

# i SOS March 25, 2024 Meeting Notes (Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

- Election committee looking at primaries outside SAF
- Lina still looking at the Commissioner race for District 2
- How Jayne was able to get the Gov to our meeting.
  - The day after the session she was in Home Goods. So the Gov. Gov started giving us (SOS) lots of praise. And she offered to come to one of her meetings. She knows about us from several perspectives. She thinks we are the best advocacy group in the area. That we know what we are doing.
- Rachel — standards and council for Police Academy (PA). Last week went to Las Cruces.
  - There is tension between the relatively new Director, Sonia Chavez, and us. Has to do with all the things they have to do things and the things we need them to do. We are pushing for setting standards. Sonia is having a hard time hiring and thus is pressed to do all that we are suggesting. Thus, she is pushing back: too much to do.
  - As a result, Rachel is establishing relationships with other people. Rachel pushed for six meetings instead of four. Sonia voted against it but they (others) voted for it.
  - Rachel is a change agent from the inside. Performance standards were taken out 2 years ago. But PA needs to go in the regulations. So they are re-writing the regulations. Will take a year.
  - Note- things still going well, overall. But there is a bit of a pushback.
  - Law Enforcement Officers are being removed. Rachel says this is a cross-cultural experience.
- Indivisible National- four senate seats to hold on to. AZ, NV, MT, OHIO. Critical. These are on our list too. Two Rs in AZ and Ohio are crazies.
- Martin H - should we be worried? Probably not. How much \$ will his competitor pull in?
- Melanie and Teresa are worried about Gabe.
- Further discussion about The Fiesta debacle. Even the Superintendent said this shouldn't be done. The Fiesta Council threatened the Native Americans. Church vs State. Native American families with children have been completely ignored. Are these re-imagining meetings open to the public?

## THE GOVERNOR

- Indivisible does something that most groups don't do. We are a balanced investment in policy and evidence-based.
- Renewable Energy
  - 2nd sunniest state. We are in the mix sun powered clean energy. And wind is good for geothermal. We are in the top 5 for a source of Renewable Energy.
  - We can have this as a footprint. We should be leaning in for the climate crisis. Just 5 years in 140% increase in wind. And 50% solar
  - First in anchoring manufacturing. Part of the debate will be to get investors in this technology. She believes we need regional partnerships, we need them.
  - Yes, we need people impacted by the changes i.e. by lines to be impacted. That's why companies like Sun Zia have gotten good national attention. It has gotten Sovereign nations and others to pay attention. But there will always be lawsuits.

- Gov's don't have total rule over who does the transmission. PRC rejected Avidgrid. But not everyone is happy. NM has to think about partners creating infrastructure. She is bullish about this. NM is punching above its weight class. We are the top state per capita.
- Hydrogen
  - Leaning into this:: we need more transitional technology.
  - Transportation needs a lot of work. We doing a lot of green H. Diesel trucks are awful. Now there is biodiesel. Change the fuel mix. Took four years to pass the clean fuel standard. We have a clean car standard. Car dealers need to give more choices. NM's should invest in reducing their footprints.
  - NM leader in EV charging stations.
  - Airplanes - large-scale manufacturing. And for semis. And in NM we can lower footprints on i25.
  - Color: We structured incentives for the lowest carbon: right now that's Green. Most of the H interest is green.
  - The last is AG. We have a healthy soil law. Soil is the best place to capture carbon. Maybe next session. Every landfill in the state should have the right stuff to put in.
  - What's biofuel? - any kind of fuel organic that is a fossil fuel.
  - Inflation nR Act - game changer. Oppty to mitigate risk to rebuild. We just passed a tax credit for clean advanced energy.
  - Private sector partners are very important because some of this stuff is expensive.
- Water
  - She is excited about her concept. The Strategic Water Project
  - There is a shift. We don't have enough water. This precipitation won't help. In the next years, hotter and hotter. The big water user in the state is AG. Intel is not the issue. We need a TRANSformation with AG.
  - SWS (Safe Water Systems): focuses on mgt., knowledge, and conservation. We are using too much H2O, not just industry.
  - Brackish water - We are sitting on an ocean of BW. AZ will have a challenge because they are not.
  - SWS: takes \$ from all sectors - put \$ in an account and we guarantee we will pay you. Use brackish water for industry. You clean the rest of the water - oil & gas can't use new water. Water has to be cleaned up for industries. And we can clean up our water. We are vetting companies who do this. Use this water to replant vegetation.
  - She will be the US Co-Chair of Climate Group. Land of Enchantment fun is a wonderful thing. Hundreds of millions holding land in a conservation trust.
  - Senator Wirth -shout out for what he continues to do for us.
- Public Safety
  - Violent crime is seeing a sharp decline. But we don't see it. The problem is that's been so severe, that even downward shifts are not felt
  - During COVID-19, more 1st responders died than any other group. We now have fewer officers. It's a tough environment.
  - So while violent crime dipped, other crime has not and is still not enough. No quality of life difference.
  - Since 2019: \$140 M to recruit and retain officers. But local offices steal state officers.
  - There's been a great deal of cannibalizing all PO's
    - 1. Raises from state and local. 2. Changed benefits. We are the only State where pensions are not underwater. You can retain your retirement from another state. Has helped us get 500 new officers. 3. You can retire in 20 years. They can stay

- after retirement. Now we allow officers to keep both. Training benefits are better. This is the best money we can spend. Want highly trained and family members.
- Penalty enhancement
    - She is the safest NM because she has Police Officers at her home. She thinks there's a lot more to be done and is leaning into a special session.
    - We have more felony issues, evidence showing that it's not deterring crime. it does keep dangerous people off the streets, though.
    - We have the lowest incarceration rates for some crimes
    - Since her public health order in ABQ, 6K arrests since October. Counties are required to have jails. ABQ didn't have room, so they were putting them in State facilities, requiring youth offenders not to be out pending adjudication. They can't be back on the streets.
    - Gun buybacks are working. We need to continue to get firearms off the street.
    - Responsible firearm owners are not our problems. In 60 days, the plan is to ban firearms. Gun safety legislation. We have a constitutional right to safety.
    - Homelessness, transient population. This is a high-risk group. Can't be openly selling and using fentanyl. And can't be panhandling.
    - They need tools: drug court if you are a repeat offender- they aren't able to help themselves. We need a criminal competency bill to commit you for 90 days or another 90 days. Bill - game changer.
    - Civil commitment bill - can't commit someone over 18. Need a way to interrupt that. She doesn't think we can address the issue without these bills. Pedestrian bill for panhandlers. A license for panhandlers.
  - We are doing the right work. The only state with a constitutional early childhood program. We have more kids in special education than any state. Thinks we don't do a good screening. Job. Early intervention.
  - Housing. We need a lot more. How to have both - housing and open spaces. Hundreds of millions for housing in statue. \$20m for homelessness infrastructure.
  - We need to have replacements before we implement
  - She wants us to help her with the legislative session.
  - Modernization: a path to two 60-day sessions?
    - Does paying people make it more formal? It's getting closer and closer. It's unfair and unjust that we don't pay our legislators.
  - What's next for her? She doesn't know. Would like to keep working. She thought this was the best healthcare session in a long time. Behavioral health systems, are better. Better provider rates. Importing drugs. She is excited about transitions and innovations.

## **THE LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR**

Dottie, Liza, Rachel,

1. We share the world's most productive oil and gas field, the Permian Basin, with Texas. Texas charges higher royalty rates than we do, why don't we match Texas's royalty rates? Ricann

2. The revenue NM receives from oil and gas in our state is astounding. How do we balance the needs a poor state has with the inevitable drop in the production of oil and gas in our state?  
Ricann
3. I want to know why she's so high on hydrogen given its water intensivity. Dottie
  - Why are you pushing blue hydrogen in an arid State instead of focusing on wind and solar?  
Roberta
  - Why are you so interested in gas, oil and hydrogen? These things are all bad for our earth.  
Debbie Harmon
  - STOP her dirty hydrogen hub! Continues w/drilling, fracking, water use and fossil fuel dependency and pollution/carbon. Going backwards not forward! Pamela Marshal
  - With the abundance of wind and sun in New Mexico, why aren't we fighting to be #1 in wind and solar energy? Jana
  - Why does she keep pushing on the hydrogen water project when NM has no water? Bernadette
  - New Mexico is projected to reduce carbon emissions approximately 1% by 2025 and 13% by 2030 from 2005 levels, compared to its goals of a 26% reduction by 2025 and a 45% reduction by 2030, without additional action so...

How do we/NM reduce emissions in regards to oil&gas and moving to clean energy? Elizabeth

1. What is the Governor's philosophy on governing? In other words, how does she, or does she, consider public opinions and/or legislative initiatives when they contrast with her personal views?  
Cindy
2. I would be interested in her thoughts on modernizing the legislation, extending the time frame, and paying legislators. Liza
3. Id ask if she will continue to fight for/pursue her proposed Office of Housing (for 2025 session vote) and if so, how would it function (what would the structure be and would New Mexicans have access to the office to help when housing issues arise) to benefit renters and others who cannot afford to buy homes in New Mexico. Laurel
4. What are your thoughts about, and are you preparing for with actual plans, the you-know-what-show awaiting us after the election, regardless of the actual results? Monica
5. Where did your water plan come from? Trudy
6. What are your legislative priorities for the next (full) session. Liza
7. CYFD continues to have multiple problems. Has she considered any new creative ideas for protecting our youngest citizens from physical abuse and violence? Bernadette
8. As one of 12 women serving as governors in the U.S., what do you think are the particular responsibilities of women leaders at this level and above? Dottie
9. Medical care is so difficult to access, even here in Santa Fe. What more can you do to help? Jana
10. Will she serve out her term? What are her plans after the governorship?
11. Is she going to pass next year's legislation mandating 8th to 12th grade NM education on affirmative consent? (only yes means yes)