

Quotables

Executive Committee members voiced opinions Sept. 6:

Affordable housing excise tax

“It’s not all we need but we can take bites wherever we can to try to solve the affordable housing problem.” – Party Chair Henry Roybal

“(The excise tax for affordable housing) will create leakage. People will move outside the city limits – even to Albuquerque. The City should give assistance to renters instead.” Fabian Trujillo, Ward chair 2D

“The platform states the party supports progressive tax structures; (the excise tax) is regressive,” Alan Courtney, vice chair Ward 5A

“This (the excise tax vote) is serious; I got a call from a research company that is obviously opposing the tax,” Susan McGrew, 2nd vice chair Ward 2D

“(The excise tax) is highly inequitable. It is asking less than 2 percent of the population to shoulder the burden,” Jonnalyn Grover, chair Ward 2C

“It (the excise tax) is not going to solve the affordable housing problem all by itself, but it will more than double the money in the city’s housing trust fund ... It is not as progressive as the income tax, but it is not regressive ... It gives us the opportunity to target southside voters where the housing need is the greatest.” – County Party 2nd Vice-Chair David Thompson

Involvement in nonpartisan races.

“In the climate today, we must open our eyes and ears and be prepared to support our Democratic candidates to win this election,” Ali Garcia-White, chair Ward 5D

“If we want to save our Democratic Party, we need to fight fire with fire ... Republicans have already been at my door, and they were assertive about winning this election,” Susan McGrew, 2nd vice chair Ward 2D

“It’s chaotic in Edgewood; we may need to support some non-Democrats; we have a “Moms for Liberty”-type candidate running; we have candidates who have changed their minds about (opposing) abortion. Can we find a way?” – Evelyn Vinogradov, chair Ward 2C