

I SOS January 21, 2024 Meeting Notes (Rayellen Smith)

Introduction of Reboot Our Democracy, Rayellen Smith, guest speaker. [Use this as a basis of a stand-alone document to let our membership know about our participation in Reboot]

1. Paul and Roxanne, the founders of Retake Our Democracy, are leaving Santa Fe. They have been looking for ways to continue the work of Retake.
 2. They approached Indivisible Albuquerque (IABQ) to see what could be done. IABQ agreed to take on as much as feasible of Retake's work, and asked us (SOS) if we wanted to collaborate on doing so. We said yes.
 3. For 2024 through the end of the legislative session, that means we will be working together to track bills and issue alerts. We have had two meetings so far to figure out how this will work, and will be meeting every Friday at 3 pm by Zoom until at least the end of February to coordinate. SOS members are issue leads for some bills, we are sharing responsibility for others, and IABQ members are the leads on the rest.
 4. After the session and a week or two to review our process and its effectiveness, we will jointly figure out how much of the rest of what Retake did we want to try to duplicate, as well as figuring out how to do it.
 5. The new organization has been named Reboot Our Democracy-Indivisible.
 6. We expect to involve other Indivisibles in the state if they want to join us in this advocacy. We already have buy-in from the Wheeler Peak group, which has about 100 people on its notification list in the northeast corner of the state.
 7. Email address to send alerts to, so they go out to the entire Retake mailing list (over 2000 people) – alerts@rebootourdemocracy.org.
 8. Marti will email members to see if they want to receive the alerts from Reboot.
- B. Jan asked that the major bill she is tracking, HB178, reforming the Game Commission, be added to the Reboot spreadsheet, and said she would take the lead on it. This was done.
- C. Roberta asked that we support a bill being promoted by Voices for Children to require financial literacy for graduation if it looks like it's going somewhere. We agreed. We don't know the bill number yet.
- D. Rachel asked that we support SOMOS in its efforts to get the legislature to approve a guaranteed income pilot program; we agreed to do so.

- E. Rachel described that we want the governor to love us (she already thinks we're pretty good) and therefore support legislation that we participate in—specifically, this year, SB13, “Rachel’s bill.” To this end we plan to support several of the gun-related bills she is proposing. This starts with a hearing on gun bills on January 23, 1:30 in Room 317 before the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee (HCPAC). An alert has gone out with a link to the hearing if you just want to watch it. If you want to attend in person, give yourself plenty of time to park and try to get there early, as it is likely to be packed. Wear your SOS t-shirts if you are going in person.