

Indivisible SOS Meeting Minutes 10/25/2021

1. Jana Theis began the meeting by reminding members about the holiday party on 12/13 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Betsy's home. She asked for volunteers to help set up and clean up. Barbara B. and Jayne volunteered to set up and Stephanie volunteered to clean up.
2. Postcards for CD2 need to be in the mail by 10/29.
3. Social Studies standards public hearing will be on 11//12 from 1-5 PM and will be on Zoom only. Let Sandy know if you plan to attend.
4. Next Monday's meeting is hybrid at 9:30 AM. Jana and Dottie will be introducing our new website.
5. The United Methodist Church in Las Cruces is organizing donations for the Afghan refugees. They need baby items. Rachel announced that Lutheran social services will be setting up an office for the refugees in Santa Fe.
6. Ricann reminded the group about the Blue CD2 fund raising Zoom on 10/30.
7. Rachel and Barbara B met with Somos and were very encouraged by their enthusiasm. Somos is also working on CD2 especially in regards to getting out the Latino vote in that district.
8. Liz Stefanics, who represents district 39, joined the meeting by telling the group about the Climate Summit that she attended today and will attend tomorrow. She reported that the Governor is very interested in carbon fuel standards and converting methane to hydrogen that could then be stored as energy in batteries. More study is needed concerning these topics. Liz then spoke extensively about redistricting. The Citizens Redistricting Commission has all the maps and there will be a special session starting 12/6 to 12/19. It became apparent that it is a very complicated issue. Liz stated that New Mexico. There have been many su's budget will be the largest ever at \$8 billion. In addition to deciding how to spend it, the challenge of capacity is huge. For example, if we want to expand broadband statewide, can we find the expertise to do so? Some of the ideas concerning how to use the excess money are: increasing teacher's salaries, scholarships for teacher's aides to become certified teachers, scholarships for nurse's aides to become nurses, more money for behavioral health, increasing judges salaries, and raising benefits for individuals below the poverty level. Liz

suggested that we should tell our legislators how we think this excess money should be used.

The state has a 50 year water plan.

Liz believes the Green Amendment will be hard to pass because it requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Meeting ended at 7:05 PM