• **Restore Integrity & Fiscal Responsibility**

• **Avoid More Tax Hikes**

• **Spend Tax Dollars on Citizens’ Priorities**

• **Return Civility to Town Government**

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**You may wonder why is a Special Election is needed?**

When Council extended their own terms by nearly two years (in a rushed, questionable vote where other options weren’t discussed/considered) it effectively denied voters the chance to vote them out. A regular election should have already happened. We need to stop this insanity and gain citizens’ rights for control. Citizens should decide what happens with our taxes and our town, not a self-interested, bully mayor.

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This informational flyer comes from CORE (Citizens for an Open and Responsible Edgewood)

**Who is CORE and Why do we care?** *Citizens for an Open and Responsible Edgewood* is a group of concerned Edgewood citizens and property owners who saw abuses happening in our town. We began looking into it, pulled on a thread and uncovered numerous problems and violations of law.

We knew our Edgewood neighbors needed to know about it so for two years we have held public forums to share the information, sent emails, and posted information and videos online to try to keep the community informed. Several of our members even filed a lawsuit to try to stop the abuses (still in the very slow court process).

We have no hidden agendas or biased loyalties (we are not appointees of the mayor). We are not seeking public office. We are not related to the mayor or his supporters. We simply want our local government to serve us, not the other way around. We are tired of the corruption, waste and fraud happening in Edgewood and believe residents deserve better.

Along with over 750 citizens who follow and watch CORE updates online, we see a strong need for change! We put together a website to help everyone understand what’s been happening and see the documentation.

Please go to: [EdgewoodCORENM.com](http://edgewoodcorenm.com) or follow [Eye on Edgewood](https://www.facebook.com/EyeonEdgewood) on Facebook.

(See other side for the important details)
A Special Election is allowing Edgewood to choose Commission-Manager form of government. All registered Voters in Edgewood will receive a mail-in ballot in early August. The Commission-Manager form of government has many advantages and additional rights for citizens.

What is the Commission-Manager form of government used by so many cities, towns, and counties?
The Commission-Manager system was designed to combat corruption and unethical activity in local government by promoting effective management within a transparent, responsive, and accountable structure. About half of U.S. cities and towns with populations of 2,500 residents or more operate under the Commission-Manager form of town management. Studies show that:

- There is a huge (57%) reduction in corruption in towns with this form of government.
- Costs are actually reduced due to professional and efficient management.

Why For Edgewood? Why Now?
Mayors in small towns have most of the power of government. Mayor Bassett has mis-used this power to spend millions of our tax dollars to build city sewer lines ONTO Bassett private property at our expense and increasing its value for himself. Commission-Manager form of government spreads power evenly amongst our five elected commissioners, eliminating the possibility of a mayor acting for himself with our money.

Bassett is currently trying to use $20 million or more of our tax dollars for a hostile takeover (condemnation) of EPCOR water system which will double or triple our water bills as it has in every other condemnation case! (see for yourself at www.edgewoodcorenm.com). Commission-Manager government will give us a way to stop this (our current form of government can’t stop him or even undo it after the fact).

Bassett has been using our town as his personal piggy bank, spending our limited tax dollars on Bassett property, legal fees, and building his pet projects while ignoring long-standing citizen priorities of roads and trails.

Will this stop corruption here in Edgewood?
Yes, if we vote FOR Commission-Manager form of government, we the citizens will have the power to veto any more corrupt projects or decisions with new ‘superpowers’ of recall, referendum, and initiative. If the Mayor continues to take over the water system (with our money) and run new water or more sewer lines to his other properties at our expense, we can VETO it, or even recall the him if he persists!

Will I still be able to vote for ALL 5 Commissioners?
Yes, all municipalities (regardless of form of government) whose population is under 10,000 can vote at-large (for all positions). Edgewood has about 6,000 residents, so we can continue to vote at-large for many years.

How can I vote FOR Commission-Manager form of government?
Mail-in ballots will arrive in your mailbox within days. Completely fill in the bubble in front of FOR Commission-Manager form of Government, follow each step of the instructions, and return by mail immediately (or hand deliver to Santa Fe County Clerk’s office). All ballots must arrive in Santa Fe County Clerk’s office before 7:00pm on August 24.

We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by voting FOR the Commission Manager form of government on the mail-in ballot. We will still be able to vote for all 5 of our elected leaders in future elections AND we citizens gain the rights to recall and veto any more crazy, expensive boondoggle projects that benefit the mayor at our expense!

See the truth for yourself at www.edgewoodcorenm.com and Eye of Edgewood (on Facebook).
Please vote FOR the Commission Manager form of government for Edgewood!