

## Introduction

- We explained SOS: SOS used to be “save our souls”, “save our sanity”.
- Liz has been serving for many years - her perspective changes with every stage of her life.
- Liz had a friend who wanted to move to Canada after Trump but she told them that things change all the time.
- Liz- says she has a split personality. Works on HHS issues and water, and natural resources. She moved to NM to teach water and natural resources. Worked with Bill R on HHS. She can work on policy issues on both sides.
- She likes to remind people that not every legislator is an expert on things

## She will be working on:

- Carry bill for Gov on **Health Care Authority**. People say there is not enough detail on the bill and we shouldn't support it. But consider that the Gov doesn't like to fail. So Gov will help to make this happen.
- Also worked with Hospitals, and she started the **Rural HC Fund**. These are grants, not loans. If an area has no OBGYN, it can be developed. Trying to expand services with this fund.
- Hospitals say if you tax us more, this can be paid by Medicare. So they are asking to be taxed more.
- 30-day session - has to be \$. If it's a substantive issue, it has to be messaged by Gov.
- Chief Justices would like better pay. We don't have enough qualified justices. Liz is recommending offering a **better retirement package to get qualified justices** to consider coming to NM.
- She is working with the livestock board. **Livestock Inspection Act** to allow us to set up a meat packing center. In Taos it is Federal. She wants NM to set one up for the State.
- Tribal House Councils - **we need to identify waterways that we want to regulate**. She will carry a bill to map these waterways.
- She was successful with **community solar**, she will be creating a fund for solar **businesses communities**.
- Gun control and public safety - will continue to advocate here. Several ideas. Gov has a package - interested in gun control. **Let's take off the streets' stolen guns**. Ortiz y Pino tried to get ghost guns and printed guns.

## Conversations

- Right now the housing trust fund does not offer affordable housing for renting.
- Game and Fish Commission - gov not interested in changing here. She seems happy about it. One thing they can do without her. Changing the membership of fish and game.
- About the Senate's committee committee. They meet daily to discuss bills and decide if bills get moved.
- The speaker of the House has a great deal of authority to decide what is germane.
- Gov proposes a 30 M literacy institute
- We have an early childhood with millions of dollars. Not putting enough with CYFD
- She did a report on CYFD - people who retired say there will also be deaths of children as long as there is substance abuse.
- Poverty mindset - we have lots of \$ but we are afraid of using it. Some of the decision makers are conservatives. They believe in keeping money in reserve. We have a law that says we have to

have 25% in reserve. People are crying wolf that oil and gas will be trickling out. They tried to set up trust funds. One or two of them worked.

- About rental housing assistance. Too much focus on purchase rather than rental. There are people on SS who still have mortgages. We need to help them because they are beyond the circumstances. \$27M is from a permanent fund and it is recurring. MFA Board.
- Memorials - See what the state budget says for appropriation for family courts. Memorials not always accepted easily. The LCS (legislative council service) is year round and they might take this. How about a memorial for a study for individuals and children and give to LCS?
- Family court and Children court are very different. Criminal court and civil are supposed to be separate so that poses a problem. NY has integrated the domestic violence courts.
- We can't hire the right people. The state personnel system is a whole system of salary ranges. If you are there for a long time, you are not rewarded. We don't have enough trained and educated people. We need more paid internships. They are considered feeder rights.
- Non-working people - who are they and why are they not working? Are they making enough?
- About the child testimony issue: We are the only state that doesn't allow remote testimony. Passed the house and didn't go to Senate. Defense attorneys don't support it. There is a list online from courts and corrections. This needs to be championed in the interim committee. Chris Chandler and Cervantes chair the interim.
- AES solar project. County decision. PNM told her privately that AES did not meet the project and was off the table. The battery could be set miles away and in open fields.