

RIO GRANDE e-NEWSLETTER – May 7, 2025

Hello RGI Members;

In this e-newsletter, you will find:

- Protest details against fracking waste being determined in Santa Fe next week
- Protesting Republican Agenda in the US Congress
- No Kings Rally for June 14th (in planning stages)
- Post Office, Annual Food Drive
- Next Rep. Melanie Stansbury's Staff Conference on Zoom
- Anthenea Allen's Campaign for District 5 City Council

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Protesting Fracking Waste in Santa Fe on May 13th

Can you show up in Santa Fe in solidarity with **New Energy Economy** and **YUCCA** to tell our state government that we **don't want oil and gas fracking waste discharged** into our environment? The New Mexico commission in charge of protecting our water (the WQCC) is meeting on May 13 in Santa Fe at 9 for the final vote on rules which would allow these discharges.

We are asking all concerned New Mexicans to come prepared with a handheld sign using the back of the attached information sheet to show our unified demand to the Commission (Please forward this to your activist friends):

No Discharge of Fracking Waste!

When: 9am, May 13

Where: NM State Capitol, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, Room 322

What: New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission final vote on wastewater reuse rules

Why: to protect clean water in New Mexico

- If you aren't available on May 13th, do you have a piece of paper, an envelope and a first-class stamp? Write to **Bruce Thomson, WQCC. Chair, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM. 87505**. Let him know that you want a reuse rule that protects our water. Hand written letters send a powerful message that is hard to ignore. [Here are more talking points/sample letter](#).
- Or you can email the Chair of the **WQCC** at bthomson@unm.edu. Again, please let him know that we need a reuse rule that follows existing law and sound science.

Congress has a terrifying to-do list ahead of it for the American people

Contact all members of Congress:

- By phone: [\(202\) 224-3121](tel:(202)224-3121)
- By email: Congress.gov
- By US mail: [Representatives](#) / [Senators](#)
- By fax: [Representatives](#) / [Senators](#)
- By Resistbot: Resist.bot

- DNC: <https://democrats.org/contact-us>

Republicans will aim to continue pushing forward on gutting Medicaid and SNAP to pay for tax cuts for billionaires and fund a detention camp archipelago. They have a host of fascists and oligarch minions awaiting confirmation. There's much more of Project 2025 to implement. And all the while, Trump and Musk are continuing to take a sledgehammer to equality under the law, dismantle our government to steal the "savings" and set up a new spoils system.

There will be a lot of fights we cannot win against them, but as MAGA speeds our nation down a dark path it is crucial that we use every tool available to slow them down. And it will be difficult to make it clear to the American public how serious the emergency is without our elected officials acting as though it is an emergency.

- In Congress, that means using procedural hardball.
- In the Senate, blanket opposition, quorum calls, objecting to unanimous consent, demanding recorded votes, refusing to waive rules, fighting adjournments, and holds on nominees.
- In the House, calling for recorded votes, motions to recommit, motions to adjourn, privileged resolutions to bring up tough votes, offering endless amendments in committee, or whatever time-consuming measures the rules allow. As House staffers put it in a strategy memo, "Republicans in Congress are surrendering their Constitutional responsibility to check presidential abuses. It is anything but business as usual."

Although we are starting to get Democratic members of Congress get more aggressive, with votes forced on the anti-Canada tariffs and an increasingly large number of nominees being held, there is much more they need to be doing to meet the moment. **Let's contact them and ask them to do so now – and if not now, ask them what line Trump and MAGA would have to cross for them to start.**

IF LIVE:

Hi, my name is _____, and I'm a constituent from (city, zip). (If voicemail, leave street address).

I am calling to ask _____ to use all the procedural tools available to them to stall Trump and Musk's agenda in Congress and force them to negotiate. They're speeding our country down a dangerous path, and we cannot leave any option to slow them down on the table.

NO KINGS National Day of Mobilization

This is in the planning stage and is expected to be as significant as the Hands Off Rally on April 5th. Details will be provided as soon as they are finalized.



The National Association of Letter Carriers and the US Postal Service are holding their annual national food drive on Saturday, May 10th.

How can you help in this fantastic event that makes such a great impact on your local community?

1. Leave **non-perishable food items** at your mailbox for your letter carrier to collect
 - ✓ All items must be unopened
 - ✓ Use any sturdy bag or box
 - ✓ Avoid glass jars if possible
 - ✓ No homemade items (jams, canned/pickled items, honey, et al.)

NEXT MELANIE STANSBURY TOWNHALL ON ZOOM

The next Zoom meeting with **Representative Stanbury's** staff is **Tuesday 5/13/25 at 12:00 noon - MST**. Please submit any suggested agenda items or topics that you would like to be addressed, by this coming Friday (5/09/25) evening. To submit your agenda topic and to receive the link for this **Zoom meeting on Tuesday** (about 1 to 2 hrs. prior to the start of the Zoom meeting) contact RGI member, **Oscar Simpson** at **oscarsimpson3@yahoo.com** or call his cellphone at **505-917-2134**.

ATHENEA ALLEN CAMPAIGN

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Athenea Allen, and I'm running for City Council in Albuquerque's District 5—to deliver for our families, our safety, and our future.

As a national security professional, a mother, and the wife of Bernalillo County Sheriff John Allen, I've dedicated my life to protecting people—keeping our community and our country safe.

I've conducted federal background investigations for agencies like the Department of Defense and Homeland Security, holding others to the highest standards of trust. That same responsibility drives me as a parent and as a partner to someone on the front lines of public safety.

Now I'm stepping forward to serve our neighborhoods—not for politics or power, but because our families deserve real results. I've raised my family on the Westside. I've seen what happens when

traffic enforcement fades, when development outpaces infrastructure, and when leaders stop showing up.

That's why I'm challenging Dan Lewis this November. I'm not a politician—I'm a public servant ready to deliver.

I hope to earn your support and welcome your involvement in my campaign.

Thank you,

Athenea Allen



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