## Vote no to Constitutional Amendment 2

Constitutional Amendment 2 would give the New Mexico administration and legislators the ability to donate money to the current administration's top priorities and agenda: Regionalization. Due to current N.M. government agencies and organizations lack of capacity that is due in part to their 30% vacancy across the board, Regionalization is their solution to reduce the amount of government entities which are 650 Community Public Water Systems (CPWS) around the state of New Mexico. Regionalization is their solution promoted by the <u>United States Environmental Protection Agency</u> and is widely accepted by the progressive left. According to the progressives, Regionalization would make it easier to shovel out the unprecedented amounts of funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The cost of receiving the much needed funding is a price too high to pay. A surrendering of a local community's autonomy is the price required in order to produce the most points on a scorecard that will determine a community public water systems rank amongst other communities competing for the same funding. Regionalization gives communities who choose to regionalize additional points. These same points are not made available to CPWS who choose not to or are unable to join the Regionalization effort. Currently it is difficult for 85% of New Mexico communities to receive available funding because they fall under the Median HouseHold Income level and are not able to meet the debt capacity requirements required by state and federal regulations. This Regionalization's (centralized government) efforts would be a permanent change of governance of water and will be devastating to America's original form of government. A Republic form of government of, for and by the people, will possibly no longer exist if this Constitutional Amendment is passed along with the 2023 regionalization bill that is currently being sponsored by Representative Susan Herrera and Senator Peter Wirth. This Regionalization bill uses 97% of the same language from the House Bill 175 in the 2019 legislative session.

Please do all that you can do to share this information with as many as you possibly can. We cannot allow our most important level of government at the local community level be destroyed by a pay-to-play scheme that comes at the cost of local government autonomy.

<a href="https://ballotpedia.org/New Mexico Constitutional Amendm">https://ballotpedia.org/New Mexico Constitutional Amendm</a>, Authorizing Funds for Residential Services Infrastructure Amendment (2022)



## National security risks are being made to meet Economies of scale issues

- Regionalization activists are seeking authority which could require all residents to abandon personal water wells and hook up to systems within service areas of newly formed quasi-government entities statewide in the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session
- "Water Rights are not a right they are a declaration": The 50-year plan includes new governance of water and the 50 liter home: "13 gallons" per day, per person, per family, per home, requiring retrofitting every home to meet these standards by 2050
- "There are not enough resources (bureaucratic capacity) to serve all 650 Community Public Water Systems in New Mexico". After decades of failing to meet their own Environmental Protection Agency's goals and missions, due to negligence and neglect, the EPA promotes Regionalization for Community Public Water Systems (CPWS) as a solution to their own bureaucratic mismanagement. The Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration echoes the EPA in a recent regionalization meeting where State Engineer, Mike Hammonds stated "the key for government to shovel out all the available funding is for CPWS to Regionalize"
- There is a little bit of letting go in building capacity through Regionalization": After decades of failing to manage their business the EPA now seeks to direct and manage the business of local governments by reducing the amount of board members representing your local community. They claim to not have the ability (capacity) to service so many New Mexico entities. So they aim to consolidate and reduce the total amount of CPWS in New Mexico and many more communities throughout the nation in a nationwide reduction effort AKA building capacity through Regionalization. Their aim is to reduce the amount of local government entities /CPWS with whom federal and state agencies have to deal
- Once a community goes through the Regionalization process there is no going back, Regionalization is a Forever-Change in local government autonomy