

Revised: July 10, 2009

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**July 13-15, 2009**

**Moot Courtroom, UNM School of Law, July 13  
Pueblo of Santa Ana Prairie Star, July 14-15**

**Monday, July 13**

- 10:00 a.m.     **Call to Order**
- 10:05 a.m.     **UNM School of Law — Introduction to Native American Programs and  
Priorities**  
—Kevin Washburn, Dean, UNM Law School
- 11:30 a.m.     **Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives**  
—Terrelene Massey (Navajo Nation) and Veronique Richardson (Pueblo of  
Laguna), Teaching Assistants
- 12:00 noon    **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.     **American Indian Law Center (AILC) and AILC Appellate Project**  
—Helen Padilla, Esq., Director, AILC  
—Melissa Candelaria, Senior Policy Analyst, AILC
- 2:00 p.m.     **Tribal-State Judicial Consortium**  
—Honorable Roman J. Duran, Associate Judge, Jicarilla Apache Tribal Court,  
Co-Chair  
—Debra Seeley, Domestic Violence Commissioner, Second Judicial District
- 3:00 p.m.     **Concerns About Changes in Indian Country Criminal Laws Proposed in  
Federal Legislation**  
\* Potential for Triple Jeopardy  
\* Problems with Recognition of Tribal Sovereignty  
\* Issues with Opening Federal Prisons to Prisoners from Tribal Courts  
\* Licensing of Attorneys in Indian Country  
—Kathleen Bowman, Director, Attorney, Office of Navajo Public Defender;  
Member, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Arizona  
Public Defender Association and National Association of Criminal  
Defense Lawyers

5:00 p.m.     **Recess**

**Tuesday, July 14**

9:00 a.m.     **Welcome**

—Lt. Governor Myron Armijo, Pueblo of Santa Ana

9:45 a.m.     **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Provision for Corrections and Public Safety**

—Alvin H. Warren, Secretary, Indian Affairs Department

10:45 a.m.   **Disproportionate Incarceration in Indian Country**

—Stephen McCue, Federal Public Defender

11:30 a.m.   **Lunch**

1:00 p.m.     **Public Defender Office Plans for Gallup**

—David Eisenberg, Deputy Chief Public Defender, Public Defender Department

2:00 p.m.     **Committee Discussion: Potential Endorsements and Activities**

I. Endorse changes to state voting laws?

1. Use tribal boundaries, among other boundaries, for forming precincts
2. Reduce from 800 to 500 the number of voters in all-tribal precincts required before a new precinct must be formed
3. Clarify that "in person" votes include early voting
4. Require county clerks to provide an alternate voting site when requested by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo with a boundary located less than 15 miles from the office of a county clerk

II. Author letters?

1. To the U.S. Federal District Court for NM: add tribal registration lists to the lists used for jury selection
2. To the Department of Environment: make IAC a "stakeholder" or "consulting party" for purposes of the governance of Mt. Taylor
3. To Federal ARRA: create a pilot project for a tribal prosecutor, funded with federal stimulus money
4. To the Navajo Nation: use stimulus money to improve jails

III. Prepare for Voting Rights.

1. Review Sandoval County Stipulated Agreement 2008

4:00 p.m.     **Recess**

**Wednesday, July 15, Voting Rights Day**

9:00 a.m.     **Native American Election Information Program Coordination — Preparing for the 2010 General Election**

—Mary Herrera, Secretary of State

—Native American Election Information Program (NAEIP)

—State Coordinator Martin W. Aguilar (Pueblo of San Ildefonso)

—State Coordinator Savaleah Begay-Tsosie (Navajo)

NAEIP Coordinators

Sandoval County-Pueblo of Jemez: Peter Magdalena

Bernalillo County: Shirlee Smith

Socorro County: Vince Abeyta

San Juan County: Arlenta Horse-Dickie, Bilingual Coordinator

Santa Fe County: Hvtce Miller

—San Juan County Clerk, Debbie Holmes

10:00 a.m. **Minority Language Assistance Requirements Under Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act**

—Richard Dellheim, Trial Attorney, Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **The Need for a Regional Polling Place and Early In-Person Voting at the Pueblo of San Felipe**

—Charlotte Little, President and Chief Executive Officer, Little and Associates

2:00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion: Preparing for the 2010 Census and Getting Out the Vote — Maximizing the Effect of Redistricting, Networking with Voters and Potential Voters**

—Amber Carrillo, Voter Engagement Consultant, Native American Vote Director, National Obama Campaign

—Charlotte Little, President and Chief Executive Officer, Little and Associates

—Martin W. Aguilar, Secretary of State's Office, NAEIP Coordinator

—Kimmeth Yazzie, Program and Project Specialist, Navajo Election Administration

—Merlin Cassador, Jicarilla Apache Election Administration

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**