

iSOS January 15 - work session, no guest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **ENVIRONMENT DAY** at the legislature is Friday, February 9, 2024, 9am to 1pm
2. **INDIVISIBLE NATIONAL BOOK GROUP** - "The Persuaders" by Anand Giridharadas, [join us on Thursday January 25, 2024 at 4pm ET for a discussion of the book with author Anand Giridharadas.](#)

ELECTION NEWS

Signing petitions for candidates for office. All candidates for office must collect signatures in order to be on the ballot, even incumbents. There are 2 ways to access Nominating Petitions: by printing out a form to sign or signing electronically. Here are links to both ways.

- **Via Paper:**
https://www.sos.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Primary-Statewide-Nominating-Petition_English.pdf
- **Electronically:** <https://www.electronicpetitions.elections.sos.nm.gov/petition>
- We have business cards for the Legislative sessions.
- Jayne - Farmer's Market We need to get Linda Serratto should get on the Speakers's list.
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- Everyone discussed the Town Halls of the last week. How there is a majority in the house.
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- This is the year of lots of funds for recurring and non recurring expenses.
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SESSION STARTS TOMORROW!

Legislative Dates to Note:

- **January 31** - Deadline for introducing bills
- **February 15** - Session ends (noon)
- **March 6** - Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- **May 15** - Effective date of legislation that is not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- 3 Bills supported by gun alliance
 - [HB27 Extreme Risk Protection Order Changes](#)
- [Housing Discrimination based on Income](#), prefiled Senate bill (no number yet)
- [HB108 Local Solar Access Fund story](#)
- [HB25 Housing Discrimination based on Income](#)
- Safe Communities, prefiled Senate bill (no number yet)
 - We support the Senate Bill sponsored by Maestas and Szczepanski to centralize a major recruiting campaign to fill vacancies and increase the proportion of women in Law Enforcement.
 - We understand the New Mexico crisis response systems are critically vulnerable with 20% average vacancy rates in law enforcement sworn and civilian positions; and 24% average vacancy rates in 911 dispatch service positions. This causes delays in response times and our first responders to work overtime, with little time off, creating exhaustion,

burn-out, low morale, high turn-over, supervisors covering patrol shifts and increased risk for mistakes.

- In addition, there are decreased applicants for jobs on top of a lack of resources and expertise to recruit qualified job applicants. There are less than 10% of women on average in NM sworn law enforcement jobs, while the national average is 12%. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Report argues for 30% of the workforce to be women. This is based on evidence of a balanced workforce decreasing violence and use of force, and better police/community relations.
- The 2024 proposed Senate Bill:
- Centralizes a bureau in the Law Enforcement Academy to recruit law enforcement applicants for the entire state (100 police agencies requested this in a recent survey).
- Creates a 2-year major media campaign to recruit from within NM and from surrounding states (include social media, broadcast media, expanded outreach, diverse and more realistic imagery).
- Requires police agencies to set a goal of 30% women sworn officers by 2030 consistent with NIJ report and contribute to mentorship capacities.
- Create programs in the new Bureau that support system-wide mentorship and outreach to build a pipeline for public safety, and retain a diverse workforce.
- Add public safety telecommunicators to Law Enforcement Retention Fund
- Fund modernized training curricula for telecommunicators/dispatchers state-wide.

TOWN HALL RECAPS & OTHER CONVERSATIONS

- We need to get Linda Seratto on the Speakers's list.
- This is the year of lots of funds for recurring and non recurring expenses that are in the future.
- \$3B that we didn't expect. So they can put it in a trust fund. They can figure out the return on this money and figure out much it will contribute.
 - Trust Funds
 - Not in the budget. Will earn enough \$ every year for things that people start this year.
 - One of the bills we are supporting is for solarizing the county. This is a fund for any local jurisdiction to propose solar projects. They can submit \$ every year.
 - These are like the conservation fund that Peter W passed last year, every entity around the state can tap into this. The permanent fund can only be used for education. Now 2% will be going to early education.
 - 30 day session can't do anything but money.
 - Joint resolutions puts in to the records and assigns responsibility for researching . Could do for permanent staffing.
 - Memorials are used for studies for stuff.

The Indivisible Reboot Our Democracy Project

- 17 Indivisible Chapters in the state. We are one of the most active.
- Discussion to create a group within NM Indivisibles across the state to monitor the legislative session. ABQ chapter is taking the lead on this.
 - Enviroment - we won't do. ABQ does

- Guns - they have an expert - we will follow them and we will still do our guns with coordination from the Gun Alliance.
- Health - HB7 is Reena's Health Care . We take the lead here. Specifically the affordability fund. Getting support to get on exchanges
- Housing Focus - ABQ will be doing that Laurel Minter and Rich Weiner. Focusing on 'no discrimination based on income. AKA eliminating section 8.
- There will be a bill to increase SNAP benefits. We will do that.
- Criminal Justice - we do that.
- Modernizing - pocket veto? Joint Resolutions for changing the session to 45/45.

On LEGIS. Gov. My Roundhouse - you can put the bills you are tracking.

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/myroundhouse/>

- Valerie - has info on firearm language program.
- Carol Ellerby suggested Put in the free flow package to register to vote.
- Marti - post session: We know we need to start early, start with interim committees. That will be on the agenda after the session. After March. How much we can do because of the election not sure. Liza endorses this. Very hard to keep track of interim .
- Barbara suggests we do a letter campaign to get Trump off the election -