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New Mexico First to Host Online Media Briefing on Pending Census Data and how it Impacts State Redistricting Efforts August 10th

Redistricting Public Meetings Ramp Up Wednesday U.S. Census Data Scheduled for Release on Thursday

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Albuquerque – The New Mexico Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) is in the midst of public forums for the purpose of soliciting input on factors the committee should consider when developing Congressional, legislative and locally elected districts. The public also has an opportunity to create and submit maps for local, regional, or statewide districts. A significant element of the redistricting process is demographic data which is scheduled to be released on Thursday by the United States Census Bureau.

In the midst of CRC hearings and in advance of the Census Bureau releasing the decennial census data, New Mexico First is hosting a briefing just for New Mexico media. Expert speakers include representatives from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), which has hosted numerous local and national briefings over the past two years on the basics of redistricting and practical instruction, and the Redistricting Lab, which helped to set up the CRC's public input web portal.

The briefing will begin with an introduction by New Mexico First's Interim President and Executive Director, Michael Barndollar, and CRC Chair Justice Ed Chavez (invited).

The experts will share some insights, key indicators, and the type of questions to ask, and potential Census data shifts to look for and the current process. In addition, there will be a Q&A with Underhill and Williams.

- **Who:** New Mexico First, New Mexico CRC, NCSL and Redistricting Lab officials
- **What:** Pending Census Data and how it Impacts State Redistricting efforts
- **When:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 | 10:30am
- **Where:** To register and receive a zoom link to participate in the briefing, email tom@garritypr.com

New Mexico First is continuing the work started through the New Mexico Redistricting Task Force, which developed recommendations to present to the New Mexico Legislature on redistricting rules and processes. New Mexico First was and is committed to cross-partisan dialogue, consensus-building, and aligned action on policy issues that impact the state. The task force included people from different political parties and was racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse, including members from the sovereign Pueblos and Tribes across New Mexico. To review the task force findings [click here](#).

NCSL's redistricting media briefing is free to [credentialed](#) members of the media. Please review NCSL's [media policy](#) before registering.

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