

Minutes October 28, 2024

### **Announcements**

- Last week before election day – DO SOMETHING
- Phone banking here next Monday – contact Ricann if you need training or contact Democratic Headquarters
- Letter regarding obelisk will be sent to Mayor with edits
- Allyssa reported on her canvassing in Arizonia, she encouraged us to support (e.g. Money) Jonathan Nez who is engaged in a uphill but possibly competitive fight against a Republican incumbent.
- MVP fundraiser, virtual house party featuring Deb Haaland
- December 8, Indivisible party at Betsy's house, details regarding food etc. to follow
- Pam offered to be a speaker for a future session on issue of domestic violence and the courts

### **Guest Speaker**

Today's Speaker was Adam Fulton Johnson newly elected to district 4 SF county council, (unopposed for the general election, taking the seat of Anna Hansen who was term limited) General discussion of his interests and background

- Lifelong resident of New Mexico
- Interests in housing and preservation
- Executive Director of historic preservation commission
- Five pillars of his campaign – fire, water, earth, energy, and spirit
  - Fire – the importance of prevention throughout the county
  - Water – saving, and utilizing appropriately, importance of working with the city
  - Earth – the importance of safeguarding our open space and trails, creating a green belt around our denser areas
  - Energy – importance of renewables
  - Spirit – the essence of New Mexico, walkability, preservation, green standards

There was a general discussion of the issue of sprawl vs. density and the need for increased density to alleviate housing shortages, for instance multi-family housing such as building four units instead of one or two to help with housing shortages.

There was a long discussion of the issue of Bishops Lodge and the various options for dealing with their grey water. Their initial request to dump their treated wastewater into the Teseque River was withdrawn due to community opposition. The current proposal is to use leach fields. Adam indicated he would continue to follow this issue.