

## **New Mexico Green Amendment 2024, (1-3-2024)**

On January 10, 2024 at 6:30pm the Grant County Democratic Party in Silver City, New Mexico will be asked to vote and support the 2024 New Mexico Green Amendment that will recognize the rights of all New Mexicans to a clean, safe and healthy environment, and will ensure essential protection of our state's precious natural resources for the benefit of both present and future generations. We understand that we can remove our support at any time by emailing [GAFTG@ForTheGenerations.org](mailto:GAFTG@ForTheGenerations.org).

The 2024 New Mexico Green Amendment to be proposed will read:

*SECTION 1. Amend Article II of our State Constitution by adding a new section that will state:*

*A. The people of the state shall be entitled to clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments; a stable climate; and self-sustaining ecosystems, for the benefit of public health, safety and general welfare. The state shall protect these rights equitably for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, tribal membership status, gender, socioeconomics, or geography.*

*B. The state, counties and municipalities shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of New Mexico and shall conserve, protect and maintain these resources for the benefit of all the people, including present and future generations.*

*C. The provisions of this section are self-executing. Monetary damages shall not be awarded for a violation of this section. This section is enforceable against the state, counties and municipalities.*

### **Reasons for our vote to support are as follows:**

- 1) A language change in the Green Amendment (GA) means a revote of the Grant County Democratic Party's (GCDP) unanimous vote of January 2022 in support of the GA.
- 2) The Democratic Party of New Mexico Environmental Justice Caucus fully supports the GA as it is in our NM State Party Platform. Also supported by the Sierra Club, to our own Ward AW Precinct Chairs Larry McDaniel as Board Chair CVNM to Shellby Hallmark's Third Act Working Group.
- 3) Our Democratic State Attorney General Raul Torrez has done a due analysis supportive of the GA. A more positive Fiscal Impact Report, FIR, of the GA is anticipated subsequently.
- 4) Las Cruces State Representative Joanne Ferrary and Albuquerque State Senator Sedillo Lopez will address our GCDP and answer all GA questions via zoom at our next regular GCDP on January 10, 2024.
- 5) The GA would have helped Los Lunas last month when Niagra Water Bottling Corporation wanted to expand their water extraction further depleting the drinking water aquifer.
- 6) We all have a right to clean air and water, but without the GA we have no legal right to a clean environment as do the Montana Our Children's Trust 16 children because Montana has the GA.

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