

**Minutes SOS  
Presentation by Marcela Diaz  
SOMOS**

**11/29/2021**

**Update on Events**

There will be a discussion on Critical Race Theory at Betsy Porter's house on 12/6. It will be held as a hybrid.

The Holiday Party which will also be held at Betsy's will be face to face. The Holiday Party will be held December 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **You must be fully vaccinated to attend!**

Rachael Feldman announced a collection of new toys for Indigenous People organization serving native families in Santa Fe County. Please leave culturally appropriate toys at Rachael's or bring to holiday party.

Democratic party doing training on voter registration. Also need people who will collect signatures for ballots.

**Workgroup Updates**

**Rachael** reported on the Civil Rights group and a good meeting with the Sheriff. The Sheriff's office has good feelings about us as a group. She raised the issue of de-escalation training being mandated by the Law Enforcement Academy. He agreed. There is increased violence in the state and this is likely to be an issue for the session and for the election.

Rachael also recommended that we look at the reports of the Interim Committees in preparation for the session.

**Paula** The report of the redistricting committee is on the member site

**Jan** Reported on the 20 year moratorium for Fracking near Chaco within a 10 mile radius. Also this is the last year that trapping will be allowed on public land.

**Jayne** Looking for ideas for programs. Sandy will try to get Mimi Stewart or Brian Egoff or Peter Wirth. Will try to also get Gabe Vasquez for January. Cynthia will contact Sondra Rooney at Emerge for February.

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( will get the slides that she used)

Organization has been around for 26 years. Statewide organization, immigrant based. Started with Immigrant rights - evolved to workers rights. They have 3 offices: Santa Fe, Hobbs, Roswell. They are organized in 8 counties. They use a committee structure, they started a political arm. Work on a variety of issues related to economic relief. They have both a national and state agenda focused on racial equity and economic relief. The overall mission is to build power for low wage workers.

Please refer to the slides to get details on their history and priorities.

### **Q&A SOMOS**

#### **How can we help them?**

Discussion about the redistricting maps. Marcela focused on the major shift in the number of latinos living in the SW of the state. Focused on making a change so that the communities where the growth has been in latinos and natives are better represented.

Discussion of the Day of Action on the 13th at the RoundHouse at 11:00. They will be pushing the People's Map which is the boldest and biggest change. Asked about our commitment to this map.

We committed to meeting in a small group about the map to determine our level of support.

Also in the session will likely be the stimulus monies where they are looking for \$10-15 million for immigrants who were not eligible for other stimulus funds even though they worked as essential workers through the pandemic.

Discussion of CD2 and getting the Democratic Party Infrastructure engaged.