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**Otero County Commissioners  
Statement On the Voter Risk Advisory Issued by the New Mexico Secretary  
of State and Attorney General**

ALAMOGORDO, New Mexico, March 10th, 2022— The Board of County Commissioners of Otero County today voted to issue this statement on the Voter Risk Advisory Issued by the New Mexico Secretary of State and Attorney General.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County voted to conduct an audit of the 2020 election. The intent of the audit is to restore trust, faith, and confidence in the integrity of our elections. Included in this audit process is a volunteer effort conducted by New Mexico Audit Force to canvass the county verifying the accuracy of the County voter roll. For clarification, this is a volunteer driven effort comprised of local volunteers and members of NM Audit Force. Canvassers are not employees or representatives of Otero County. The findings and results of the canvass will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners and will be considered along with other information gathered and analyzed for the audit.

Participation in the canvass and interaction with the NM Audit Force volunteers is completely voluntary and at the discretion of each resident. The purpose is simply to verify the accuracy of the County voter roll. Again, our intent is increase voter participation through transparency that gives voters confidence in the election process. No one should feel harassed or intimidated by this effort. Election integrity is a non-partisan issue. We take reports of voter intimidation and harassment seriously and will address any reports of it that we receive. The Otero County Commissioners hope this clarification clears up any confusion about the canvass efforts and alleviates any concerns citizens may have with it.