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John Sapien

John Sapien (Democratic Party) was a member of the New Mexico State Senate, representing District 5. He assumed office in 2009. His term of office ran through January 18, 2021.

Sapien (Democratic Party) ran for re-election to the New Mexico State Senate to represent District 5. He won in the general election on November 6, 2018.

John Sapien

Democratic Party
Filer officers
New Mexico State Senate District 5
Incumbent
Successor: Brenda McKenna

Education
Bachelor's University of New Mexico
Doctorate Unknown

Profession State Agency Administrative Agency

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Biography

Sapien earned his B.B.A. in finance from the University of New Mexico. His professional experience includes being the president of the Bernalillo Public Schools Foundation, working as an intern for United States Senator Jeff Bingaman (D), and as the owner of a State Farm Insurance Agency.[1]

Committee assignments

2019-2020

Sapien was assigned to the following committees:

- Finance Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

New Mexico committee assignments, 2017 [show]
Finance

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session Sapien served on the following committees:

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2013-2014

In his 2013-2014 legislative session, Sapien served on the following committees:

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2011-2012

In his 2011-2012 legislative session, Sapien served on these committees:

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2009-2010

In his 2009-2010 legislative session, Sapien served on these committees:

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Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: John Sapien
NM SB3 - Small Business Recovery Act Of 2020 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE; ENACTING THE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY ACT OF 2020; CREATING THE SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN FUND; PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY LOANS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES; ESTABLISHING TERMS FOR SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY... *09/22/2020 Signed by Governor - Chapter 4 - July 7*
NM SM45 - Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial H... A MEMORIAL REQUESTING THAT THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DEDICATE STATE ROAD 333 AS "SENATOR CARLOS R. CISNEROS MEMORIAL...

Elections

2020

See also New Mexico State Senate elections, 2020

John Sapien did not file to run for re-election.

2016

See also New Mexico State Senate elections, 2016

Elections for the New Mexico State Senate took place in 2016. The primary election took place on June 7, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was March 8, 2016.

Incumbent John Sapien defeated Diego Espinoza in the New Mexico State Senate District 9 general election.[2][3]

New Mexico State Senate District 9, General Election, 2016			Votes
Party	Candidate	Votes %	Votes
Democratic	✓ **John Sapien** *Incumbent*	50.39%	12,727
Republican	Diego Espinoza	49.61%	12,529
	Total Votes		**25,256**

Source: New Mexico Secretary of State

Incumbent John Sapien defeated Joaquyn Ortiz in the New Mexico State Senate District 9 Democratic primary.[4]

New Mexico State Senate District 9, Democratic Primary, 2016		Votes
Party	Candidate	Votes %
Democratic	✓ **John Sapien** *Incumbent*	61.56% 3,678
Democratic	Joaquyn Ortiz	38.44% 2,297
	Total Votes	**5,300**

Diego Espinoza ran unopposed in the New Mexico State Senate District 9 Republican primary.[5]

This district was included in the Republican State Leadership Committee's list of "16 in '16: Races to Watch." Read more »

2012

See also New Mexico State Senate elections, 2012

Sapien won re-election in the 2012 election. He ran and defeated Benjamin Hayden Roderfer in the June 5, 2012, Democratic primary. He defeated David L. Doyle III in the general election on November 6, 2012.[6][7][8]

New Mexico State Senate, District 9, General Election, 2012			(Collapse)
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓ **John Sapien** *Incumbent*	50.3%	11,614
Republican	David Doyle	49.7%	11,493
Total Votes			**23,147**

New Mexico State Senate, District 9 Democratic Primary, 2012		(Collapse)
CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✓ **John Sapien** *Incumbent*	55.3%	2,270
Benjamin Hayden Roderfer	44.7%	1,834
Total Votes		**4,104**

2008

See also New Mexico State Senate elections, 2008

On November 4, 2008, Sapien was elected to District 9 in the New Mexico Senate, defeating Steve Komadina (R).[9]

New Mexico Senate, District 9 (2008)	
Candidates	**Votes**
✓ **John Sapien** (D)	**15,591**
Steve Komadina (R)	11,860

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer. Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

John Sapien campaign contribution history			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2016	New Mexico State Senate, District 9	✓	$243,641
2012	New Mexico State Senate, District 9	✓	$18,431
2008	New Mexico State Senate, District 9	✓	$1,000
	Grand total raised		**$263,072**

Source: Follow the Money

2016

Sapien won re-election to the New Mexico State Senate in 2016. During that election cycle, Sapien raised a total of **$204,641**.

New Mexico State Senate 2016 election - campaign contributions [show]
Top contributors to John Sapien's campaign in 2016
New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association	$10,800
True Blue Pac	$10,800
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Ufcw	$10,000
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 412	$8,000
Pueblo Of Sandia	$7,000
Total raised in 2016	**$204,641**

Source: Follow the Money

2012

Sapien won re-election to the New Mexico State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Sapien raised a total of **$131,431**.

New Mexico State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions [show]

2008

Sapien won election to the New Mexico State Senate in 2008. During that election cycle, Sapien raised a total of **$78,603**.

New Mexico State Senate 2008 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

Scorecards

See also State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in New Mexico

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record of an entire session.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of New Mexico scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2020

In 2020 the New Mexico State Legislature was in session from January 21 to February 20.

- Animal Protection Voters: Senate and House
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to animal welfare.
- Conservation Voters New Mexico
  Legislators are scored on environmental and conservation issues.
- National Federation of Independent Business
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.
- Rio Grande Foundation
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills relating to economic issues.
- The American Conservative Union
  Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

2019

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2018

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Personal

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Sapien and his wife, Veronica, have two children.

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External links

- Profile from Open States
- John Sapien on Facebook
- John Sapien on Twitter
- John Sapien on LinkedIn
- Voting record from New Mexico Voices.org
- Campaign contributions via Follow the Money

Footnotes

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Political offices		
Preceded by	**New Mexico State Senate District 9** 2009–2021	Succeeded by **Brenda McKenna (D)**

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