

DECEMBER 16 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New members introductions for people who want to get involved
- Indivisible had a town hall the other night
- Holiday Caroling to be a Raging Grannies Santa Fe Plaza at 2pm with SF Veterans for peace.
- Zoom only Dec 30 for 'How the legislature works'
- Elect Women in NM meeting tonight
- TLF has been elected Chair of the Dem Women's Caucus in Congress. 96 women -the most. All Dems but not all. They will have a website announcing how to push Congress to help Dems and some R's in the right direction
- Edit on Santa Fe NM urging us to ask our Reps bill 5294 defense budget list of priorities they are trying to pass.
- Rachel says we are continuing with the agenda.

Worry about cops after George Floyd and wondered how the cops are feeling

We are four years into a bill. We created two oversight bodies for bad cops and adjudicate inappropriate conduct and overview the training manual. The State Agency is acting weird. DPS. In last couple of weeks several people want to talk to her about what's going on DPS. She may ask State Auditor to look at what's going on. Intimidation going on. This has been shared with Moe Maestas.

— A study was done for existing system. A general grade would be okay would be a D_. Hasn't been updated in 25 years.

—We have a workforce of LE who are unprepared. When you think of violence, who shows up - it's a cop with less than 5 years. Part of what we're doing is we are requiring a rebuild of entire curriculum for retraining of sheriffs and chiefs. State dept doesn't want our help. They are resisting change. They don't any new responsibilities. The department wants to do it but it's been denied by DPS.

CHRISTINE CHANDLER - 4TH TERM

Los Alamos/Santa Fe (La Cienea, etc) /Sandoval (Jemez, Pueblo) Jemez Springs, Ponderosa

—Good mix of urban and rural

—Tax committee since elected. And now is House Judiciary Chair. Gun Safety, reproductive care, constitutional Amendments, crime, etc.

Working on a competency bill (Gov) and what they want to improve.

-Criminal competency -Gov has glommed onto that. She disagrees with this. But working on this will help address the mental health issues. Encourage them to go into treatment, non- voluntary (not going in that direction). Giving courses ability an assisted outpatient treatment. AOT assisted outpatient treatment - we have always had this but is not highly used.

—Using Dona County

—Looking at AOT as a test (here) and then Bernalillo showing a renewed interest. Non criminal process where a person who has a person who knows someone who needs it to place the person in AOT with attendant wrap around services.

-What is asserted related treatment Pam asks.

—George Munoz has committed to spend money (fund), draw off revenue to support the development of infrastructure. Expanding access to assisted outpatient. Defendants are mentally ill. So the defense raises competency. For violent felons, if they are found to be incompetent where they get people to understand their charges. But if a person is deemed incompetent they are put out on the street because they can't be incarcerated. But if it's a low level crime the system wants to spend time and money. But if this person needs help, we should allow them to prove their case so they can be helped. You've been picked up on charges, etc.

—Who pays for this? Medicaid? Getting providers. In most cases Medicaid will help. What other kinds of assistance do they get. They have people who follow these people around to get them to make their appointments.

—Misdemeanors are a big chunk of these issues.

—Prosecutors are elected. So if you are not happy do something about it. It's not all about the legislature but there is something called implementation.

—There can be monitoring and reporting. You can give these to the LFC (council). Must be trained and qualified.

—Judges are their own branch and there is pushback.

—Differentiate between competency and crazy. Minimal

—Competency is a civil right. The system discourages taking civil rights away. People will say that AOT takes away people's rights.

—DUI cases - sometimes you won't go to get help unless you are directed to do this.

—Rachel - having a community based program is more helpful. But the big crimes get the big attention. She is concerned about depleting the Medicaid svcs. Christine disagrees, she thinks Medicaid will be okay still.

—Her priority will be Paid Family Medical Leave. She is concerned that Chambers of Commerce is putting pressure on legislators. Rep Lujan is shaky. All Santa Fe County is solid.

—The bill places a premium or a tax on businesses and employees (.4%) for biz and .5% for employees. A fund is created. That fund allows people to take leave. Qualifying things in the bill. X number of months to qualify. If you have fewer than 5 employers don't have to. There has to be enough \$ in the fund to pay the claim. There will be an actuarial study to validate there will be enough \$. Who can apply? Foster, new parents, up to 12 weeks. Employer is not paying your salary, you apply to disability with a 2/3 insurance. So employers will not have to pay for all of it. Nine weeks for a loved one or yourself or a family member. Or the equivalent of someone in your family. Priority for AARP. Because we don't have enough providers for our aging population.

—Fewer than 5 - 60% will not have to pay. It's a factor to attracting people to the state. —It's mostly the Chambers of Commerce who are against it.

—It's a heavy lift - so anything you can do. Gov says she will support it.

—Roberta - are you supporting Sen Dixon's bill? She didn't support that bill. But doesn't know what it's going to look like. She worries that it infringes on defendants' rights. Is there any way around it? Is there an alternative? What do you do about the children? The fact that the abusers are in the room. It's a horrific thing to be accused of something like that. And their rights should be diminished. Pam says the kids are traumatized and Christine doesn't assume that charges are true.

—More gun control legislation? ERPO? Yes. Assault weapons. Heinrich safe act, which isn't a ban but small rounds, etc. Maybe an age limit, purchasing firearms.

—NM Counties remain neutral on Paid Family and maybe AOT. Does not expect endorsement on NM Counties for Paid Family Leave. Probably not.

—Talking points or bullet point on AOT and Paid Family Medical leave.

—Working with Romero to change anti-donation that may be executed by a private entity. Would require a constitutional amendment.

—Require developers who use AI to screen applicants to minimize bias. Her maiden voyage on AI.

—Is there anything being developed about social media?

—Modernizing bills filed on the salary this year. By same folks as last year. We want to get the salary before we change the length. Why are they apposed to getting paid. More women in the senate, etc. New composition will be open to new ideas.