

October 24, 2005

To: New Mexico Democratic State Central Committee Members

From: NEW MEXICO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR REFORM:

Mary Ellen Broderick, Ana Canales, Ann Dunlap, Theresa Dunn, Zoe Economou, Steve Fettig, Danny Hernandez, Bill Kass, Terry Riley, Mike Rose, Charlotte Roybal, Paul Sandman, Dallas Timmons, Steve West, Duff Westbrook, Barbara Wold

We are State Central Committee members who have concerns about our State Democratic Party, including how it is run and what it stands for.

1. We have made requests of the State Party Chair, including:

-We have asked to be provided the minutes of the State Central Committee Meeting held in April 2005, with enough time to allow a careful review of the minutes, and, if necessary, check them against the recording that was made of the meeting;

--We have asked to review the proposed Party budget (which the Rules require be approved by the State Central Committee) and to see a meaningful and detailed accounting of the incomes and expenditures that have reduced our State Party's coffers to a dangerous low;

--We have requested regular and frequent meetings of the Platform and Resolutions Committee so we can counter the recurring criticism that the Democratic Party does not stand for anything.

The Chair has provided none of the above.

2. Our Party Rules require an Affirmative Action Plan to encourage increased participation in all Party affairs. The Chair is responsible to form an Affirmative Action Committee and to assure it meets to accomplish its charge. The Chair has not done so, and grassroots participation (as well as voter turnout) remains disappointingly inadequate.

3. Our Party Rules also require there be at least two annual meetings of the State Central Committee, one in April and the second in October. Rumor has it that there will be a State Central Committee Meeting on November 19, which is a violation of Party Rules. However, in anticipation that the November 19 meeting will actually be held, we are contacting all State Central Committee members to inquire whether there have been similar concerns expressed by Democrats in other parts of New Mexico.

If you have concerns and/or if you know of other Democrats in your area who have expressed concerns, or better still, have met to discuss concerns, please contact us at **505-268-5922** or e-mail [**annesmok@msn.com**](mailto:annesmok@msn.com) and please attend the Fall State Central Committee Meeting.

We will make every effort to contact you by phone to follow-up on this message. It is our plan to gather at the November State Central Committee Meeting, either before the official meeting starts, or at the meeting itself. We hope to make the fall 2005 Meeting one that will begin to energize the grassroots and build the platform to move the Democratic Party of New Mexico forward, as well as to bring the Party into compliance with its own Rules.

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