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Corporate personhood, lack of direct constitutional powers to control corporate existence and policy are foundational challenges to one vote per citizen. The constitution needs to be amended through "the states' initiative" to do so (article 5). The present Law of the Land is out of date with challenges presented by technology and the development of the business sector, its presence, use and sale, that did not exist when the Constitution was written. A frame of mind to sustain lasting voter power to live in harmony with the governing body for war, peace, education, economic directives, and healthcare, must be arranged by the people reflecting the present and future life within the environmental latitudes and longitudes designated as the western hemisphere. Offering a secure dynamic of participation for each voter and a plan for the future of our governing body can be used in education forums of empowerment, possibly leading to a unified perspective for all our societal participants.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.