

Indivisible SOS Santa Fe general meeting, Monday 4/18/2022

(evening meeting, Zoom only)

Announcements/Discussion

1. Wednesday morning April 20th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Planned Parenthood is hosting its annual Breakfast-of-Champions** at the Convention Center downtown. Cynthia has generously bought 5 seats for our group, and we will be represented at the event.
2. The statewide **Indivisible United Conference in Albuquerque** will start on April 29th afternoon meet-and-greet (optional) and continue all-day Saturday April 30th. We have 18 members attending.
3. Our **first discussion group** is Wednesday April 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. either in person at the Aldea Community Center (3 Nuevo Milenio) or via ZOOM. Only six members notified leaders they will attend, although 33 expressed interest. Request for all interested to let leaders know.
4. **Monday May 2nd we will be hosting two speakers: Maggie Toulouse-Oliver and Lauren Oertel, followed by potluck brunch at 11 AM.** Asked that members let Monica know what they will bring (monicagilboa@comcast.net).
5. **Next week, April 25th, our speaker will be Representative Andrea Romero.** We discussed the need to help her. and the other two candidates being challenged by more conservative democrats in the primaries (Susan Herrera and Kristina Orteza of Taos).

The Reclaim Our Vote postcard writing campaign discussed, send postcards 4/15-25.

Today's speaker was Sandra Roeuny, the executive director of Emerge NM. She provided the following summary of her presentation:

- Emerge New Mexico Website: <https://nm.emergeamerica.org/>
- **Mission:** To increase the number of Democratic women and non-binary leaders from diverse backgrounds in public office through recruitment, training, and providing a powerful network.
- **Vision:** To change the face of power, politics, and leadership in this country in order to have policies that are responsive to all Americans Video about Emerge NM
- **Nominate a Leader Today.** Use this link to recommend leaders, including those in your membership, who you believe will be great elected officials. We'll do the work to reach out to them. Remember, research tells us that it takes at least 7x for a woman to be asked to run, before she decides to do so. Let's work together
- **Signature Program, our premier candidate training program.** More information about our premier candidate training program.
- **Support Our Work.** We can't do the work without our generous supporters. Join our movement today. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

- Keep Up to Date with Us. Join our [mailing list](#) to receive the latest update and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).
- Also, join us for our [Virtual Kickoff Reception Friday, May 6, 2022 from 5:30-6:30pm](#) so meet our newest class, the Class of 2022. These 24 amazing Democratic women and non-binary leaders come from across New Mexico and are ready to get the tools and resources to run their campaign and win. Come meet your future elected official in the making.

Ms. Roeuny answered our questions. Topics included: trainee selection criteria and process (committee selects candidates with the only formal requirement to be a democrat); auditing classes is not permitted because creating class network and comradeship is essential, but they welcome volunteers to do the organization work; their tax status does not permit endorsement of candidates (unlike Emily's list) but they can support them; they are well-known through word-of-mouth, particularly alumni, no advertising or marketing; only work with adult candidates, no educational work with kids.

Sondra mentioned a number of well-known office holders who are alumni of the program, and she is particularly proud of Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland. Sondra's contact information is:

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