

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vote Forward - mail on 26th early but you can't advance to "mailed" on the Vote Forward platform until the 29th.
- Last postcard writing party will be Friday, Oct 28 at Ricann's from 2-4pm
- Are polls accurate? Polls by the most part are done by telephone? So the people they are getting are older than us. Here's a NYT article that answers this question: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/12/upshot/midterms-polling-phone-calls.html>
- Congratulations to us for focusing on Gabe and on NM. That was the right decision. We've been focusing on unlikely voters. Now that they are registered, we are trying to get them motivated.
- In Roswell starting Nov 4 weekend of Sandy and Marti will be focusing on TLF. They will be there for the weekend. Join them!
- Canvassing
 - Newbies who canvassed for the first time came back the second time
 - We are looking at high turnout numbers. But that also means an unprecedented number of challenges. There was an incident where two guys in combat fatigue showed up at a polling locations. This should have been challenged!
 - Discussed the Challenger role at election places are being upgraded with a system called LBJ - Lawyers Bound For Justice - where all such things will be handled
 - Invitation from Girls 'Inc for Annual Public Forum where they are talking about Girls 'Inc at Optuntia
 - Texting - still available. Do on your own time between 9 and 9pm. Fun conversations. It's anonymous. The responses are automated. You can reach 100 people in an hour. It reaches mostly people who have requested a mail in ballot.

GUEST SPEAKER ANDREA ROMERO

- Rep. Romero has been with us since the beginning. She just got her law degree.
- She thanks us for our help during the Primary. She was overwhelmed with the results.
- Right now spending lots of time on interim committees.
- Interim has taken an interesting turn -
 - Issues
 - Affordable housing
 - We have to make mega changes.
 - How do we build wealth in this country? Owning a house is one way.
 - Interest rates make it impossible. This what she is hearing here in NM.
 - We are 10 years behind in creating affordable housing
 - Climate Change
 - She was with Teacher's Union on Friday. Climate change on Saturday and affordable housing are intertwined
 - We are 10 years behind in creating affordable housing
 - Housing, Water bringing into next session. Not managing it for quantity and quality. We give it away as if we will always have it.
 - Reproductive: same place we were in June. Need to get MLG re-elected.
 - NM State: house we might lose 12 seats. Two are turning good. The other 10 are teetering. We are looking at 10 critical races. We probably keep our majority. She is for Javier Matinez for Speaker.

- It's going to be a different session with a narrower majority.
- We have \$ but it still comes from Oil and Gas.

QUESTIONS

- Roberta asked if she's heard about the study regarding the legislators and extending the terms, etc.? Andrea said yes, she has done the survey. She hopes it will be done before the session.
- Sandy asked what does the senate feel about this? Andrea thinks the senate might be more progressive on this issue. Debate will be on committees before the floor. Floor vote in senate not sure. It has to be a constitutional amendment regarding payment. Would need a real campaign behind it to be successful.
- Marti mentioned that she has had experience with affordable housing for many years. She wants to help with this.
- Sandy sits on SAFC housing commission. Releasing plan by early Dec and it's really good. Unfortunately it's a county plan and not a city plan. We have to get John Blair back from the City and start hammering on him.
- Andrea
 - working with (someone) on modernizing landlords. Trying to help the courts and the eviction process which is too short. After notification, you have only 3 days to rectify. Trying to cure and have more time to make ends meet.
 - Tenants do their rent payments first and then everything. She works with a group that is spending \$10M a month in subsidies but this ends next June. This helps to keep people in homes.
 - Will have trouble with rent control/support. Prohibition on rent control as a state law. And this is the one thing we have on the books that is not home rule. The ABQ memorial did not pass to have this rule repealed.
 - Mobile parks act - out of state people are purchasing Mobile Park land and kicking people out. Tenants over 65 are being uprooted.
 - How to increase new fund for affordable housing that came in July. Working with Mortgage Finance Authority to how to deal with building more affordable and the mobile home act, etc. Started this in 2020 and now the crisis is worst.
 - Housing permits are tough to get approved, this from Regulation and licensing. That's part of the problem building affordable house, but it's really the fact that affordable housing is not available.
- Water
 - Jana: One thing she heard the way we manage water rights if you don't use them you lose them. That encourages farmers to grow a low value crop like alfalfa just to use the water. Maybe we pay farmers not to grow low value crop.
 - Jan: she's a rain barrel advocate. State should consider rebates for using rain barrels. Andrea has not seen this. The City used to have a rain barrel subsidiary
 - Andrea:
 - She tried or someone tried to change the def on beneficial use and couldn't do it.
 - When it comes to water the status quo helps everyone who already has water
 - We have to look at a tech way to manage water.
 - We have diff authorities looking at water differently. There's no intersection.
 - Having more data would help. At the point, water mgt. is a black box.
- We need to get more transparent. And that's where we are. Water is THE toughest issue next to housing.

- Everyone has an opinion as to what's being done. Colorado is a good model. Because there is such a black box around water info, we get our best information with litigation. Which is silly.
- Sally and homelessness homelessness
 - Andrea
 - It's getting worse. We don't have a plan for helping the unhoused.
 - The Gov's plan for housing talked about building more affordable housing. Nothing beyond that.
 - She encouraged the Gov's office to talk about that. Asking them to lead.
 - There's a program called leakages in ABQ that gets some funding for being able to solve the problem. Needs \$61M year to solve homelessness. They are re-visiting it.
- Jayne - Hydrogen?
 - Andrea
 - She recently attended a meeting with 350.org and was told there is no safe hydrogen. Green maybe, but the amount of energy is a lot. She cannot vote on a program that doesn't prioritize renewals. She is a no vote on this.
 - Some of the folks (Dems) who voted against Green Amendment are no longer in the house. They were against it because it's unconstitutional. Maybe the wording was vague. She wants to re-circle back on it.
- Roberta: on education. The front page today about the whole nations children suffered and NM is still suffering.
 - Andrea
 - Not just teachers and students but the whole enterprise. Andrea doesn't know how to fix. PED trying to figure it out. Please write letters to NM Teachers and PED. How to solve for lost generation. College is free, and looking to fund nurses and teachers. Trying everything to make it happen. Capacity is the problem. 350 new teachers - have to be trained, etc.
- Barbara Bloomberg: 1) think NM just came out with semi-annual report. 2) she just signed up with literacy vols.
- Jan is a retired teacher. Most effective thing to do is reduce the student to teacher. Get it down 15 - 1 .
- Pam - agrees. She wants to mention the coercive control law. Rich people get away with murder. Family don't understand domestic violence. Andrea would like to see this bill. She's heard about it.
- Sandra: we have found that we are most effective when we are focused. That means being educated. Strategy we are using now successful. Being a citizens advisory group. Rachel gives a description of what we are doing with Police.
 - Whether we need to do this in terms of water and housing.
 - Rachel: bill for comprehensive system for strengthening law enforcement culture. Rachel talking to Senate Leg.
 - Andrea's brother is a state police. She works with NM Retired PO's and tribal along with other advocates. They wrote a memorial last session and it did not get attention. Couldn't get anyone interested. It's personal to her.
 - Sandy: we are part of the research and information behind what bills are being introduced. This effort of ours to take a deep dive to get something going.
 - Rachel - people are inclined to do small things. But we got to what is the real problem. And infrastructure issue. Connecting dots is something no one has done before.