

Essay Contest

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2019 Topic Statement:

“The New Mexico Constitution and election code grant the right to vote to those over 18, and do not explicitly prohibit those under 18 from voting. Accordingly, many municipalities may lower the voting age for local elections¹. Such a reform would allow eligible minors to vote for local offices like County Council, but not state or federal offices like Governor or President. Do you think that Los Alamos should lower the voting age to 16 for local elections? Tell us what you think in 1000 words or less.”

1. Generation Citizen, “Vote16USA: Young Voices at the Ballot Box” , January 2017, pp. 18-21



Eligibility: All persons 18 years of age or younger who reside or attend school in Los Alamos County



Prize: \$250. The winner will be announced and honored in a public ceremony on October 10th, 2019



Deadline: 11:59 pm Sept. 30th, 2019



How to Enter: Please include your name, age, and address and submit entries via email to: essay-contest@losalamosedemocrats.org



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