

Achieving a Fair Political System

Building a Grassroots Coalition To Revive Our Democracy



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Saturday Morning Agenda

8:00 am Registration

8:30 am Welcome by Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber

8:35 am Opening Remarks – Bruce Berlin, President, New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics (NMMOP)

8:45 am Keynote Address – Doug Nickle, Director of Development, Bridge Alliance:

“Building a Broad-based, Grassroots Coalition to Revive Democracy in New Mexico”

9:15 am Q & A

9:30 am Panel Discussion – Big Money’s Impact on New Mexico

Moderator: Bruce Berlin – President, NMMOP

Panelists: Miguel Acosta – Lead Organizer, New Energy Economy; Co-director, Earth Care
Camilla Feibelman – Director, Rio Grande Chapter, Sierra Club

Eric Griego – State Director, New Mexico Working Families Party; Fellow, Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico

Donna House – Navajo Consultant for Indigenous Peoples’ Ecological and Environmental Policy

Miranda Viscoli – Co-president, New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence

Issues: 1. How does Big Money impact your organization’s ability to reach its goals?
2. What can we do together to overcome the undue influence of Big Money on our organizations’ programs and New Mexico’s political system while maintaining our effectiveness in our respective organizations or initiatives?

10:20 am Q & A

10:35 am Break

10:50 am Breakout Sessions – Developing Goals

Issue: What goals can we agree to work on collaboratively to overcome the undue influence of Big Money on our programs, our organizations, our government and the political process in order to create a fair political system in New Mexico?

The following breakout sessions will address this issue in their respective Initiative Areas:

A. Education and Media Initiatives – Room 410

Camilla Feibelman, Sierra Club and Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Earth Care/New Energy Economy

B. Local initiatives – Cafeteria Lounge

Miguel Acosta, Earth Care/New Energy Economy and Rev. Gail Marriner, Santa Fe Unitarian Church

C. State Initiatives - Room 412

Miranda Viscoli, New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence and Colin Baillio, Health Action New Mexico

D. National Initiatives - Room 414

Donna House, Navajo Consultant and Michele Korri, New Mexico Indivisible Congress

E. Movement-building initiatives – Jemez Room

Eric Griego, New Mexico Working Families Party and Graham Bartlett, Abq. TEA Party

12:00 pm Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Agenda

1:10 pm Panel Discussion – Achieving a Fair Political System to Revive Our Democracy

Moderator: Rebecca Álvarez, PhD – New Mexico Highlands University, NMMOP Board of Directors

Panelists: Viki Harrison – Executive Director, Common Cause New Mexico
Doug Nickle – Director of Development, Bridge Alliance
Maria Perez – Director, Fair Vote New Mexico
John House – Co-chair, 28th Amendment Comm., NMMOP Board of Directors
Bob Perls – Founder and President of the Board of Directors, New Mexico Open Primaries

Issues: 1. What are we doing to achieve a fair political system?
2. What strategies can we employ in collaboration to achieve a fair political system?

2:05 pm Q & A

2:20 pm Break

2:35 pm Breakout Sessions (con't) – Developing Strategies to Achieve Our Goals

Issue: What strategies can we employ in collaboration to achieve a fair political system in New Mexico?

Breakout sessions will continue working together to develop effective strategies for implementing the goals they set in their respective Initiative Areas in the morning.

A. Education and Media Initiatives – Room 410

Maria Perez, Fair Vote New Mexico and Dr. James Webster, New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence

B. Local initiatives – Cafeteria Lounge

Viki Harrison, Common Cause New Mexico and Tom Taylor, Abq. TEA Party

C. State Initiatives – Room 412

Paul Gibson, Retake Our Democracy and Bob Perls, New Mexico Open Primaries

D. National Initiatives – Room 414

John House, NMMOP and Sheila Burns, Wolf-PAC New Mexico

E. Movement-building initiatives – Jemez Room

Doug Nickle, Bridge Alliance and Kendra Pinto, Navajo Community Organizer, Dine Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment

3:45 Plenary: Where Do We Go From Here?

4:30 pm Close of Conference