

November 20 Indivisible Meeting Notes (House Speaker Javier Martinez)

Announcements

- This Sunday there will be a rally on the plaza - Anti nukes, Sunday at 2 pm
- Also on Sunday, Valerie Morris - composer writer, and political activist is raising \$ to provide services for a variety of women's causes. 3 pm. St. John's Methodist Church
- We are getting a few inquiries, especially from someone named Ed. A man. We have to tell him he can't join us.
- Indivisible National is starting a book club about learning how to speak to persuadables. Once every 6 weeks, we don't have a speaker. Maybe someone can read this book and then report it to us.
- Ginny has a couple of potential new members.
- Members can find minutes of meetings on the website. Dottie wonders if anyone goes on this site. Org guidelines, bios, notes, bios of members, issues, etc. can be found on the website. Go to the site for members: password is Together!
- Cindy Pabst announced her concert for Jan 27/28 at St. Francis and United Central Methodist Church in ABQ on Feb 4th.

SPEAKER - JAVIER MARTINEZ

Marti introduces us and describes who we are

Question to him: what do you think will be the most important things we might support? Any strategies he can suggest to us?

He goes on to say the following:

- He came in when Dems lost the house. And because of this, he learned how to treat the political minority. He wasn't treated well, so when he took over the speakership, he made a point of creating a more inclusive atmosphere.
- Reena is Whip, Chandler is....good people on the other side of the aisle. Nyburg and others who are respectful. Leads to a good session when there were good debate. He believes that others' points of view doesn't make them enemies. He tried to move past this.
- Abortion care - we are one of the most progressive states. The best state in the country for gender affirming care. Little ol NM a very catholic state is able to offer important services.
- Also passed the NM Voting Rights Act. This is a North Star for other states. First in the nation Native m Voting Rights Act without delay or obstacles
- We transformed our budgeting process. It's been behind the scenes from the prying eyes - he has appointed leadership dedicated to transparency. Now this is paying off.
- For the first time, Finance Committee is taking comments from the public. Reforms on how they form committees. Rooted in the idea these spots are leadership positions and driving transpiration to judiciary to consumer affairs. Not relying on the old system. This has garnered a lot of respect.
- His Chief of Staff in Las Cruces this weekend visited people in rural and people saying they feel more included.

- Changes in the cannabis act. This is part of the equation for diversifying the economy. From testing to packaging to manufacturing.
- Reform the tax year - continuation. Electric Vehicle tax credit bringing that back again and making it more lucrative.
- Keep working on public safety. For all the rights that people who commit crimes have, our children don't have to see this. No one believes more in public education than this leg.
- Climate change is something critical - he worked really hard to implement the Just Transition fund. Move us away from fossil into renewables. Placing the people who are frontline. There is a fund to start investing in these moments. A full transition is a few years away. Even R's don't deny climate change. \$10M into this just transition fund. He hosted a conference on Just Transition.

Questions -

What is coming up what can we do -

- 30-day budget and this is under development. They have heard from every state agency. There are differences between what they ask for and what they get.
- LFC. That budget will be voted on in December. That will be the roadmap. And then Gov will release hers. He wants the public meetings and the public to participate in the public debate.

Priorities -

- Whatever Gov puts on call that is not budget-related they will take off.
- The Gov has announced with housing-specific ideas, healthcare, pretty much everyone in NM will have coverage, attract more healthcare professionals and then invest in rural hospitals.
- Also, people who can't make trips to healthcare. Working on a new tax package and other things around margin. And then gun safety. Can't ignore this issue. Every 30 days the Gov has a long list or not. Depends on what the Exec wants to do.

Rachel

- She sent him a package on public safety. Discussed our Public Safety process of building a coalition of frontline LEA and public safety for dealing with violence.
- We want to change the culture of police violence.
- There is a near collapse of emergency services. And the Gov proposes our suggestions. What advice do you have regarding the legislation? Cops encounter the highest risk Individuals who are drug addicted but they need help dealing with this issue.

Javier

- If you are working with Reena - make sure it's on the radar of the appropriation folks. Good ideas like these need to start early. Can't wait for the session to start.

Jan

- Rebates vs. tax credits for people of modest income. Tax rebates don't have people who have modest incomes.

Javier

- This is something he has been laser-focused on. It's a problem - a huge blindspot to push for these credits doesn't trickle down.
- He served on Tax committees. He has said that to many people. He wants any tax credit to have a refundable credit and can be used at point of sale. Take the tax credit to the car dealership. So modest income people get this.

Jan, also Wildlife Chair

- Recent meeting for water and natural resources. There is a movement for change in this group. Insights?

Javier

- He doesn't know enough about the issue or the politics. Chairman McQueen got this through but Gov vetoed.

Ricann

In listening to him speak - you have to do a lot of stuff. Modernization will help

Javier

- Staffing - he is lucky that he has staff. Just completed another study. Susan H will be spearheading this. \$5-8M to provide full-time staff. Inclusive of district offices. Does not require a constitutional change.
- Paying salaries - such a complicated issue got bogged down. This would have to repeal the part of the constitution that allows leg to get benefits. Followed by another group to set this up. Could be passed this year.
- Length of session - if we pay you, that means you want us to work longer time. 19th century process for a 21st century reality. The house has made it a point of diversifying.

Lina

- wants the committees on education to be offered at different times. And she wants more of those to be recorded.

Cindy - modernization of their technology

Javier

- Most rooms have Zoom. Problem was screens and not using laptops. So it's possible this is happening. But the webcast might be coming later.

Marti - solarize all buildings in NM. Do you support it?

Javier - Sounds like a good idea but he hasn't heard of anything.