



WHAT: a 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 branch of the NEH, including the New Mexico Humanities Council (NMHC) received \$50,000. NMHC invited League of Women Voters in New Mexico in to design their unique implementations. Three local leagues responded: Santa Fe County, Central New Mexico, and Southern New Mexico. The result of our cooperation is NMListens! SF County Organizers: Ricann Bock and Irene Epp

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WHY: The 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.” NMListens will implement that purpose in 3 different ways in 3 different local leagues, united in our common purpose to promote **civil conversations and active civil civic engagement, and, above all, to encourage and support people to be active, respectful listeners.**

ACTION CALL: Grant implementation in NM began in October/November 2021. Santa Fe County was the first local league to design and present a public event. Our launch “Telling Reflections of New Mexico” was a powerful presentation by Dr. Estévan Rael Gálvez of the intertwined stories that make New Mexico’s unique and complex history. **We need YOU to contribute to continued success!**

The depth and nature of your involvement is up to you. There is a need for everything from facilitation to logistics to brainstorming and running events. Not “expert”? We have training. **MOST needed: people motivated to promote the active listening that is crucial to defusing the hyper partisanship that threatens our democracy.**

Prior and Future Events (There will be more.)

Santa Fe City: Telling Reflections of New Mexico with Dr. Estévan Rael Gálvez.

Feb. 6 Santa Fe City: Santa Fe Stories You’ve Never Heard: a Story Panel featuring SF residents

Feb. 19 Edgewood NM: Old Roots/New Roots, an opening powerpoint on the old Route 66, followed Edgewood residents, oldtimers and newcomers, sharing their stories

March 19 Edgewood NM: Edgewood Visions for the Future

