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## **The President's Corner**

*By Hannah Burling*

*LWVNM President: [president@lwvnm.org](mailto:president@lwvnm.org)*



I am delighted to announce that Kathy Brook has been elected by the board of LWVNM as First Vice President. Kathy has been a League member for years, and is currently serving as Co-President of LWVSNM and Program Chair for LWVNM. The First Vice President position has been vacant for several years. The President and Vice President share responsibilities.

As I write this, we are in the thick of the Special Legislative Session on re-districting to which the governor has added the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This is the culmination of our redistricting work for the last several years. Dick Mason, our Action Chair, has spearheaded the project. At this moment it looks as if the New Mexico House will be adopting one of the Citizen Redistricting Committee maps with modifications. A landmark alliance of all the tribes and pueblos of New Mexico came together to support the map introduced by Rep. Daymon Ely as HB8. Redistricting is a priority for the League at the national level as well and LWVUS has dedicated \$500,000 to this work in the current cycle.

As a result of the Special Session, we have had to postpone our annual Advocacy Workshop to January 8th. Our other events related to the 2022 Legislative Session are listed on the calendar found on the Events page of our website. It has been wonderful to be back in the Roundhouse again and I'm hopeful that we will return to some degree of normalcy in 2022.

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Zoom has been the great gift of the pandemic and has made it so much easier for us to be connected across New Mexico. Like the legislature, we continue to struggle with hybrid meeting technology but I'm confident that we will get there. We are also looking into OutReach Circle, a new method of communication that is available for free from LWVUS.

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## Observations from COP26

By Lora Lucero [LoraLucero3@gmail.com](mailto:LoraLucero3@gmail.com)

True confession: I had to think twice before joining the League of Women Voters United States (LWVUS) delegation to observe the climate negotiations (COP26) in Glasgow. The thought of flying to attend a conference focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions presented a serious conundrum. Passenger air travel is producing the highest and fastest growth of individual emissions, despite a significant improvement in efficiency of aircraft and flight operations over the last 60 years. I concluded that someone else would join the delegation in my absence, so I hopped on Amtrak to Chicago, and then a direct flight to London (direct flights are less carbon intensive than making multiple connections) and finally, a bus to Glasgow.

The LWVUS found a flat just a mile away from the COP26 venue for the delegates; and our experience was certainly enhanced by sharing our observations and frustrations with each other. Navigating each day's activities, and deciding where to go should have been a simple task since all of the sessions, agendas, events and schedules were spelled out on the COP26 online platform. We quickly learned, however, that nothing was simple.

Since COP26 is so large (est. 30,000+ people) and involves so many different topics and constituencies, I wanted to focus on the Youth and Indigenous Peoples' actions for climate justice. Before COP26, I read a lot and attended many Zoom meetings to try and get up to speed. The U.N. report released in August by the IPCC was a "code red for humanity" urging action for immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and if we failed, then our goal to limit warming to close to 1.5°C or even 2°C would be beyond reach. I watched the Global Women's Assembly for Climate Justice (Sept. 25-30) online and was really pleased when the LWVUS decided to join over 140 organizations and sign on to the Call for Action to country leaders, policymakers and financial institutions.

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Four of the 10 LWVUS delegates: left to right- Toni Monette, Cynthia Bell, Rebecca Boyd, Lora Lucero. Courtesy Photo

The negotiations in Glasgow happened behind closed doors and in plenary sessions where access was limited due to Covid-19 concerns. I wasn't able to observe any official meetings but I suspect the representatives from the fossil fuel industry, the largest delegation at COP26, made their presence felt. I attended different sessions and took copious notes which I'm trying to digest now into meaningful nuggets. (Please check out my blog for the compilation of my notes and thoughts.) <https://loralucero.wordpress.com/2021/11/17/two-climate-gatherings-in-glasgow-scotland/>

Did COP26 negotiators succeed? Some would point to the incremental steps (over 100 countries agreed to cut methane emissions and end deforestation) and call COP26 a success. Others would look at the issues which still divide the global north and south (such as no agreement on paying for loss and damage resulting from climate change) and call COP26 a failure. My takeaway was more subtle. I don't believe government leaders will take the necessary actions necessary to move us off fossil fuels quickly enough without tremendous pressure from below. There are simply too many political agendas and an "old way of thinking" that permeates many



*Listening to the Indigenous people speak at the plenary on the final day. Photo by Lora Lucero*

and motivating the grassroots to push our leaders onto the sustainable path.

## **New Mexico Listens**

*By Eileen VanWie, LWVSNM Co-President*

New Mexico Listens is a statewide project, under the auspices of “A More Perfect Union,” with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded to the New Mexico Humanities Council (NMHC). NMHC invited the New Mexico Leagues to help design an implementation project. Three local Leagues responded: Central New Mexico, Santa Fe County, and Southern New Mexico. The result of our collaboration is NM Listens, with a \$50,000 state grant from NEH. The State Leadership Team is guided by NMHC Outreach Administrator Bethany Tabor and Program Organizer Christa Slaton (NMSU Emeritus Professor of Government). The volunteer League members are Çyprian Devine-Perez, Meredith Machen, Irene Epp, Ricann Bock, and myself. Each League has adapted the project design for local priorities and is united with the NMHC by shared purpose to promote civil conversation, civic engagement, democracy initiatives, and the art of active listening.



Southern New Mexico has identified groups that will be invited to participate in listening sessions with a few facilitators. Primary goals are to expand understanding of what “civic engagement” means (beyond voting) and to listen and learn from participants about civic issues important to them. The League wants to partner with the groups to support participation in our representative democracy.

The LWVSNM Board has spent time thinking about why the listening sessions are important for the participant groups. Telling stories about experiences related to civic engagement in a community can help to clarify what is important. Listening to each other can help to generate ideas for how to address issues through participation in the democratic process. Participation may generate a common understanding of each other which will help strengthen our democracy and foster civic engagement.

In the first 90-minute listening session we want to create a comfortable and welcoming environment with a general question. Local facilitators may suggest an initial “user friendly” question. The following tentative questions are planned for dialogue. What does democracy mean to you? What does civic engagement mean to you? Are you civically engaged? Why or why not? What local civic issues are important to you? The first session will include dialogue about the listening process and guidelines for conversation. There are three basic guidelines: (1) Listen with curiosity to learn; (2) Speak from your own experience; (3) Connect with respect.

The NM Listens project has the potential to reach individuals and groups as new partners in fulfilling the League’s mission to empower voters and strengthen democracy.

countries and their leaders. However, the Youth and Indigenous Peoples are where the hope lies, and I’m very encouraged by what I saw inside and outside of the formal COP26 venue. The future for my new grandchild, who will be my age in 2090, could be very bright and beautiful, but only if we take a new path forward in the very near future. Communication is the key. How do we educate ourselves and others, as well as policymakers and government officials, about this very complex subject? I’m encouraged by the wealth of information that the LWVUS Climate Change Task Force has pulled together, and made available online here. <https://lwvc.org/climate-change-task-force>. I’m returning from COP26 committed to engaging with

## ***NM Action Report Dec. 10, 2021***

*By Dick Mason*

### **Redistricting**

On October 30th the Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) completed its work and delivered to the Legislature three maps each for Congress, NM Senate, NM House and the Public Education Commission. Since December 6th the Legislature has been in a special session to consider the CRC recommended maps. The full report will be in the next La Palabra.

### **The 2022 Legislative session**

The 2022 Legislative session is a thirty-day session to deal with the budget and other issues decided by the governor. We have heard that the issues may include voting rights, public safety and the environment.

### **LWVNM 22 Action Calendar**

***Advocacy Workshop*** - virtual - Saturday, January 8, with a focus on the budget process

***LWVNM Virtual Legislative Prep*** – January 13 at 5:30 p.m.

***Reception Evening of February 2*** - 5:30 - 7:30pm – Rio Chama in Santa Fe

***League Day*** - New Mexico State Land Office - 10:30 am to noon -

#### ***Session Dates:***

January 4, 2022 - January 14 Legislation may be pre-filed

January 18 Opening day (noon )

February 2 Deadline for introduction of legislation

February 17 Session ends (noon)

March 9 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed

May 18 Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill

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### ***The President's Corner***

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I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year. I look forward to seeing you at the Legislative Reception on February 2nd and at League Day on February 3rd.

## ***League Days at the Legislature 2022***

**Wednesday, February 2, 5:30-7:30 pm**

**LWVNM Legislative Reception**

**Rio Chama Restaurant, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail**

**(two doors north of the Roundhouse)**

**Thursday, February 3**

**League Day Program at New Mexico State Land Office**

**310 Old Santa Fe Trail**

**Just down the street from the Roundhouse on the same side**

**Across from El Sendero (Formerly The Desert Inn)**

**9:45 am Welcome** from Stephanie Garcia Richard, State Land Commissioner

**10 -10:15** Explanation of packet contents, answer questions from League members

**10:30 – 11:15 Speaker on a key issue** for the session

**11:15 – 12:00 Taxes and Funding for Essential Services - Amber Wallin, Deputy Director, New Mexico Voices for Children** Ms. Wallin oversees New Mexico Voices for Children's research and policy work. She also manages the KIDS COUNT program and does policy research on education, tax and budget, hunger, and economic issues. She joined NM Voices in 2012 as a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Fellow, after which she was a Research and Policy Analyst and later KIDS COUNT Director. Wallin has worked in the public sector at the municipal, state, and federal levels. She worked in the Department of Government at New Mexico State University and the Las Cruces Office of Management and Budget prior to joining the Voices team. She received her MPA from NMSU.

**Accommodations:** The Desert Inn is now El Sendero and is the most convenient, most affordable place to stay since it is on the same block as the State Capitol, the New Mexico Land Office and the Rio Chama Restaurant. The hotel is not offering a special rate this year so you can book on your own. Please note that in addition to any rate you are quoted there is a \$10 parking fee.

## **Spent Nuclear Fuels Safety Update**

*By KM Douglas*

LWVNM is seeking concurrence from other state Leagues for the 2021 Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Storage Safety Position with the goal of position adoption by the 2022 LWVUS Convention. Congressional leaders from Illinois and California are seeking US legislation to reevaluate Yucca Mountain as a permanent geological repository for Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF), so initial outreach to these states was a primary consideration. Illinois has eleven nuclear power plants, more than any other state, and California has the problematic San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS, decommissioned with remaining corroding, breached SNF canisters adjacent to the ocean).

LWVIL Issues Committee members Laura Davis and Bill Koehl have invited Karen Douglas for SNF Storage Safety presentations during the LWVIL Annual Issues Conference in February 2022. Multiple attempts to interest LWVCA President Moon Goldberg in concurrence have been unsuccessful so far. Hannah Burling has mentioned the presentation during multiple LWV state presidents' teleconferences. Additional requests for concurrence will seek interest from LWV leaders who attended the July 2021 LWVNM Zoom presentation by Bobbi Merriman and Karen Douglas.

The Federal government may again propose consent-based siting as an approach to selecting alternate SNF permanent repository sites for characterization. This approach was the primary tool for selecting the NM/ELEA Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) site backed by NM Governor Susana Martinez and Congressman Steve Pearce and thirteen south-east NM elected officials. The December 7 Consent-Based Siting webinar hosted by the DOE featured Office of Nuclear Energy Principal Deputy Administrator Dr. Huff discussing the approach and scope of the current public opinion process. The outreach effort will only consider siting of federally owned facilities and will not address the current NM/Holtec or TX/ISP private sector CISF initiatives. (NRC approved the issuance of a CISF License for the Texas site in 2021 and approval of the NM site is anticipated in early 2022). Results of 2021 DOE consent-based siting outreach will be consolidated with prior 2015-17 efforts and be posted on the website:

[DOE Restarts Consent-Based Siting Program for Spent Nuclear Fuel, Requests Input on Interim Storage Process | Department of Energy](#)

The meeting of the NM Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee in Santa Fe on November 12 included no discussion of NM/TX Spent Fuel Storage facilities; however, Santa Fe County Commissioner Hansen gave a lengthy presentation of "Weapons Grade Plutonium Transportation Concerns," which addressed transportation of surplus plutonium to WIPP. The presentation slides are available: [https://www.nmlegis.gov/committee/Handouts\\_List?CommitteeCode=RHMC&Date=11/12/2021](https://www.nmlegis.gov/committee/Handouts_List?CommitteeCode=RHMC&Date=11/12/2021)

## **LWVNM Supports National Concurrences for Health Care and Digital Equity**

*By Akkana Peck*

LWVNM has signed on to two LWV national concurrence efforts, both of which are intended to modernize LWVUS positions and highlight issues that have become even more important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

One is a concurrence with the health care position held by the New York State League. The concurrence would make four additions to the LWV national position:

- Pulls out issues that have come to the forefront during the last 30 years—such as safe staffing, tele medicine, and community health.

- Emphasizes racial and geographic equity in health access and health care;
- Affirms the League's support for single-payer systems;
- Favors separating health care from employment.

The second, Digital Equity, is a concurrence with the Connecticut State League on its Universal High Speed Internet Access and Community Access and Public Affairs Media position. LWVNM concurred with LWVCT's position several years ago, but making the concurrence national would allow Leagues across the country to lobby for digital equity, especially in rural or poor areas.

Both groups are hoping to get their concurrences onto the agenda for the LWVUS 2022 Convention. To do this, it helps to have both state and local Leagues listed as supporters. LWVNM has signed on, as has LWV Los Alamos, and other NM local Leagues are asked to consider signing on as well.

## *Local League News*

### **Central New Mexico**

*Karen Douglas, Co-President*

The November 2nd Albuquerque Municipal Election was the major fall 2021 activity involving CNM volunteers. The contentious mayoral election did not require a runoff; however, two city council seats did require a runoff election, which was held on December 6. The results narrowed the Democratic majority in the city council. Sandoval County elections are scheduled for March 2022 and CNM will also provide similar support to the electorate.

The Bernalillo County Voter Guide (VG) was completed by Karen Wentworth's Committee, followed by a well-organized distribution managed by Lani Desaulniers. Seven CNM volunteers called to confirm distribution locations and 16,000 hardcopies were distributed. Calls to the LWVCNM office for the VG began in early October and the supply was exhausted before Election Day. Vote411.org was the online resource for Bernalillo, Torrance, Sandoval, and Valencia County elections.

The planned premier hybrid LWVCNM Board meeting on November 4 at the 6739 Academy NE large conference room met with technology challenges. Subsequently, Starlyn Brown, LWVCNM Webmaster and Office Manager, worked with the assigned landlord management contact to evaluate the situation and the December 2nd hybrid meeting was successful.

Monthly membership meetings by Zoom featured election officials in September and October; the November meeting topic was consumer fraud/identity theft.

The November 9 LWVCNM Criminal Justice Reform panel discussion featured APD Deputy Chief Garcia, Albuquerque Community Safety Department Director Ruiz-Angel, Disability Rights NM CEO and attorney Housepian, and LWNM Director and Assistant Professor Álvarez. LWVSNM Co-President Kathy Brook and LWVLA Co-President Barbara Calef viewed the CNM panel discussion for comparison with their own local League educational events. Rebecca Álvarez represented LWVSFC and was instrumental in panel deliberations. The 28 attendees for the panel discussion included five CA Criminal Justice Reform steering committee members (Maxine Anderson also serves as CA Action/Advocacy Chair). None of the panelists voiced objections to LWVCNM concurrence with the CA Position, which includes a detailed Policing Practices section lacking in the current NM Administration of Justice position. LWVCNM members were invited to view the January 2022 LWVNM Board deliberations for consideration of a NM Position and attend LWVCNM Program Planning in January if a local

position will be pursued.

LWVCNM is a coalition member of APD Forward. We met with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) Independent Monitor Dr. Ginger and the External Force Investigation Team on December 9. Hiring the External Force Investigation Team last July narrowly avoided DOJ Contempt of Court proceedings against the city (which remain an option). APD compliance has improved both by filling Internal Affairs investigator vacancies with civilians and initiating the reality-based virtual training of officers that was previously recommended by Dr. Ginger. Multiple APD officials have resigned during the past six months and a recent poll of Albuquerque residents indicates that 62% support the current balance of APD Crime-Fighting/Reform efforts.

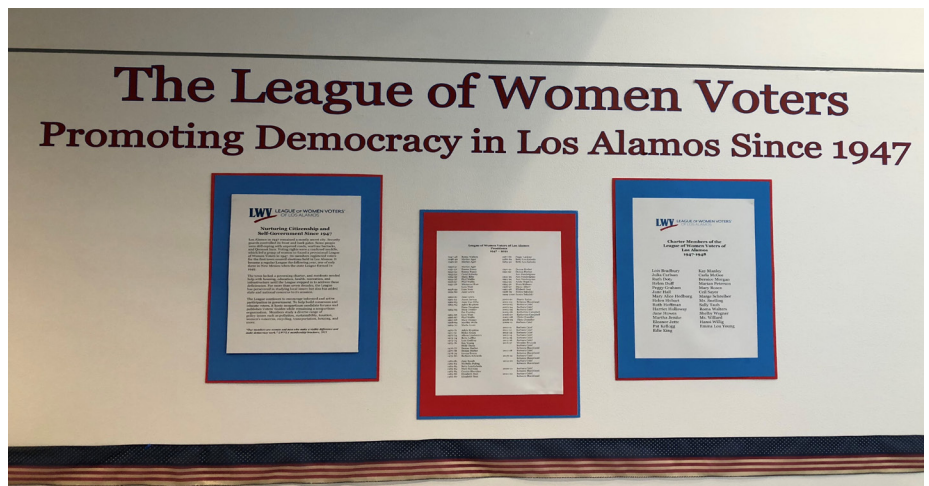
## Los Alamos Report

By Barbara Calef, Co-President



(Above) Quakerism had a strong influence on women's suffrage. (Right) Los Alamos League History in the Exhibit. Photos by Barbara Calef

The LWVLA centennial exhibit was a great success. We boxed it up on September 22 and put it in storage to await the next showing. The Santa Fe Public Library has requested it for April or May, probably for their two main libraries (downtown and southside).



By late September our voter guide for the 2021 Local Election was completed. It was distributed to every household in the county on September 30. We requested an extra 300 copies as usual, but there was so much demand at the libraries and vote centers that we ran out. The ballot was not long. We had four school board positions open and three positions for UNMLA Advisory Board. There was also a mil levy question for the schools. We held our candidate forum on Zoom. There was a last-minute flurry of attempts to register, frustrated because the 100 slots were filled. Letters to the editor in the local media criticizing the candidates' positions had been unpleasant, but the everyone was courteous at the forum. When the election concluded, 4,870 people had voted, about a third of those registered.

Marcela Diaz of Somos Un Pueblo Unido spoke at Lunch with a Leader in October. She told her audience that Somos has a robust citizenship program that streamlines services and is especially active in south-eastern New Mexico. Fifty-five thousand immigrants in the state are eligible to become citizens, but many do not know how to engage in the process. Somos developed a program in Spanish to help them. The group also promotes voter engagement and is taking an active role in redistricting. Somos participates in the Fair Immigration Reform Movement, which is pushing for legalization for Dreamers, agricultural workers, and essential workers. The organization lobbied successfully to obtain cash assistance for undocumented workers, who were not eligible for federal CARES Act stimulus checks despite the fact that they pay taxes.



In November LWVLA held a forum for League members to discuss the LWVC position on criminal justice. Board member Felicia Orth, who served as moderator, had invited attorneys Rebecca Mnuk-Herrmann from the Santa Fe Public Defenders Office, Larissa Breen of the Office of the Attorney General, and Dorie Biagianti Smith, who works as a prosecutor in Santa Fe and Los Alamos, to comment on the position. They approved of it for the most part, but there were statements they did not support and they questioned the specificity of others. The ensuing discussion was very helpful.

The LWV speaker in November was Katie Leonard, chair of the Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy and Sustainability Task Force, which was created by the County Council in February 2021 in response to a citizen petition. The Task Force has been charged with recommending to the County Council “ways for the County as a whole, including government, businesses, and residents, to achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and advance other sustainable practices in the face of climate change.” The Task Force submitted their highly detailed, 153-page interim report to the Council in August. The final report is due in February 2022.

## ***Southern New Mexico***

*By Eileen VanWie and Kathy Brook, Co-Presidents*

The fall months have been busy with general meetings featuring:

- Lt. Governor Howie Morales on his role
- League member Beth Bardwell on affordable housing & Margarita Solis on LCPS homeless students
- Discussion of JEDI issues with League members

Two of the three meetings were hybrid events, not without challenges, but becoming more effective. An outcome of the JEDI meeting was a plan for board members to read and discuss *An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

Voter Service was a major topic, as we published printed guides in English (for the Las Cruces City Council and LCPS races) and in Spanish (for candidates from Las Cruces, Anthony, and Hatch), as well as co-hosting candidate forums with KRWG TV. We had election watchers at the polls and staffed tables at the Farmers and Crafts Market on two Saturdays. We were fortunate at the latter event to have a visit from Cruella de Vil and her sidekick (who are undercover during the week as LWVSNM VP Laura Castille and her daughter Jackie). Finally, three League members were present at a recent Doña Ana County Commission meeting in anticipation of public input from a group touting sham election audits. That group did not speak, but Eileen VanWie, as well as Mario Jimenez from Common Cause, offered input supporting the work of election officials in conducting a safe and secure election.

The Affordable Housing Committee provided input to the City Council concerning an update of the land development code (seeking greater community engagement) and two League members participated in a design charette to explore options for an affordable housing development near the center of town.

Using the diversity fund, four LCPS educators accepted our invitation to join the League in recognition of their work on civic engagement.

We have published monthly op-ed articles locally encouraging public participation in the redistricting process, educating ourselves as voters, and engaging in civic discourse.

It saddens us to report the passing of Eloise (Polly) Evans, president of LWV of Greater Las Cruces (1989-90 and 1992-1994) at the age of 101. Polly was a wonderful League member and president and was widely admired as an educator in our community, especially for working with the alternative high school.

## ***Santa Fe County***

*By Jody Larson*

We've been evicted! *The Santa Fe New Mexican* terminated our lease as of November 30. We are looking for space for a permanent office, but meanwhile we have placed a lot of our physical goods in storage. Some board members are keeping administrative files and the desktop computer. Despite this major disruption, LWVSFC has successfully completed a fund drive and other endeavors.

### Program

District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies spoke to us by Zoom on Restorative Justice, which is being used in our district for resolution of the criminal charges resulting from the obelisk-toppling incident last Indigenous People's Day. Attendance was 26, and many interesting questions were asked and answered. Her PowerPoint is posted on our website.

At our unit meeting on concurrence with the California position on Criminal Justice, LWVCA member Ashley Raveche presented background information and answered questions.

### Projects

The Civil Discourse project is currently on a bit of a hiatus, but members will be working on LWVNM President Hannah Burling's request to create norms and procedures for public local meetings to be available on request to local governing bodies.

Our High School Civic Engagement Project is helping students to identify proposed local legislation important to them and to learn to track it and advocate for or against. Upon completion, students will make a presentation to our board and receive a certificate of participation.

### Election

In partnership with *The Santa Fe New Mexican*, LWVSFC conducted three online candidate forums covering Santa Fe races, attended by up to 1700 viewers, with questions submitted online. Capital High School students submitted questions on topics of most concern to them: homelessness, violent crime and drugs. A separate forum for the Pojoaque School Board candidates was held October 6 at the Pojoaque Middle School Auditorium as a hybrid in-person and remote event.

Our Voter Guide covered positions in Santa Fe city government, the city of Edgewood, and several school boards, as well as bond issues, and was available online through Vote411, our website, and *The Santa Fe New Mexican* website. In addition, we published a pamphlet with step-by-step instructions on how to register to vote and where to vote in both English and Spanish, proofed by County Clerk Katharine Clark. We distributed the pamphlet to 32 entities in Santa Fe, including the Food Depot.

### Action & Advocacy

Members continue to monitor the Midtown Campus project and the city's Culture, History, Art, Reconciliation and Truth (CHART) initiative, which kicked off to a lively start full of contentious participation. The committee is also preparing to support a city resolution establishing new rules for the conduct of the governing body. In addition to clarifying many existing rules and procedures, the resolution promotes civil discourse and increased transparency.

Our League also supported an initiative by the SF Public Schools Board asking the legislature and other local organizations to support significant raises for teachers to mitigate the severe staffing crisis.



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