

## **New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics (NM MOP)**

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### **General Committee Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2017, La Farge Library**

Present: 34

Minutes taken by Hannah Burling

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Bruce Berlin. Introductions followed. There were roughly 34 in attendance, including the videographer, one mayoral candidate and one city council candidate.

28<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Ishwari Sollohub reported that the 28<sup>th</sup> amendment committee is working with American Promise. The current action item is working with our legislators at the state, city and county level to sign a pledge from American Promise to support a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

December general meeting will be a social event. At this point it looks as if the party will be at the Aldea Community Center from 6 pm to 8 pm on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The spring coalition building conference in conjunction with Common Cause will take place in April or May.

Bruce Berlin and John House are going to the Unrig the System conference February 2-4 in New Orleans. Represent Us from Massachusetts is the main sponsor.

Issues Committee: Hannah Burling and Nancy Cushing reported on the issues the membership has decided to focus on for the 2019 Legislative Session.

1. Campaign Finance Disclosure:

Current Local Action: On December 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the city campaign code which would eliminate the requirement that some expenditures for independently sponsored campaign communications in issues campaigns be reported to the City Clerk and that those reports should be made available to the public. A lawsuit has been filed by Paul Gessing of the Rio Grande Foundation against the city. If it goes to court, Jim Harrington and Common Cause have recruited the Campaign Legal Center to provide pro bono legal coverage.

Email, call, write or visit your city councilor about this. Write a letter to the editor. Show up for the public hearing.

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2. Independent Redistricting Commission
3. National Popular Vote
4. Public Campaign Financing
5. Automatic Voter Registration
6. Open Primaries

Bruce Berlin introduced the speaker, Miranda Viscoli, from New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, who gave a presentation on the topic of lobbying state legislators.

Bruce announced that NM MOP as of November 2<sup>nd</sup> had become a New Mexico corporation.