

## **Indivisible SOS Meeting 12-13-21 Minutes**

21 people attended on Zoom and 8 in person.

Sandy Dransfield shared highlights of a letter sent out by Ezra and Leah Levin, Indivisible's founders, celebrating the organization's fifth anniversary. It is a powerful analysis of political despair, hope and power.

Somos will be at the Roundhouse today supporting The People's redistricting map. Some of us will join them. Anyone who wants to carpool, talk with Sandy or Cynthia Feiden-Warsh.

We will be on winter break, starting tomorrow, with no regular scheduled meetings until Monday, January 10th.

Our annual Strategic Planning Meeting is on Monday, January 17th. The Leadership Team will meet in advance to prepare. We have two parts to the agenda: goals and issues, including how we choose speakers and programs. With the growth of our organization - more than ninety members now - we need to assess what does and doesn't work for us. Peggy Klaus has agreed to facilitate. Invites will go out through Dottie Indyke and the location will depend upon the number of participants.

Dues info for 2022 will go out in January. We had a goal of recruiting six new members this year and exceeded that, with eighteen!

Elizabeth Fryer, leader of the Climate Team, asked for time on the agenda for a speaker. Jayne Nordstrom will contact her to work out the details.

Pam Rogers attended a meeting of NCN, the coordinated network of local Indivisible groups who partner with each other and the national organization on federal advocacy campaigns. They are planning a vigil for January 6th. Indivisible expects some version of Build Back Better to

pass, but not voting rights/democracy issues - unless we all push harder. Pam also plans to share the humorous “Democracy Carols” for a lighter note.

Santa Fe’s Democratic Party is looking for three more callers to make phone calls to Hispanic voters. You do not need to speak Spanish. Sandy, Cynthia and Bev Hedin volunteered.

Our Speaker was NM Representative Tara Lujan. She updated us on the Special Session, happening now at the Roundhouse. The House passed an amendment to HB75, Medical Malpractice Definitions, and general revenue bills also passed. They are now waiting on concurrence from the Senate.

Redistricting maps were also approved in the House. A substitute bill was proposed and voted out of the Senate judiciary committee that changed a version of SB2 in a way that caused tribal leaders to walk out of the session. Lujan thinks there is time for us to reach out to Senate leaders and committee members to voice our concerns. The original SB2 recognized and respected tribal/pueblo sovereignty, while the version passed split up tribes/pueblos in the interest of re-election interests of certain senate districts. Lujan believes that the version H map has good proportionality between urban and rural, with compelling arguments from citizens in CD2 regarding good representation. She sees opportunities to engage with voters there to promote our progressive values. We need conversations and focus groups to look for potential leaders in those communities.

Lujan also talked about bills in the works for January's regular legislative session. She is working on a child witness protection bill. Roberta Colton has offered to work with her in preparing that bill. A Health Dept. harm reduction bill would allow for some fentanyl drug testing. She is also proposing \$20 million for state parks, to expand the outdoor economy. She is trying to introduce cash assistance to essential workers, largely immigrants, who were not eligible for pandemic aid. The ask will be between \$10 - 15 million. We should contact our reps, legislative and finance committee members, and in the Senate, Patty Lundstrom and George Munoz. She is also looking at training assistance for these workers. Finally, Lujan has concerns about how hydrogen power may evolve in New Mexico.

Lujan shared her cell phone number and urged us to text her with ideas and concerns: 505-385-8676.

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