation policy and supports federal regulation of greenhouse gases. She has committed to [50% renewable energy by 2030 and 80% by 2040](#). Her message has generally been a balance between oil and gas development and other issues, such as climate change and environmental protection.