

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Discussion about Braver Angels - Sandy and Kathy going are doing two 3 hour session to check them out. No discussions about our participation with Braver Angels until after the legislative session.
- Hospital movies - not until after the sessions.

AGENDA

- Bill tracking - legislation as they are filed. We will follow them once the committee assignments are solidified.
- Priorities - **CJ Training, Repro Rights. Health Security Act, Water and Hydrogen, Gun Safety, Homelessness, Sub Abuse, Behavioral, etc.** All bills on our website.
- Reena S is next speaker
- Retake the following week
- Today's New Mex newspaper has content on the upcoming about legislative session - look at priorities.

SPEAKER

- Susan Boe, former board member of FOG. Now the board for Searchlight.
 - Susan calls us Indivisibles **Democracy Warriors** (love that)
 - All the issues we mentioned are ones of FOG.
 - Discussed the following
 - Milanovich - opinion in 1/9/22 Santa Fe New Mexican about limiting transparency of hiring public servants. FOG fought against this?
 - FOG doesn't take prisoners. 501C. Non profit and non partisan. Board has liberal and conservatives.
 - FOG believes in getting the info out there. Depending on your political viewpoint, there is always a take on what that means.
 - FOG has no support from govt . Thorngroup Foundation has given support.
 - FOG has an impressive list of Pro Bono panel of attorneys
 - Why they do this: first amendment. It's all about the first amendment.
 - Roots of first amendment was to criticize govt and not get beheded.
 - BUT - How do you criticize govt if you don't know what they are doing?

- A few years ago, she went to Budapest a few years ago and couldn't get inside the legislature because it was in session. That was a clue something was amiss.
- Free speech vs. misinformation. Tough to tackle. Who owns the facts?
- Speech that is not protected: libel or intentional , child pornography.
- Several states that want to put restrictions on social media platforms regarding editing. Reporters understand how difficult this is to do.
- The marketplace of ideas is going to make the truth rise. But it doesn't apply anymore. Discussed fair doctrine. This may be contributing to on-air presence of people like Bobert/ Greene. Giving the other side their mouthpiece.
- Inspection of Public Records Act is NM's FOI
- OMA - open meetings act
- FOG - most of the people they help for information is to help civilians.
- What do we think is the greatest priority of the legislature this session? MONEY. NM: we are last in protecting children, education, we are last. The legis is clouded in secrecy. The House Finance Committee door was locked when she went to a meeting. Chairman was interviewed as why they locked the door said it was because they procedure was too complicated.
- Capital outlay - how is this going to be distributed. This has to be known to the public.
- Importance of transparency to keep political corruption at bay.
- We now have an ethics committee.
- FOG operates a hotline. Free. How to get documents, etc.
- FOG needs more publicity
- Priorities for FOG - govt has lots of data we would like to have. Like the weather service. The data we can get we have to pay for it.