

Roxanne and I are excited about this team. We are off to a great start. This note is from the email sent about 8-10 days ago and includes:

- List of what we agreed to do in the next few weeks.
- List of all the topics with names of those who agreed to do the initial research inventory.
- [Link to the Transformation Study Group Framework](#). The vision and scope of work have not been changed, but the list of topics has been augmented to include a few things suggested in our last zoom. It also now includes a list of what should be included in the initial research inventory. Please be sure to examine that part closely. In this Framework, there is also a link to the original list of research resources that might prove helpful to you.
- I was unable to locate the 40-page research guide, but that may be a good thing as it was very detailed and complex. And it's unclear if the protocols would fit this particular project.

In the next week, please email us the following:

- Short bio telling us where you are from, where you live now, a bit about your background and your research interests, your email address, and your phone number (if you are ok with sharing it).
- Links to any "go to" research sites that you think might be useful to all of us. This is NOT your topic area research inventory, just a list of the sites you find have consistently good content relevant to what we are doing. Also offer suggestions for non-conventional sources per some of the suggestions on last night's call, e.g. personal interviews, art, music, etc.
- Head shot was suggested by someone, but this is optional. They won't be public, just in the shared private work space.

By July 14 (our next meeting date):

- Your Initial Research Inventory, if possible. We don't expect or need 18 summaries by July 14, but it would be good to have 3 or 4 completed so we can discuss them.

Below is the list of topics with names of who chose to research them. Please contact us if you see any errors in assignments. While we do not have all 21 topic areas covered, we purposely skipped Public Bank and Health Security, and two of the three others without a person covering the inventory were only added to the list yesterday: transportation and social safety net.

1. **Public Bank:** A public bank would allow the state to deposit billions of dollars currently in Wall St. banks into a Public Bank that would manage funds and invest them in our state infrastructure, renewable energy grid, large capital improvements, our water systems, and other economic development initiatives. **No current need.**

2. **Progressive Tax Reform:** We want to examine tax systems in other countries where significantly more progressive taxation generates the revenues to make transformation possible. *Rich Weiner*
3. **Health Security:** COVID has exposed our vulnerability to a disjointed health system that leaves millions of Americans at risk of health bankruptcy or no coverage. We will examine alternative forms of universal healthcare, focusing on our own Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign. **No current need.**
4. **Energy:** We obviously need to transition to renewable energy as swiftly as possible. How can this be done justly, expeditiously, and sustainably? It's unlikely the gas & oil industry will advance that work. Is nationalizing our energy industry the only path? What is being done in other countries? *Scott Tyson*
5. **Utilities:** Currently, private corporations like PNM select, manage, and deliver the energy we consume in NM. Profit is the primary consideration for utility companies. We will explore how to municipalize our utilities and put them under state and local control. **Scott Tyson -- There will be overlap between 4 and 5. And Scott and Karen (#11) will consult because their topics are related.**
6. **Prison Reform:** Our prisons focus far too much on punishment and too little on rehabilitation and successful transition back into society. As with the energy and utility industries, private prisons are focused on profit than rehabilitation. *Laura Brown*
7. **Public Safety:** Beyond prisons, we will examine how to transform our community public safety systems and the larger criminal justice framework that relies more on arrest and punishment than more proactive initiatives to provide expanded education, drug treatment, and economic opportunity. *Adam Wasserman*
8. **Local food production & distribution:** COVID has exposed our food insecurity as food chains have collapsed and prices have soared. But well before COVID, the need for locally controlled, sustainable food systems emerged. We will explore how other communities have stimulated local food production, processing, and distribution. *Robert Baroody and Greg Corning*
9. **Democratizing the Workplace.** We need much stronger protection of workers overall, including living wages, decent benefits (until we can make health benefits not dependent on peoples' jobs), healthy working conditions, and workers' participation in company decisions. Worker owned coops is but one example of how this can be achieved. We will explore Mondragon in Spain, the University of Wisconsin's Center for Cooperatives, the Democracy Collaborative, and others who have been pioneering this more democratic means of organizing work and production. *Charles Clements*
10. **Community land trusts:** Community land trusts hold great promise as a means of reorganizing how we think about our land, housing, and communities and a way of building local community wealth without gentrification. *Rick Word*
11. **Local renewable energy systems:** Part of a just energy transition is to allow local control by cities, counties, and tribal communities. We will explore how other countries have developed local energy generation and distribution systems. *Karen Keeney*
12. **Infrastructure development in rural and indigenous communities:** Rural communities across the state suffer from collapsing roads, inequitable telecommunications systems, and lack of access to critical health and human services supports. We will examine ways in which

public banks and other resources can expedite addressing these inequities. **Charles? Not sure this is right. Maybe no one volunteered for this?**

13. **Water:** With the climate catastrophe racing towards us, water will become an even more essential resource, especially in NM. Our water systems can no longer remain antiquated, our use of water must be scrupulously controlled, and science-based tools must be used to ensure prudent use of and equitable access to water. **Greg Corning**

14. **Election Reform.** Many of the systems we seek to change are controlled by moneyed interests' influence on the electoral and legislative processes. We will examine ways to remove the influence of money from politics and research how other countries organize the election process. **Bruce Berlin and Adam Wasserman**

15. **Re-Imagining Education.** Our education system doesn't prepare students for careers, relationships, parenting, or to develop critical thinking skills necessary to good decision-making in most any sphere of life, most especially the civic process. How could this be done differently? What models exist? **Wendy Foxworth, Lonnie Rowell**

16. **Anti-Racism.** It isn't enough to not be a racist, we need to develop ways to be active anti-racists and to construct public policy that values and supports those behaviors. What could this look like? **Roxanne Barber**

17. **Imagining Clean Environment.** Our air, water, land and food are routinely poisoned because we are unable to invent a system to regulate our relationship with these vital resources. What would sustainable stewardship of these resources look like? [This came from Richard and creates overlap with # 13 Water, above.] **Karl Korak**

18. **Reimagining the Corporate Sector.** Our corporate sector runs rampant. Why is anything too big to fail? How can our corporate sector be reorganized or regulated to meet the needs of people and planet? **Puck Stair and Terry Storch, with input from Rich Weiner**

19. **Affordable Safe Housing for Everyone Without Gentrification.** This has been an almost impenetrable challenge in most of the US. But the use of community land trusts and the involvement of a State Public Bank could be among the strategies that unlock this puzzle. **Joyce Bogosian with input from Rich Weiner**

20. **Transportation.** Creating vibrant public transit systems that rely upon electric vehicles and ultimately renewably powered trains and trucks. **No one has volunteered for this area.**

21. **Social Safety Net.** Many of the issues above address issues of poverty, employment, housing, and other factors central to preventing the need for a social safety net. But not everyone will immediately be able to benefit from those resources and may need supports temporarily or, for those with some chronic conditions, for their lifetime. What would a human-centered, dignified and empowering system look like? **No one has volunteered for this area. It was brought up last night but we forgot to add it.**