

## **Introducing NMListens!**

NMListens is statewide project, under the auspices of “A More Perfect Union” a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded to the New Mexico Council for the Humanities . Every state received \$50,000. **NMHC invited leagues in the state to design implementation. Three local leagues responded: Santa Fe County, Central New Mexico, and Southern New Mexico. The result of our cooperation is NMListens!**

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**WHY: NEH: Statement:** To support the agency’s mission to advance civic education and to prepare to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the **National Endowment for the Humanities** has launched a special initiative, *A More Perfect Union*. Through special funding provided in support of the initiative, NEH hopes to deepen public understanding of the American experience – in all its complexities – and enhance the knowledge, skills, and capacities needed to sustain a thriving republic.

**ACTION CALL:** NMListens is launched. We have our funding. We have 3 different implementation designs, one for each local league, united by our shared purpose to promote civil conversation, civic engagement, and especially the art of active listening . NOW is the time for you to get involved.

### **SANTA FE COUNTY EVENTS START IN DECEMBER**

**Sunday, December 5 at 7pm Dr. Estévan Rael Gálvez will be speaking about “Telling Reflections of New Mexico”, the importance of story in NM history.**

### **HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?**

We will be running at least 5 more events, 2 more in Santa Fe city and 3 in other locations in our county. The project runs through September 2022

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- ✓ Join NMListens events in person or via zoom. Watch the LWVSFC web site and check Constant Contact for info.
- ✓ Train as a facilitator and run events

- ✓ Advertising events: flyers, outreach to the public, to local organizations, social media
- ✓ Community outreach, help make certain all voices are heard, all are invited to participate
- ✓ Logistics for events, venue prep, tech, meet and greet, handle Q&A, handle audience responses, and surveys of reactions
- ✓ Contribute additional ideas for events, topics
- ✓ Offer feedback to NMListens on how we're doing, implement surveys or send your individual feedback to NMListens