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28th Amendment Committee Meeting Minutes, 9-27-2017, LaFarge Library, 6 PM

Present: Eric Wolf, Ishwari Sollohub, David Burling, Charlotte Schaaf, Cristine Crawley, Rick Lass (via FaceTime)

Minutes taken by Ishwari Sollohub

1. Report on Grisham meeting: David and Ishwari reported on their 9-26-17 visit to Michelle Lujan-Grisham's office staffer, Liz Hamm, to discuss a previous request for Grisham to sign the American Promise (AP) Candidate Pledge. Reception was good; David had a chance to follow up on the June meeting he attended with Hamm, as part of the NM MOP 28th Amendment Grisham lobbying group. Ms Hamm and Grisham want to know more about AP and also who else has signed the pledge. Grisham is on record as signing a similar pledge circulated by Move To Amend (MTA). Ishwari will obtain and send the information requested; David will send a follow up letter thanking Hamm for the visit. Ms. Hamm was also invited to attend the upcoming October 16 NM MOP General Meeting with SOS Toulouse-Oliver. She expressed positive interest.
2. Multiple Pledges - American Promise/Move To Amend: In addition to the AP Candidate Pledge, Move To Amend has a pledge. It is shorter, basically stating that corporations are not people, money is not free speech. Both pledges may be useful for different people, and we may offer either/or when we begin actually approaching individuals to sign. Ishwari will be approaching the NM MOP Steering Committee to discuss a possible NM MOP relationship with MTA.
3. Pledge Strategizing: Decision to send an email to all NM State legislators, as well as SF City Councilors and County Commissioners (to start), with an introduction to NM MOP, along with a request for them to consider signing the pledge(s). The email is to be followed up by NM MOP members who are constituents of the individuals. Charlotte and Eric will begin creating a database of emails for the relevant officials, David will draft an email. Rick will check with MTA to see if they will approve us utilizing language from the email they used in an earlier effort. Ishwari will work on preparing to recruit NM MOP members for follow-up after email goes out.

We will also target candidates - mayoral and other, once the filing dates come and we can get lists of actual candidates. We will take the same letter/follow-up approach with candidates. Rick will email Ishwari info on filing dates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.