

# Gabriel Vasquez (NM-2)



## Biography

### BIRTH DATE

Unknown

### EDUCATION

BA, English/Journalism, New Mexico State Univ., 2002-2008

### FAMILY

Unknown

## Background

An avid conservation enthusiast with a career in advocacy, Vasquez pushed for environmental protection, immigration reform, and economic development in his 2022 House campaign

Describes himself as a "first-generation American who grew up in the borderlands," as he spent time with family in both New Mexico and Mexico; spent his childhood participating in outdoor activities with his family, which unfortunately included an incident where he and his family were detained by US game wardens for fishing without a license

Earned his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University; later worked for the Las Cruces-based caregiving and health monitoring technology startup SameDay Security, Inc. for two years early in his career

Worked for Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM), a senator known for his conservation efforts; while working for Heinrich, Vasquez was involved in making Organ Mountains Desert Peaks a national monument and designating wilderness areas within the monument

Beginning with his stint in Heinrich's office, Vasquez's environmental advocacy career continued through his roles in several wilderness and environmental conservation advocacy groups; worked with state legislators to enact the New Mexico Outdoor Equity Fund to provide outdoor opportunities to underserved youth, and collaborated with other groups to launch a similar initiative on the federal level

Elected to the Las Cruces City Council in 2017, and served for four years

## District Profile

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2022 VOTE RATING DISTRICT LOCATION

Toss Up

Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area

## Election Results

2022 GENERAL

Vasquez

50%

Herrell

50%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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