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Notes from general meeting
May 13, 2024

- Rep. Linda Serrato canceled her scheduled talk because of her daughter's illness. She would like to reschedule to join us in person.
- Georgia Jones-Davis, a new member, introduced herself and said she is especially interested in writing postcards.
- Liza announced that the New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding is hosting a golf tournament fundraiser. Liza will circulate details through Ricann. All donations are welcome.
- There is another county commissioner candidate forum for district 2 on Wednesday. Details in the agenda.
- Blue CD2 NM is holding a meeting to explain its upcoming postcard campaigns, also on Wednesday. To register, use link in the agenda. Dottie will order 3,000 postcard stamps for summer CD2 campaigns.
- Early voting for the primaries has begun and will expand to a number of other voting locations as of Wednesday. The League of Women Voters' leaflet is a great resource for learning more about the candidates and their positions. For sample ballots and other info see the websites of League of Women Voters, Secretary of State (nmvote.org) and/or Santa Fe County Clerk.
- Rachel reported on a recent committee meeting with legislators discussing the governor's request for a special session in mid-July. She said there is no enthusiasm for such a session among legislators and noted that the governor's proposed bills don't seem to address any meaningful problem-solving. The governor's public safety focus is on rewriting the competency law in NM, removing panhandlers from roadway medians, and increasing penalties for convicted felons who possess firearms.
- The group discussed various aspects of panhandling and homelessness. Marti noted that many panhandlers are not homeless and that they should never be given money, which they will use for drugs and/or alcohol. Donations should be made for direct services. Ricann said that since there is a lot of energy on the issue, our group should expand its work on housing and mental health.

- The election committee will be providing more information on actions members can take in the upcoming general election, especially in swing states. Since we have many first-class stamps on hand we might consider providing these and envelopes to members who want to write letters, i.e. with Vote Forward.
- Marti encouraged everyone to vote on the first day that early voting is available, which saves candidates money pushing you to vote.