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**PATRIOTISM AND PROTECTING THE FUTURE**  
**National Environmental Justice Experts Lead the Journey Towards a Green**  
**Amendment to the New Mexico Constitution**

Albuquerque, New Mexico --- NM Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Terry Sloan, Director of the Southwest Native Cultures, and Maya Van Rossum, Founder of Green Amendments for the Generations, will be launching the inaugural Green Amendment Day on July 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by a discussion about the benefits of a Green Amendment to the New Mexico Constitution at the PDACNM meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Both virtual events are free and open to the public.

**Green Amendment Day (July 13)** is dedicated to educating and engaging civil rights, environmental, environmental justice and Indigenous leaders and community members across the nation around the power of Green Amendments for ending environmental racism and restoring environmental justice through constitutional empowerment.

Environmental racism is widespread and ingrained in our society, and we must convince our legislators that the green amendment is needed to combat it. Communities of color disproportionately live in environmental sacrifice zones, where industrial contaminants, pollution, and other poisons degrade water, air, and soil, causing heart disease, asthma, cancer, compromised immune systems, and other serious illnesses.

Ending environmental racism and securing true environmental justice requires systemic legal and government reform. By providing constitutional recognition and protection we can raise up the inalienable rights of all people to a clean & healthy environment, and transform our system of laws and government to ensure environmental justice is mandatory, equitable and enforceable.

Learn more about the day's events and national speakers here:

<https://forthegenerations.org/events/green-amendment-day-2021/>

Register to attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> Green Amendment Day here: <https://tinyurl.com/upzp45sc>

**On Wednesday, July 14th, the NM Green Amendment and the Environment at the Roundhouse** will be the focus of a conversation with Sedillo Lopez and Van Rossum. This virtual discussion, hosted by the Progressive Democrats of America – Central New Mexico Chapter, will begin at 6 pm MT. What are the environmental injustices that have been plaguing New Mexicans for generations? Why isn't the current system of laws and regulations protecting New Mexicans from environmental harms? How does an environmental constitutional amendment work and what are the plans for getting it before the voters?

Join the July 14<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653506331?pwd=TSZzNXI4dEFvTXllMUUqR1J0WHB6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 826 5350 6331

Passcode: 285531

Green Amendment website and resources: <https://forthegenerations.org/>

New Mexico Green Amendment website and resources: <https://nmgreenamendment.org/>

The Green Amendment --- book published in 2017: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/maya-k-van-rossum/green-amendment/>

Progressive Democrats of America – Central New Mexico website: <https://pdacnm.org/>