Improving Access for Native Communities

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Overview

• New Mexico Landscape
• Challenges
• Where are we?
• What is next?
New Mexico Overview

- 22 Pueblo Tribes
- Navajo Nation
- 9 Different Languages
- 14 Counties
Challenges

• Rural Communities
• Language Barriers
• Technology Limitations
• Distrust of Government
Where are we?

• Native American Election Program
  
  SOS Training Resources
  County Communication
  Community Outreach

• Native American Task Force
  
  Membership
  Objectives
  Partnership
What is next?

- Establishing adequate early voting sites
- Providing election documents in Native American languages
- Proposing statutory changes on Native American voting rights issues
- Increasing voter outreach and voter education in Native American communities
- Assisting New Mexico’s counties in complying with federal voting rights statutes
- Improving translation services inclusive of language diversities
- Increasing dialogue between the task force, the counties, the state and tribal leadership
- Advocating to the legislature to address the digital divide and internet connectivity
- Securing additional funding for Native American voter outreach programs
Questions?
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