

Albuquerque- In case you missed it, Democratic Party of New Mexico Vice Chair Cam Crawford joined Daniel Chacón of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* on the “Around the Roundhouse” podcast last week for a discussion on his background and work as Vice Chair. [You can watch the full episode and get to know Cam here.](#)

Cam discusses his background and day jobs as a firefighter and substitute public school teacher, and how that informs his political activism. Cam sums up his work reaching out to young voters and building rural DPNM county party chapters, highlighting how New Mexico Democrats deliver for working families while Republicans keep Washington in a state of dysfunction. He also discusses his values and vision for DPNM and the Democratic Party as a whole.

Some of Cam’s key excerpts of the podcast include:

- 1:26: *“In addition to being a firefighter, I’m also a substitute teacher with Santa Fe Public Schools. I remember coming to New Mexico as a kid in my teen years and I just knew I wanted to be here.”*
- 6:58: *“We really need to continue to address poverty. You know, a lot of the time, when the kids come to school, that might be the only time they get to eat for that day. They are spending so much time with these teachers who often take a really big part in raising these kids. So I think that when we couple addressing poverty, which we are doing, and then we continue to support our teachers by making sure they are well-compensated, I think that will go a long way in making sure that New Mexico continues to move up that list that we often find ourselves at the bottom of.”*
- 9:32: *“You just start showing up to meetings, and eventually people start asking you to do things, and the answer’s always yes. Yes, I would like to be more involved. It kind of just snowballed and I got more involved, and one day I woke up and I was Vice Chair of the state party.”*
- 10:47: *“I want to visit every single college campus in the state. I want to hear from our young voters to hear what they want out of their Democratic Party. And beyond that, it’s very important that we organize in every single one of the thirty-three counties. When we have a strong local party, then we can run*

*candidates and then we can start to compete in places where people don't even think that Democrats can compete."*

- *18:37: "Every single caucus and committee is critical to making sure that we achieve things for New Mexicans. Just like firefighting, politics is a team sport."*
- *20:35: "People will be able to look to New Mexico as the model for what Democratic governance could look like in America. We're focused on making sure that people who are on food assistance can eat, the Republicans are not. We have made it possible for every single New Mexico child who graduates to go to college for free, debt-free, tuition-free. That's what we're focused on in New Mexico."*