



Update on SILC fun

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Hello,

I wanted to provide you with an update with regards to the meeting with, oh so many, state people...at least 3 were attorneys. Bear with me this will be long.

First of all, Peter and Kristin were incredibly supportive and provided many hours of counsel as well as getting documents prepared and reviewed. I am attaching these documents as well. I am also including the presentation outline. This was not shared with the group. It was something Peter and I put together in order for me to have the points we wanted to make in front of us. I was the sole speaker at the meeting. There were issues Kristin was asked to make sure she spoke about and Peter was there for me to ask to fill in any "state" speak that would help them understand.

Besides Peter and Kristin, also present at the meeting was:

- Patrick Teegarden, public policy for CDLE. He had lengthy conversations with both Danny and Edie (Edie is another that has been invaluable in her support) to get background as well as understanding from a political standpoint of the SILC and the impact this could have on the CILS.
- Eleni Angelide, Policy Analyst in the governors administration
- Elisabeth Mabus, legal counsel
- Niketa Patel, Deputy Director Boards and Commissions
- Caitlin Adams, works for Kristin and is employment policy for CDLE, however she was part of Governor Hickenlooper's administrative staff as legal counsel, and finally,
- Kate Siegel Shimko, Director of Boards and Commissions

Kate had 4 items she wanted addressed:

1. The justification for becoming a non-profit
2. The plan for becoming a non-profit
3. The plan to follow open meetings act
4. Comparison of other states that have done this

From the presentation outline you can see how I proceeded with the meeting. It did not really deviate from that. Some of the harder things for Kate (who was the only one who spoke) was when I tried to give an example of how CDLE is a barrier to the SILC. I gave the example of hiring an Executive Director and the process of procurement. She seems to like to control and she seemed quite put off that we hired someone. (As an aside, by "hire" I mean we have a Purchase Order through the end of December for Jaime as a contract employee of CDLE.) Peter stepped in and gave greater detail on procurement rules and that this was a CDLE purchase order for a contract employee of CDLE, not an employee of the SILC. That seemed to appease her.

No one asked questions other than Kate and she asked very few. It was advised that the updated website be up and running prior to the meeting (which it was) because Kate was sure to bring it up. She did and it was the closest to a compliment that was given (that the SILC website had the correct information to meet the open meetings act requirement).

Her final statement to me was that "it wasn't her decision, she would have to get with the 'higher ups' and get back to me." I have a feeling it will not be me she "gets back to", but it will come to me through Peter or Patrick, but that is just a personal opinion. She did not give me a deadline. I can tell you, I will give her a deadline. After that... Candie and Patricia, you will be the first to know 😊

I do really think this meeting was more for a way for Kate to save face. It is unbelievable to every other person, except Kate, on why this is even an issue. It is a win-win across the board. The governor gets a feel good story and promotes his agenda of a Colorado for All.

I did try to be my humorous self, but it was a tough room. No humor... except Peter smiled... I am sure he and Kristin was laughing on the inside. 😊

Kate did say she wondered what the AG's office will say. To that, I say "go for it".

I will say it was the hardest 45 minutes of my life because what I WANTED to say, I could not... at least not yet.

Peter, if you would like to give your perspective, feel free.

Thanks for hanging in there with this lengthy email.

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6 attachments

 **Fiscal - CORA.docx**
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 **SILC Citation.docx**
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 **The reason we need to become a non profit organization 12-3-2018.docx**
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 **Work Plan Timeline.docx**
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 **National Analysis.docx**
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 **Presentation to the Governor.docx**
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