



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## BCC Agenda - Final

### LOS ALAMOS Community Development Advisory Board

*Chair, Catherine Ozment; Vice Chair, Andrea Pistone; William Dai; Denise Derkacs; Cindy Hollabaugh; Jaime Kennedy; and Aaron D. Walker: Members*

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Monday, December 17, 2018

5:30 PM

B & C Room 110

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#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

##### A. Call to Order/Introductions

##### B. Approval of Today's Agenda

##### C. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. [11476-18](#) Minutes from the Community Development Advisory Board Meeting on November 19, 2018.

Recommendation: I move that the Board approve the Minutes for November 19, 2018.

Presenters: Community Development Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - DRAFT Minutes for November 19, 2018](#)

##### D. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

#### II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action May be Taken on These Items)

##### A. Continue Discussion of Inspection Routes

##### B. Discussion of Codes 18-41 Sanitation and 18-42 Weeds, brush piles, refuse, and rubbish

##### C. Discuss Community Survey Responses

1. [11477-18](#) Discuss Community Survey Responses

Presenters: Community Development Advisory Board

Attachments: [A - Community Survey Responses](#)

##### D. Updates on Subquorum Working Groups

##### E. Ongoing Review of Cases

### **III. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

#### **A. Chair Report**

#### **B. Board Member Reports**

#### **C. Staff Report**

##### **1. 2019 Meeting Dates**

[11494-18](#) CDAB Calendar of Meeting Dates 2019

**Presenters:** Community Development Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [A - 2019 CDAB Meeting Dates](#)

#### **D. Council Liaison Report**

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **V. NEXT MEETING(S)/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. January: Review Codes 15-43 Outdoor Furniture; 18-44 Outdoor Storage; 18-45 Rodent Harborage

### **VI. ADJOURN**



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## Minutes

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#### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

##### **A. Call to Order/Introductions**

**Members Present:** Catherine Ozment, Chair; Andrea Pistone, Vice Chair; William Dai, and Aaron Walker, Members

**Member Absent:** Denise Derkacs, Cindy Hollabaugh, and Jaime Kennedy Members

**Council Liaison:** Antonio Maggiore

**Staff Present:** Councilor David Izraelevitz; Paul Andrus, CDD Director and Staff Liaison; Katie Thwaites, Assistant County Attorney; Michael Arellano, Chief Building Official; Barbara Lai, Administrative Support; Perry Rutherford, CDD staff;

The Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm.

##### **B. Approval of Today's Agenda**

**Motion:** Andrea Pistone moved to approve the agenda as written. Board member Aaron Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **C. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**11403-18** Minutes from the Community Development Advisory Board Meeting on October 15, 2018.

**Attachments:** [A - October 15, 2018 Draft CDAB Minutes](#)

**Motion:** Member Aaron Walker moved to approve the Minutes for October 15, 2018. Member Dai seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### **D. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

David Izraelevitz, 660 Totavi. Mr. Izraelevitz recommended organizations to the Board that offer maintenance and repair assistance to homeowners. He also thanked the members of the Board for their service.

#### **II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action May be Taken on These Items)**

##### **A. Plan Future Detailed Review of County Code**

Chair Ozment presented two draft calendars that included a timeline and subjects to cover in the Board's review and revision of the Code. The first calendar timeline is December 2018 through October 2019. The alternate calendar timeline is December 2018 through August 2019. Each month in the calendar lists the section of the code that will be studied and discussed. Ms. Ozment also laid out a plan to involve the public in the code discussion.

Ms. Pitstone made a motion to move forward with the alternate calendar. Mr. Walker seconded. No public comment. The Board approved the alternate calendar.

## **B. Discussion and Planning of Inspection Routes**

Chair Ozment requested maps of the routes that the code compliance officers cover. Mr. Arellano described his process of assigning staff to geographic areas. A discussion ensued regarding the definition of "selective enforcement". The Assistant County Attorney explained that the officers conduct "line of site" inspections to ensure enforcement equality. The Board continued to discuss compliant and inspection methodology.

Chair Ozment asked for an updated inspection "heat map" by month, starting May 8 through November 19, 2018.

Vice Chair Pistone asked what the inspection process would look like if it was not complaint driven. Mr. Andrus replied that a complaint cannot be ignored, it would have to be investigated. Mr. Arellano added that code compliance receives complaints from residents that live outside of the neighborhood on which they are complaining.

Chair Ozment asked for additional information on "dedicated days" for inspection routes and responding to complaints.

David Izraelevitz commented that it is the responsibility of Councilors to be responsive to the residents. If there are delays in responding to the public, the Councilor will ask the department director to explain delays in responding to the public.

The Board will pursue these issues in coming meetings.

Public Comment: Jenny, Eastern Area, expressed her opinion on the complaint system.



**C. Discuss Preliminary Recommendations to Council**

Chair Ozment asked the Board members to review the *CDAB Preliminary Recommendations* document. The Board members shared their thoughts on the information contained in the document. The Board and staff discussed the preliminary recommendations under the following categories: General/Misc., Weeds/neighborhoods, Inspection Routes, Enforcement Priorities, Staffing/Time, Communication, and Resources.

Chair Ozment requested that a person from Planning and Zoning come talk to the Board at the December meeting.

Mr. Andrus explained his role as responsible for code compliance and its staffing and operational issues.

**D. Discuss Establishing Subquorum Working Groups**

Chair Ozment described the role of subquorum working groups as gathering information and making broad recommendations to the Board. The subquorum working groups identified are: 1) researching codes in other communities; 2) communication outreach; 3) identifying community resources; and, 4) staffing and logistics.

The highest priority groups are: Communication Outreach Group and Community Resources Group.

Aaron Walker will lead the Communication Outreach group and will work with Jaime Kennedy.

Andrea Pistone will lead the Community and County Resources group and will work with Denise Derkacs.

Chair Ozment will contact Cindy Hollabaugh to see which subgroup she is interested in.

**E. Ongoing Review of Monthly Cases**

Aaron Walker complimented Michael Marquez on how easy Mr. Marquez's letters are to understand.

**III. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**A. Chair Report**

Chair Ozment reported that she attended the B & C Luncheon.

**B. Board Member Reports**

**C. Staff Report**

1. [11404-18](#) Dates for Winter 2019 Farmers' Market at Fuller Lodge  
**The Dates for the Market are:**  
**Thursdays - January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11.**  
**Each day from 7 am to 12:30 pm.**

Ms. Lai reported on the winter dates for the Farmers Market at Fuller Lodge.

**D. Council Liaison Report**

No Report.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Izraelevitz, 660 Totavi spoke.

**V. NEXT MEETING(S)/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The CDAB meeting will be held on December 17, 2018 in the B & C Room 110, at 5:30pm.

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32.

## 2018 Los Alamos County Community Survey

### Verbatim (Unedited) Responses to Question 3: What do you think Los Alamos County government can do within the next five years to make the County a better place to live?

Response
Increased housing (actual homes, not duplexes or apartment's), less regulations with regards to what you do with your own property, encourage lower business rental costs so more businesses move in.
More affordable housing. More affordable places to shop.
Increase access to the national forest by opening pipeline road To vehicular traffic. Increase bike lane connectivity. Improve bike trail signage. Clarify and simplify the building code and permitting process. Improve road quality (very poorly maintained with cracks and potholes appearing in many places). Stop letting bureaucrats make engineering decisions (ie the roundabout at the front of town). Upgrade sewer systems on barranca. Work with commercial real estate to improve abandoned buildings.
Pass policy that will encourage more businesses, restaurants and housing. Small business is important but not at the cost of increased commerce. Economies of scale and competition is lacking.
Facilitate more quality housing development. Continue maintaining current services and facilities that we enjoy.
More recreation and update old buildings.
Work to fill empty existing commercial real estate with quality non-LANL associated businesses. If possible, stabilize commercial rent to enable new businesses to survive. A "company town" is not a healthy town and cannot hope to attract the new talent that LANL itself needs to preserve its quality of work and high reputation.
upgrade playgrounds.
Spend funds wisely and improve the county for young families. For example: Large Splash pad, Indoor ice rink, Bowling alley, Rec center that can house basketball, and more activities that are not required for out side. Such as hiking.
Also the deer problem is out of hand. If they are not taken care of people will probably make them start to disappear. They are destructive to property and they are always on the road creating a danger to drivers.
Provide more residential living and expand food franchises
Improve housing options and daycare options
More restaurant options.
Stop screwing with the community via notices of violation and one-sided surveys that leave out details of implementation (like the incoming yard waste pickup - nobody knew recycling would be cut by half!).
Not sure what the county can do... Housing is in very short supply but I believe this is being worked. Abandoned buildings downtown are a disaster. Force commercial landlords to lower rent? Impose very high abandoned/vacant property tax if no documented efforts made to find tenant in 12 months?
Provide true business opportunities by allowing affordable commercial renting opportunities
1. Change the Building Codes to be more realistic. If I wanted to live in the perfectly manicured community I would not live here. 2. Make the process to get building/renovation/deck permits easier and more transparent. 3. Rather than make a "flow trail" to benefit very few people, consider making a paved off street bike trail from Los Alamos's residential areas to the lab for commuters.

There are some features that would benefit the community and prevent people from having to commute off the hill. Such as an indoor ice skating rink that can also be utilized for youth and adult league ice hockey. While there are a number of seasonal membership pools and the aquatic center, the hours of operation and crowding are still issues for me and if I have a young family in the coming years. A community splash pad would be a welcomed addition to the park space to allow a little relief from the heat for youngsters, under adult supervision of course. Also, I have recently purchased a house and am becoming troubled by the NOV's that are going out around town. Coming from a larger city in which there were communities with HOAs, I have seen the negative side of living in an HOA and purposely purchased a home that was not in an established HOA. This allows me to maintain decisions regarding the aesthetics and care of my home and property without undue harassment. I would encourage a community led review for what qualifies as violations for NOV's. I understand wanting to have a defensible and beautiful community, but do not think it should infringe of reasonable property owner rights either.

More housing is essential for permanent residents and summer residents/students.

Recruit more hotels

Limiting the amount of money spent by the county on unneeded expenses. Focusing on roads and not recreation centers. Not working around county voters, and instead paying attention to the votes.

Create the extended canyon rim trail. Focus on really sustaining our open space trails. Try to get LANL offices out of the prime areas downtown to create a fun and exciting downtown area.

Focus on getting the unsightly, old, abandoned buildings off Central and Trinity. Those are a nuisance, make the town look bad, and are taking up space for other businesses. I think that should be a prime objective for LA County.

Remove the golf course and re-purpose the land to housing to help alleviate the current housing shortage. Make the county more business-friendly to attract more restaurants and shops that would appeal to the changing demographics of the town. Impose penalties and/or taxes on vacant commercial properties to encourage them to rent to businesses instead of holding out for high-paying LANL tenants.

Indoor playground for young kids.

Building codes/ regulations/ inspectors are heinous.

more restaurants! continue to develop the trail system.

I keep hearing complaints related to code enforcement. While I'm not a home owner yet and these issues don't affect me personally, I am staff at the lab and am saving to buy a house soon, so this may be a problem. I hope the county seriously considers what is actually important in these cases.

Additionally, I'd love it if we could toss glass into the recycling bins. While it might sound piddly, having to gather glass separately and bring it to the high school means many people will never recycle glass.

I'd like to see our business tax code changed, so it's less appealing for property owners to sit on vacancies and more likely for them to have an incentive to find a tenant. I think there are too many vacant buildings (eyesores) in our town that have been perpetually empty, and the government can have a role creating a business-friendly environment. There are also opportunities for more businesses that could cater to young individuals and families (social gathering spots other than Bathtub Row), so perhaps more incentives for new businesses to move to/start in the County? The infrastructure also needs to be improved to be more business-friendly, especially if we're trying to attract high-tech startups. Notably, this involves our internet infrastructure. Finally, I know that many small businesses often struggle with finding part-time/hourly workers since 1) there is a lack of affordable housing in Los Alamos County and 2) the hourly pay is better in Santa Fe. There is often a lot of turnover as well. What can we do to make it appealing for those on a lower income to want to come to live and work here in Los Alamos?

Old, extremely expensive, small houses drive people away. Y'all are working on more recreation which is great, can continue on that development, BIGGEST issue is the empty building that could be businesses but the rental prices are RIDICULOUS!!!

Stop wasting so much money. Improve responsiveness to licensing and permitting (business and building).

The NOV issue is an excessive over reach of the county.

Repair damaged road and maintain the public tennis courts.

Allow more business opportunities within Los Alamos and White Rock so more 'activities' can be done here. Bowling, large gym, rock climbing facility. And more housing opportunities! More new developments are needed to allow people to purchase homes!

better housing options
Repair much needed roads, strive to push for all utilities to be underground, weekly recycle pickup, monthly brush pickup, get resolution on sheriff issue, fix the building permit process
Promote more restaurants
Entice additional restaurants to open up in town.
The "bear problem" needs to be addressed before someone startles a garbage seeking bear and gets mauled. Perhaps instead of individual garbage containers, neighborhoods share dumpsters. Or just more bear resistant garbage containers.
no suggestions
none
Better focus on developing a better, more concise, downtown area. Lived here all my life and I don't find main street anything special. Find a way to get rent lower for businesses and encourage more locally owned businesses.
Be fiscally responsible
Invest in programs and attractions for families. Make it easier to own and operate small businesses within the county.
More housing. More options for child care. Modern infrastructure.
Splash pad, stop the NOVs,
There needs to be more commercial space/land for sale. So many spaces are over priced and stay vacant.
More housing options
More housing/better options for families (not just low income housing), promote businesses to come into our vacant buildings downtown or consider knocking them down for new construction, consider how to attract store types present in towns, yet missing here, e.g. pharmacy, etc.
More recreational infrastructure in white rock
Reign in the code violation crew, work toward slowly building up recreation facilities
More streamlined and less onerous permitting process.
Improve adult life. I plan to move when my children are grown due to lack of social events
Keep the ACT buses going. Keep promoting recycling- if there is any way to have both recycling and yard debris picked up every week (not alternating) that would be beneficial. The county should figure out what to do with the blight of the old Smith's and Hilltop house buildings. Smiths built a new one- they should be responsible for getting the other location demolished or split up for use. What about some of the rec facilities (ice rink) in old Smith's?
1.) Deploy highspeed broadband. 2.) Use tax based tools to discourage empty commercial space/ drive commercial prices down. 3.) Develop downtown Whiterock. (Look at places like Madrid, Wimberly, TX, etc. as a model) 4.) Put facility incentives in place for high tech business development outside of LANL.
Build the children's pool that everyone wants. Provide the flow trail that the mountain bikers want. Come up with a reasonable nuisance code, rather than the one that we have now.
Go back to quarterly brush pickup.
Improve residential and commercial inspection process during remodeling.
Murals downtown, rental bicycles, keep weekly recycling, and Chipotle!



Hold Verizon and Comcast accountable to the county. We pay the same prices as someone in California but horrible service for the end user. LTE is 25mbps, not 5, yet a call from a customer goes nowhere. NM is on the map as the worst state for internet speeds and the county can speak with engineers to get us close to South Korea's services. I'd also like to mention our park near Petpangea is torn up from the soccer players, I'd like to see other fields used so the grass has time to grow. Please stop by and see how bad it looks at this point. It makes things worse for those who have allergies.

Don't allow chain-link in front yards. Do something with fences and walls that back up to roadways like Diamond. Maybe use right of way to build attractive walls. Seeing trash, chain-link and fences falling down doesn't look well or encourage people to move to our town. Doesn't help property values or encourage people to invest in their homes.

Create a county beautification committee.

Rec Center.

Stop allowing anonymous reporting of county code violations. Stop hiring more police to add to the already ridiculously large and bored police force. Deal with the blight and abandoned buildings.

- improve aquatic center (kid-friendly, outdoor pool, sauna, etc)
- find a renter for old Smiths and other empty places (e.g. indoor playground, activity center)

Remove the nuisance code.

Add more hiking/biking trails along the mesas, connect them with walking/riding bridges to go between mesas. Add outdoor pool to the aquatic center, build a real miniature putt putt golf course. Learn from other small communities to better ours.

Stop spending funds on things that are voted against

Open up some of the vast unworked land for more housing. Add a couple hundred new houses.

1) Invest in mountain biking trails and mountain biking advertising. Our terrain is a huge resource and investing in it will have a great return and positive impact on our town.

2) Declare our county a pesticide-free zone, including schools. All of our parks, playgrounds, rockscapes and more are currently sprayed regularly with carcinogenic and neurotoxic chemicals with minimal notice. Just this past Friday May 11th, Urban Park was boom sprayed with a Trimec broadleaf herbicide from 6am-11am followed by kids soccer on the grass same afternoon, birthday parties and mother's day celebrations at the park the following two days. With cancer and chronic disease and developmental issues on such a drastic rise and public awareness rising, the county becoming pesticide-free would be a smart public relations, public safety and environmental move that would pay off well both with citizens and potential tourists alike.

Do a better job of maintaining the current infrastructure and quit catering to a vocal minority who want new and bigger facilities without caring for what is already in place. The County cannot keep expanding indoor and outdoor facilities without hiring additional staff and increasing budgets to maintain them properly!

More businesses

Stop spraying herbicides on playgrounds and parks. It smells awful and is harmful to children and animals

maintain sidewalks better

Build a multi-generational recreational indoor swimming pool. The pool MUST include a water slide, and be comparable to or better than the recreational pool at the Santa Fe Genoveva Chavez center.

Enforce code violations of occupied and vacant property, and support those that desire enforcement. Change the laws that keep a sheriff in power rather than drive him out through petty defunding, and if you can't get the law changed, abide by the law and keep him funded.

Stop issuing nonsense nov's. Allow residents to live a more free life- without fear the county will invade their privacy. LESS frivolous spending on projects that will not produce any real revenue! Less gov overall would be great!

1. Have a better and more common sense approach to the Code Enforcement issue. Only cite those items that are truly safety issues.
2. Attempt to make the County more business friendly. Several startup businesses have come and gone because of the cost associated to commercial rent.
3. Work toward improving essential services (i.e. -high speed internet, improving our infrastructure (water, wastewater, and power, etc.)

Support more kid and family friendly amenities.
Provide broadband internet.
Better bike lane connectors between TA-3 and town, maybe a lane on east side of bridge or better directions for bikers returning to town from lab.
Pedestrian crossings along Diamond past the high school.
Restoring suspension bridge between North Mesa and town
Spend less and focus on reducing barriers to growth and development.
Focusing on more recreational activities on the hill to keep residents in town and avoid the perception that people need to go to Santa Fe (or Albuquerque) for various items. The RecBond items - such as pool improvements or even the ice rink - would provide family-oriented activities to build on the town's already good reputation for family-focused quality of life.
Try to help keep commercial rents a little lower so that start up businesses can have an easier time to get established.
Weekend and evening bus service. Low cost medical and dental. Water-focused entertainment for children (no preference, could be splash pad or play area at walkup). Encourage continuation of rec-style soccer, tag rugby, and other team sports that don't require travel to play. Not everyone wants to move to competition-level.
Reduce tax and overhead burden by reducing spending on frivolous projects. Partner with private organization to bring additional services to the community.
indoor Ice rink and incentive to house improvements
Stop weed spraying, especially in parks.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I recommend that the playground near the library be upgraded to be a larger structure (e.g., like the Santa Rita Park in Durango).</li> <li>2. I think adding a small bouldering park like the Teton Boulder Park would be a great addition to the downtown area.</li> <li>3. I appreciate the addition of yard waste cans. Great idea!</li> </ol>
attract more restaurants and small businesses
Allow for more community event venues; reduce the amount of monthly rent for small businesses so they can thrive; when projects are approved to be built at a specific venue, don't allow the person running the permits to keep stopping the project from being done by adding more and more conditions and restrictions; plant more trees
connect the bike path from Smith's to Diamond drive, or Canyon Rd. It would be great to have a way to get to the bike path from the neighborhoods without having to share the busy roads, especially for kids.
Continue on the path to encourage business and tourism, as well as lodging to support them. Avoid listening to the vocal minority as they do not represent the community as a whole, yet they become the squeaky wheel that gets attention. Continue to fund CIP projects if the lab contract stays for-profit - do NOT go through another public process to determine what to fund - this has been done year after year. Go with the results and design and build the CIP projects. Get them done! Continue with Code Enforcement to continue to eliminate blight.
Try to affordably house more of the lower income folks who commute up here, serving most of us every day - and so well.
Fix more of the public eyesore spots, like main thoroughfare intersections/roadsides/medians/fence lines (e.g., Diamond Drive from LAHS to golf course).
Support/sponsor a group of friendly, non-threatening volunteers to help people who need physical assistance in maintaining/cleaning up their own properties.
Provide more/wider assistance through the wonderful housing improvement grant/loan program.
Improve biking and hiking trails. Fix the reservoir. Huge part of my youth and it's been closed for decades
Recreational splash pad park area!
More and better paved bike/walking trails in town
Aquatic center update/upgrades
Improving and updating the parks for kids. The are so very basic. The truck route light is an issue. I really wish there was a pass-through lane for people going straight to Espanola to alleviate traffic around 5pm. I can't get up to

classes or to pick up kids without leaving 20 minutes early from WR. Also, merging into traffic going to WR off of Truck Route always gives me a heart attack. Seems like safety and traffic concerns could be addressed somehow. I do not know the answer though.
The county residential code enforcement is ridiculously over-stepping. The county ordinances for homeowners is out of control, a middle ground needs to be found and the county needs to butt out.
More family friendly play and eating environments. ex. Chuckie Cheese, Hinkle family fun center, Peter Piper Pizza, Dollar tree, Furr's cafeteria. All of these things would keep more money in Los Alamos and attract money from out of town visitors. The Dollar tree is a place that I actually leave town to go to. It carries a lot of things that Smith's doesn't carry and the prices can't be beat.
Solar and renewable energy incentives
Crack down on the vacant business properties - specifically Hilltop House and the old Smiths. I suggest start charging a county tax equivalent (or \$1 more) than the federal/state tax-write off. There should be no financial incentive (and in fact, a financial dis-incentive) for leaving ugly buildings empty around town. Old Smith's is especially pernicious as it can be held empty to keep competition out (ie make it available to Trader Joe's!). But really - get serious about the empty commercial space around downtown!!
Not all people that live here work at the Lab... there are some people that can't do things because of the prices. I know there are a lot of free activities... that is amazing. Keep it up, and possibly look for other ways to help those that are in need.
More activities for families and younger kids.
Better utility services.
Better mountain bike trails.
Develop internet (network access) as a utility. Procure air service to a major hub from LAM. Improve zoning to allow for hobby garages and shops over 12 ft.
Keep on the same path of progress
An indoor ice rank would have been great, but oh well....
Kick LANL out of the townsite. Upgrade utilities.
Improving the business climate still seems to be a big challenge. The County has some influence on this as does the Lab, but improving the business climate is important. Availability of housing is another, of course. More competition for telecommunications (internet, cellular service, etc.). More consistency and clarity in what the codes are-too many different responses from people working for the county.
Designate an area as a flying field for model aircraft. This could even be just for electric powered aircraft (i.e. not noisy). There is a nice area near the stables on North Mesa, but the horse owners do not like us flying there (even with small/quiet aircraft). Our club ( <a href="http://laaeromodelers.org/">http://laaeromodelers.org/</a> ) used to have a place in Espanola, but they didn't renew our lease. We can fly at Overlook, but we'd like to make a nice runway, which we can't do there.
Encourage more recycling by businesses!
Reduce the use of pesticides, encourage growth of diverse local businesses.
Decrease the burden, level and complexity of permits needed to make upgrades by homeowners. Having to spend hours and or days to obtain permits to paint, fix a fence or driveway in my property is outrageous and too invasive from the county.
Open the aquatic center for longer hours.
Stop spending money
New pavement
Finally put in the round-about at the trinity/central, and fix route 3 to go all the way down central. Finish the multi-use canyon rim trail to extend all the way to the hospital. Buy back the old Smith's from Kroger, and turn it into a rec center.
Open more land, let more things get built (cheaper rent)



<p>Improve parks and recreation.</p> <p>Buy the club pools and convert them to public.</p> <p>Address all of the abandon/vacant business in town.</p> <p>Allow more bars.</p>
<p>Dial back the code enforcement to issues that are genuinely dangerous to health and safety.</p>
<p>Focus on growth within the county. The county is, and has been, very static. It has always relied on the Lab to save it, and this means there has been very little focus on the services that a community needs vs. the services that a giant government entity wants. A great example is the amount of office space in the town vs the amount of retail space. There should be very little office space, as the Lab should provide for their staff on the Lab site. The rent issue is another significant one. The county should build the shopping centers needed and allow businesses to lease that property at a discount so that they can survive. A tax should be placed on empty land and buildings that increases over time to incentivize people to build or sell those spaces. Space is a premium in Los Alamos, so we cannot afford to have it sit empty for decades. We need to complete our projects in a timely manner, an example is the bike/pedestrian path from the east side to the hospital. There is absolutely no reason this was not built in a single stretch. Plenty of other towns and counties have built paths much longer with far fewer resources in short periods of time. We also need to demand the money to fix our schools from the state, not the county residents. We have given enough to the state without getting enough back.</p>
<p>Find a way to help small businesses be more successful.</p>
<p>Support the trails. Support the proposed flow trail. Provide bear-proof trash bins. Enforce safe cargo loads on public roads. Stop using salt and/or corrosive materials on the roads; sand is sufficient and does not corrode vehicles. Add public drinking water access at Pajarito Mountain (drinking water for users on days that the lodge is closed).</p>
<p>Work with local businesses and property owners to provide a competitive market for rentals of in-town business space so that rents are affordable and attractive. Try to help ween thinking from waiting for the next big boom of the Lab, make it possible for there to be a boom on its own. Terrific and beautiful place to live, it doesn't have to be a one-company town! The lab is dying, and not attracting new or talented people anymore due to offering zero incentives to young people (e.g., no pension, so no incentive to stay any longer than the next better offer); the town doesn't have to die with the lab, local government needs to work to get off the welfare program of DOE.</p>
<p>Work on the housing problem, help create more businesses, continue to develop trails and outdoor spaces.</p>
<p>Invest in facilities that support families (recreational)</p>
<p>Smaller government, more focus on community service rather than self interest, unnecessary spending</p>
<p>Act on some of the initiatives they've already started (recreational); fix the housing issue</p>
<p>More things for young people to do</p>
<p>Be less restrictive. Maintain and expand our rights to live as we see fit without other people dictating My business</p>
<p>Allow more businesses and restaurants. Support the horse community</p>
<p>Fix up or tear down old ugly buildings. Make it easier to get building permits.</p>
<p>Keep up the good work with regard to parks, maintaining roads, snow removal, etc.</p>
<p>Provide more infrastructure for activities for young families.</p>
<p>Concentrate on developing tourism.</p>
<p>Work on improving retail/restaurant offerings and improving commercial properties that are vacant.</p>
<p>More involvement from the public. Fundraisers for scholarships. More out door activities for white rock. Community involvement! 3ks5ks mini triathlons . Block parties!</p>
<p>Find ways to get commercial property owners to lower thier rent rates and encourage small businesses.</p>

Make a greater effort to create more bicycle friendly streets. Introduce a graduated tax rate on commercial properties that rises each year that a commercial property sits vacant in order to create a disincentive to leaving properties vacant and rotting downtown. DO SOMETHING WITH THE OLD SMITH'S BUILDING OR TEAR IT DOWN AND REDEVELOP THE PROPERTY!!!!!! Los Alamos county is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation but our downtown area looks like a Midwest factory town after the factory was shut down.
Allow competition of business. Too much of a monopoly and we are forced to go off hill for affordable options. We need businesses that provide ENTERTAINMENT especially for families with small kids. Not everyone who lives here wants to do outdoor crap. My kid has zero interest in hiking or skiing and frankly neither do I. Indoor play centers that can be used for birthday parties other than the aquatic center or the gymnastics centers would be amazing. Affordable housing would be great. I cannot believe that this town has the nerve to charge hundreds of thousands of dollars for crappy run down out of date out of code houses. This isn't California. You should only be able to get away with this kind of housing market if there were attractions and things in the area to make up for the subpar houses but we don't have anything. You have to drive almost 2 hours away to get decent food or entertainment. Also the council needs to stop trying to treat this town like an HOA. Period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-More affordable housing options</li> <li>-More programs for the prevention and awareness of sexual violence</li> <li>-Ambassadors who welcome new residents to the community and answer their logistics questions</li> </ul>
Invite business, fix and fill abandoned buildings
Stop the "us against them" attitude. Citizens are not the enemy. When I first moved here, county employees seemed happy and purposeful about their jobs. Now they all walk around with scowling faces. It's heartbreaking. We need a better business environment. Los Alamos has a bad reputation throughout the state for our "bring me a rock" code process. We need more private enterprises in our community.
Invest on those water line for the ski hill.
build mountain bike trails, use any and every strategy to get LANL offices out of county commercial space
Bring McDonalds back to White Rock.
Focus on the young! Stop treating them like overachievers when they're not. Most are not equipped to go out of Los Alamo's and be independent university participants. Give them a dose of reality, other than those ridiculous TV shows, to help them. Stop telling them they are soooo wonderful etc etc every time one of those poor kids takes their lives. What is the percentage now? For goodness sake, look at how you're reading US kids. Look at how underachieving and socially enept they are, especially in comparison to the rest of the world's young community.
Allow autopay for Property Taxes. Low cost housing. Gigabit internet.
Lower property taxes. With all the bonds for school buildings and UNM branch and more it is even more expensive to own a home.
Make it easier to get on budget billing than during one specific month and 1 forgiveness of being late with your bill should make it more attainable.
Improve the permit process and make inspectors less onerous.
invest in infrastructure. we are dealing with a very old infrastructure that is on its' last legs, especially things like sewer and roads. This is much more important than just about any investment right now.
Encourage the vacant businesses to be demolished or something else. Things like the hilltop house are right at the center of town for visitors and becoming an eye sore.
Tear down more old buildings and replace them. Stop letting landlords price gouge small businesses for rent and renovations. Outdoor recreational pool. Do better in building permits and renovating permits (ex: Duane Smith Aud was drawn out). Better nuisance policies and better property upkeep policies. Maintain great trail system (thanks for Canyon Rim!). Do something about Meri MAC and empty Smiths! Don't put a roundabout at Central & Trinity. Do something about the old Hilltop House hotel and service station. Affordable and nice housing on the hill!! Pedestrian overpass at Ashley Pond over Trinity. Do something about the old Metzgers gas/auto/convenience station. More audiobooks/audio CDs at the library. Keep high quality of parks. More trees and landscaping at the North Mesa dog park. Thanks.
Build Rec facilities: gym, kid pool Reopen health office Reduce code enforcement activities Revitalize Trinity drive (old building s)

provide more plentiful, affordable housing
More multi-use paved bike/walk trails.
Fix the holes
Generally the gov't does an excellent job. The staff and crews are commendable, very nice, and care about doing their jobs well. Road maintenance for potholes is about the biggest issue; if they aren't attended to they get bigger and then become major investments.
bus service later into the evening on Fridays and bus service on the weekends.
Extend Canyon Rim trail, run buses on the weekend
Provide facilities that are modern and available to all residents, but in particular to those with families. Such as a splash pad, a swimming pool that is for recreation year round, etc.
1) Resolve current issues such as a) recreation project spending, b) housing code enforcement aggressiveness, sheriff's department. (I'm in favor of fiscal restraint, live and let live on the housing code and no duplication of law enforcement services, but I recognize those are community decisions.) 2) Encourage non-LANL business to locate in LA county.
Take care of infrastructure and existing facilities. Quit wasting money on things the voters rejected. Quit basing county decisions on survey monkey and special interest mobs that attend council sessions. Quit wasting money on attempts to bring tourism, increase housing supply, and things like wayfinding and county reprimanding. Get rid of many of the appointed boards that come up with goofy money wasting things like green waste carts. Enact some serious leash laws. Voice control is no control.
Encourage private sector. Stop expanding government
Work with homeowners on building permits, fix DMV issues, restructure issues with code violations
Curb the negative politics. For a town without a Mayor, etc, too much negativity is hurting the community.
Promote more housing so more retail stores will come to town.
Improve bike lanes. Possibly put rumble strips between bike and car lanes so drivers who are texting or inattentive would know when they are intruding into the bike lane.
Bike lanes on west road (past ice skating rink )
Reduce property taxes and utilities.
We are happy with what the county is currently doing.
Stop the insane code enforcement tactics. I have several friends and neighbors that have gone through this. LA County is NOT an HOA.
Help bring more restaurants and shopping into LA County. Things for families and young people to do in the evenings and weekends so that they want to live here, or spend their time and money here, rather than off the Hill. Not everyone is attracted to outdoor pastimes (which we do well).
Keep up the excellent work on the trail system. Protect the open spaces we're so fortunate to have. There has always been tremendous pressure by developers to build in Rendija, Bayo, and other canyons. Protecting these places will keep the County an excellent place to live.
Continue building public spaces, especially green space. Make the town more small business friendly.
Change the process/policy for people getting permits for home improvements/building permits. Policies need to be more clear and precise for the county employees (Michael Salazar, Joe Arellano, Joe Dudziak). Due to the unclear policies or their knowledge of them, they cost us hundreds of dollars and days of work.
Budget for Parks and maintenance / upkeep of the existing parks is way too small. I would like to see a budget for our parks and Rrec areas that allow for maintenance of their future and existing facilities - (not small and not flat) - which includes retention and hiring of public minded leaders in the key roles. It used to be \$270K for Parks - now it is \$60K. I have no idea how anything can get done with a budget of \$60K - I also have no idea what happened to have the County lose a solid, public minded, transparent manager as Chris Wilson. This should have been prevented with proper leadership.



Continue to provide facilities that can be used by the county people. Love the improvement made to Ashley Pond and the Nature Center.
Look into developing community internet. Add more benches on the walking trails in White Rock. Reinstate the brush pickup program or at least offer special brush pickup a couple of times a year for a fee (note that this will reduce the fire risk to the community). Make property taxes due in early January instead of mid-December to give residents more opportunities for tax planning. Set up online tax payments.
Keep looking into affordable housing; improve older neighborhood sidewalks; keep the comprehensive review up front; review overflow parking from churches into neighboring streets; keep doing what you do; keep the teen center; YAC, Aquatiix but get rid of the airport and put houses there.
Reduce zoning requirements/restrictions for new construction of rental houses, encourage more new construction of rental property, including high-buildings; construct more bike paths; add more street stripes at cross walks, especially in the downtown & Canyon Road areas. Take over and repurpose the former Smith's market & Hilltop hotel. Turn them into housing for students, visiting scientists, contractors and get confonding from LANL/DOE.
Nothing
Recycle more, for example the golf course has recycle bins all over the course but the trash just ends up in the same dumpster as the restaurant.
Stop spending so much money.
Make the community more sustainable. Change out/recall, the biased City Council members who prohibit (vote down) new construction (or rehabilitation/reconfiguration) of existing rental housing & commercial buildings so that their landlord "friends" can maintain monopoly control of the limited rental housing stock. The existing quality of the WWII era rental housing is substandard, and way too expensive. But with no new construction allowed that would generate more options for renters (Post-Doc's, students, interns, contractors), there is absolutely no incentive for landlords to upgrade. The influx of new people makes it impossible for them to secure reasonably priced accommodations, without resorting to living "off the hill".
Improve golf course conditions and the attitude of the golf course head pro (SAM) , who is almost hostile and unhelpful to the golfers.
I SUBMITTED THIS COMMENT EARLIER and WANT TO CLARIFY THAT I WAS REFERRING TO SAM (NOT MICHAEL!!!!).
Help bring business to the community. (I know this is tough.)
Make government offices and services more business-friendly and family-friendly. e.g., shorten the process for business owners to jump through "hoops"; would love to see the Walk-Up Center finally have a recreation pool for young children
Continue to invest in recreation opportunities for people of all ages -- especially young adults and families with younger children. Look at more affordable housing for people with non Lab jobs/salaries. Continue to encourage small retail/service/restaurant businesses. Keep permitting process reasonable while maintaining standards and safety.
Bring in more retail
Repave streets that are falling apart in the neighborhoods. Get old commerical space occupied or torn down.
Bring more entertainment, restaurants, retail to the area. There is too much money, intellect, and diversity in this county to be stuck in a 1980's version of small town USA.
Force owners of vacant commercial buildings to either rent out their buildings (lowering their rates), pay a vacancy fine, or tear the building down. Its ridiculous how many empty buildings we have while small businesses struggle to pay their artificially inflated rents.
Get rid of the Siberian elm trees.
Apply a sliding rate for the fixed utility fees, like refuse and sewage, based on property values. Lower income people/families struggle with the cost of living here, even in quads and duplexes. The fixed utilities fees seem high, approximately \$100/month. We need local residents who work at the hospitals, stores, etc., to be able to afford to live here. A young family with children and a modest income struggle.
Keep property taxes low.
fix the code enforcement issue - the broken down rusted car next door to me at 547 grand canyon has sat there since 1998 august when we moved here, yet the new code enforcement is targeting children's bikes and recently damaged flat tires. Work on the real problems like the rusted car frame versus recent weeds and temporary items in the front of the houses. I have requested help with the car before. The owner of the property and car is a landlord and has not worked on the car since before moving up town in 2006. It does not meet the classic car

criteria other than the age of the frame.
Work to create a safe bicycle corridor between White Rock and Los Alamos. This could be achieved in collaboration with LANL: Family members of a LANL employee could obtain a special access badge for Pajarito Rd. If such a badge requires a background check I am sure many families would be willing to pay for that.
can't think of any
Encourage property owners in the downtown to fill their vacant buildings; continue economic development efforts; simplify the permit process; continue the maintenance of trails, parks and other open spaces; improve the infrastructure to attract high tech businesses; continue marketing to tourists; provide more campgrounds in the County.
Somemore amenities, but modest ones like the splash pad and mountain bike flow trail. Better maintenance of sports fields, parks, and other public facilities.
Infrastructure repair/replacement should be a priority. Road repair/replacement is also high on my list of priorities. New public pool is not necessary!
Manage their finances better, be more business friendly and figure out solutions to the housing crisis.
Listen to the people that live in the county. Hire only people who live in the county if in a law-enforcing type position (e.g. the two guys who live off the hill who are giving out NOV's for insignificant stuff.
Stop the code enforcement harassment of home owners. The county managers act with impunity. On the other hand, I love the ACT.
Enhance the swimming experience for young families, especially for visitors. Continue partnership with the ski area. Make it crystal clear that the county Sheriff is primarily a ceremonial, elected position with no law enforcement responsibilities.
1) suggest fire dept and dept of forestry stop lighting fires on days with high wind advisories,
2) the approved aquatic center improvement is a \$\$ disaster waiting to happen. the ORIGINAL plan for a 75 ft pool would have complimented the current pools immensely, for fitness (particularly senior) recreational and competitive use, and resulted in significant user increase(s). the CURRENT plan will not provide features sufficient to bring in significantly higher levels of attendance.
Take better care of the historic buildings and trails. Forget looking for a tricky name. Stop doing all the studies and start actually accomplishing projects with that money. Get input from the citizens and listen to it. Quit going around the system by doing tricky under the table billing on utilities.
Drop the code enforcement, quit being petty, get rid of abandoned buildings and empty spaces
Continue economic diversification and invest in infrastructure maintenance and replacement. Treat employees as the valuable asset they are rather than as costs that need to be nickel-and-dimed until good competent staff are so overworked that they burn out and leave.
Continue to enforce ordinances requiring community members to keep their properties cleaned up. Don't allow big stores to dominate the town and control commerce. Slow the traffic down.
Los Alamos tries too have too much control over our house and yard activities.
Fix the roads. They are in terrible shape.
Somehow, someway, have the county counselors listen to the majority of the residents. Keep better control of their spending.
Find ways to allow different constituencies to advocate for what they think constitutes "quality of life" rather than trying to mediate directly.
(1) Drop the "Field of Dreams" ("if we build it, they will come") approach to developing the local economy. Building more (homes, commercial space, etc.) to attract more chains to town doesn't guarantee a strong local economy -- and could turn us into just another generic town on a map -- except that we'll still have more vacant (and decrepit) commercial buildings than anywhere else.
(2) Limit spending on the "wants" so we have enough for the needs. Be cautious about overspending, overdeveloping, etc., in general n-- but especially until more is known about the LANL contract and its impact on the county's tax base.
(3) Continue to take good care of what the county has already invested in.
Work towards bike lanes on all major thoroughfares (i.e. Trinity)
Simplify the County building permit regulations and processes.

Improve security by increasing police presence.
Focus on keeping facilities in good shape
Do something about the many empty business buildings in the county. Maybe make new businesses use them instead of building new buildings.
We need more places to eat and have a cocktail. Many nice restaurants come and go before they get their liquor license. So sad.
Look into a Middle School age only youth center. Redevelop or develop underutilized properties in Downtown LA and WR.
COMMUNITY CENTER is at the top of my list. Helping homeowners with dead and dying trees is a very close second. REMOVING DEAD AND DYING TREES will make los Alamo a safer and even more beautiful place to live.
Provide even better public transportation.
Horrible.... why aren't they planning on more underground utilities? after fires burn the whole damn county down? Road condition is poor at best especially when arriving into the "city", smith's install ruined the roads! Bandleir road deplorable condition from the big buses.
support kids and housing
Broadband internet network!!!!
Stop being racist against Native Americans both in the community and within the Los Alamos County schools. Los Alamos also needs a better variety of fast food places as well as restaurants. These eateries should stay open at least until midnight as there are people that work until 9 or 10 at night and are too tired to cook when they get home. The main hill should only be used by POVs and small to midsize maintenance/construction vehicles. There is a truck route that the larger maintenance/construction vehicles and semi trucks should be REQUIRED to use so that it prevents the main hill from becoming a slower route for those needing to get to work etc.
More support for the music groups.
be more open minded and develop savvy-ness to any incoming commerce to fight the the monopoly that Kroger enterprises has on downtown shopping. Hustle established real estate developer(s) to stop sitting on their bottoms for what they want and get more variety of necessities for living here. Car dealer ships, garden shops, more food shops designated in different locations, clothing stores...
Make the process much easier for businesses (permitting, requirements, etc.) It would be great if the county could invest in properties that small businesses could rent at a more reasonable rate.
back off residents with your yard guards and quit trying to force people to live in a HOA environment!!
Build a recreation center with a gymnasium and weight room
Get lab out of prime downtown locations and make it easier to start a business. Convert abandoned Smith's to an open air shopping center Like Santa Fe outlets. Convert other vacant business space to much needed housing. Prevent price gouging by landlords.
1. Find out how to fill in the empty retail spaces we currently have. The Old Smith's and the Best Western hotel are the two top bad examples. 2. Continue to find ways to add more housing to the market. 3. More snow!
Somehow add more housing
Continue with infrastructure replacement.
Expand number and locations of Pet pick up bags and trash cans.
More to do at night.
Pick up glass for recycling.



spend less on multi-million dollars projects that do not seem to add value
Improve roadways. Support a distributed energy production (primarily solar) and storage model such as has just been announced in Hawaii. Implement street-side pickup of ALL recyclables (INCLUDING glass)
Shut down resident contractors in poderosa estates and make them clean up. They use their property as an industrial park, processing yard and dump for county projects. Going on 2 decades now. Phase 2 traffic is routed through phase 1. Daily Industrial park heavy equipment operation and employee traffic make ponderosa estates unsafe, loud, very dusty, and ugly. At least collect commercial tax revenue and permit \$ for improper/inappropriate/illegal use of the neighborhood. Since the county approves contractor abuse (going on 20 years now) As such it's unlikely the county will make Ponderosa Estates a better place to live in 5 years.
Fix the code enforcement issues, fulfill parks and recreation promises, have a public meeting center in the old smiths
Straighten out community development
more low income housing
Encourage growth of restaurants and shops.
Provide no cost head start program option for families with toddlers.
Listen to the citizens.
Affordable housing. Make it easier for a future business to open and survive.
Fund the sheriff's office. Encourage more recreation businesses such as bowling alley, arcade, etc.
Affordable housing.
our code enforcement needs to be re evaluated. I have lived here 51 years and do NOT remember ever being worried about getting a citation, until the past couple years. I also worry that I won't be able to keep my home as beautiful as the county wants. I am a lower income person by Los Alamos standards and worry your people will target those of us who live here but do not make over 50 k a year. Also clean house of our County Council, they seem to be wanting the limelight not to actually be in office for our counties people. My home appraisal was lower then your tax bill making my payment go up. How does the little person here try to make ends meet?
To stick with what the needs in our community especially with the elderly.
Promote from within instead of hiring outside management. Loyalty and empowerment for employees make for good services for all.
Do something with the abandoned businesses like Hilltop House and the old Smiths. Have a facility for middle school students like we do for elementary students and high school students. They need their own place! Turn the reservoir into a fun place for families, visitors, and tourists! Get something the old McDonald's.
We look like a dying community.
Use code inforcement to clean up fire hazard lots.
We need to get people to have more pride in their space.
Build more housing or convert lots of empty locations to affordable housing
Try to get some codes in place that requires home owners to not have yards full of trash and unused vehicles. If they do, then at least have them put in some wooden fencing to ameliorate the unsightly view of their yards.
Attract more small businesses including restaurants, food stores. Rent out the vacant buildings in our downtown area. The old Smith's store needs to be used for something! What an eyesore it is. And please do something about the old motel at Trinity and Central. Sheesh!
get some pickleball courts

More biking lanes thru White Rock/State Rd. 4 to Back Gate. Road would need to be widened to accommodate safer biking. There is practically no shoulder where there was once one. Very dangerous situation when buses and vehicles pass cyclists on State Rd. 4
not sure
Somehow, and I don't have an answer, do whatever it takes to attract entrepreneurs who will provide the goods and services for us--not expecting the "County gvt" to provide everything.
Build the kiddie pool! (with slide, zero depth entry, lazy river, big enough for warm up during meets) Lobby harder (?) for the Legislature to require non-profit LANL managers to pay GRT.
Provide more housing options at more affordable prices. As always, bring more retail to town, and not another auto parts store. Help bring a Trader Joe's or similar grocery store to a location closer to or on Diamond. Help bring a drive thru Starbucks or other drive thru coffee outlet on Diamond. Would love to see Los Alamos more of a college town atmosphere. Bring some type of graduate institute here. Spiff up Trinity. It looks shabby. Put in more roundabouts! Helps traffic flow. Just as a comment, traffic flow on Central at lunch time is atrocious.
Be more frugal with the income stream to which you seem to have become addicted with the availability of LANL sales tax revenue. Bank some of the money for the lean times, kind of like you do with your personal finances.
I have no solutions to offer on this subject at the moment, but I believe housing for new hires at LANL and elsewhere is a major problem, since so many of us choose to continue to live on after retirement.
Change to a mayoral form of government and reduce the decision control held by the county council.
Continue and improve efforts to support small businesses. Put more pressure on Smith's/Kroger to let competing businesses lease their empty spaces and be more of a citizen of this community.
We need more restaurants (open for dinner) and retail shops.
Take down dead trees. Build a community center
Children's ramp pool to help little ones learn to swim. Replace broken doors on public trash cans to prevent birds from pulling out trash which ends in the pond. Cut back flowers...bushes around pond with chain saw vs hand clippers...I tie my bushes with a rope then cut with chain saw...one man job. Do not water county lands between 10AM and 5PM. RULE W8. See county policy ... <a href="https://www.losalamosnm.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6435726/File/Government/Departments/Public%20Utilities/Environment/Conserve%20and%20Reduce/DPU_REGRuleW_8.pdf">https://www.losalamosnm.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6435726/File/Government/Departments/Public Utilities/Environment/Conserve and Reduce/DPU_REGRuleW_8.pdf</a> Eliminate the sea weed from the pond. The carp are not doing the job. Combine county trails map with LATRAILS APP...No need for two trail maps. LA Trails APP is much better but does not include all county trails. LA TRAILS APP shows you where you are on a trail with smart phone GPS extremely useful...not available on county map. Why do we have the county bus service and senior center bus service? They both go the same places. Are you considering eliminating both bus services and moving to a door to door county on call van service?
Thanks Don Lepsch 434-214-0080 call if you have questions. LA IS A VERY NICE PLACE TO LIVE
I haven't considered this
A round-about on Trinity will be a disaster, but it will only cost the state \$ to fix it.. Round-about work in places where people are courteous and will merge, which is not the case in northern NM. I support recreation subsidies for kids, but adults should pay their way. People should definitely pay something for bus service (a buck a ride, or adults buy a pass, but kids ride free) even if the tax on gross receipts on the lab does not go away. You are wasting \$ by cleaning the streets too much. " Low income" housing should not mean "No income housing". You really should figure out how to productively use the Chama diversion water before you lose it. The golf course should be a money maker, although kids should be able to play for almost free at non-peak times (if not already, I don't know). Who needs a sheriff?
Attract more retail.
Establish and enforce regulations to impose penalties on owners of abandoned/vacant property ... both commercial and residential ... INCLUDING the Village in White Rock. Existing conditions are not only



shameful but possibly health hazards as well.
Somehow figure out a way to catch and punish the speeders on Ridgeway Drive. Put in place variable pricing for trash and recycle services. Continue the work on bicycle lanes.
Bowling alley
Concentrate on residents. Forget about tourists and potential residents. Remember who pays your salary.
Repair the ROADS! They have been neglected for years. Example, North Mesa on Alamo Road and Capulin. Potholes, huge cracks, and asphalt breakage. FIX THEM
When I go for walks along our main roads; especially Trinity, where most visitors see this town; there is garbage along the sides and the bushes, trees are not kept up. It would be a better site to see if our main roads were better kept and the sidewalks repaired. Businesses along these main roads should take a little pride themselves in keeping their areas groomed. Walks are the most population that spot these eye sores and people should take better care not to throw garbage out of their automobiles so walkers and especially visitors can enjoy and we can be proud of our county. Thanks for listening - a walker along most of our main uptown roads.
Cut the red tape for permits. Simplify the ordinance for weeds, etc. The emphasis should be on abandoned properties.
Spend precious time, energy, and resources on solving gross problems. Don't try to micromanage the residents.
A multigenerational pool aka leisure pool, outside public pool for everyone, better facilities for children, more attention paid to street and sidewalk improvement, purchase of and renovation of old Smiths to include better choices for children's activities.
Leave it alone - fine as is
Reduce the difficulty of getting permits, and make compliance issues less onerous.
1) Better signage with tourists in mind, especially around and with regard to the Los Alamos History Museum. 2) Improve the traffic flow on Trinity from Oppenheimer to Smith's.
Increase Wi-Fi speeds, figure out a good way to get the Chama/San Juan water up to the plateau so we can use it
Continue work on improving the appearance. The MariMac area is depressing with its empty buildings.
I think things are fine as they are.
Continue to fund improvements/repairs to recreation such as the golf course, hiking/walking trails, add more bicycle lanes. Continue to focus on and fund improvements to schools including increasing teacher salaries.
less regulation and new bothersome codes. Safety and health related codes can be good, but turning the county into an HOA is not a good thing
More affordable housing incentives to bring back young adults 19 - 30 to area
cut back a little at every opportunity and avoid traffic circles at all costs
Improve the economic environment for businesses to thrive. Move the Justice Center and jail to East gate area and utilize their center of town an attraction for visitors and tourists to explore and locals to enjoy. Using that vital space for the saddest part of life here in Los Alamos is just silly and a discouragement. I agree that people need to know that we are secure here but the scary occupants in the jail and court rooms do not attract people who are likely to spend extra money here. Neither does the 77,000 sq ft county building right on the middle of our main street (Central). It also should be out in the industrial area and that land should be used for it's highest and best use: tax revenue generating commerce. Shops on the street level, offices on levels 2 & 3, Apartments and parking in back. How hard is that? Lots of other communities do this. Duh! Work on making UNM LA a four year school that attracts the brightest and best students who will need housing, food, entertainment, & part time jobs. And build some dormitories so summer students have housing! It might be better to have another school altogether here instead of UNM as UNM is having financial troubles of it's own and dumped the 4 year program forcing Los Alamos students to move to ABQ or out of state. For example, Durango CO, has Fort Lewis College and contributes millions into the economy of Durango.
Install a high-speed fiber optic internet system.

more restaurants outdoor recreational swimming pool That's all!
Water park addition for children and grandchildren at the Larry Walkup pool. Heavier tax on empty business properties.
Repair/improve infrastructure.
Lure business to fill empty spaces in Marimac Center. The old Hilltop House and Marimac don't make a positive greeting as you drive into town.
Attract more businesses like Dominos Pizza, another supermarket, etc.
Reduce taxes and services. Do not fund projects that have been rejected by the voters.
Paint over graffiti promptly whenever it is reported. I reported some on a barrier in the parking lot across from Fuller Lodge where visitors from around the world park, and it does not send a good signal to residents or visitors. I reported it first in (I think Feb) and at least twice again but as of yesterday (May 8, 2018), it is still there.
Stop acting like a county-wide home owners' association.
Expedite the permitting process so people know every step necessary up front. Lets not play the get-the-rock-game. Stay on top of contracts so services are not lost such as the auto meter reader system that is now delayed because of lack of being punctual. A town like LA should have better internet service-the county should work with the private sector or use cable conducts already in place to run internet fiber or come up with another/better solution. The park lands/soccer fields are not being kept up like they should. We need to take care of and update what we have before building any new facilities. Now that the county is all co-located why we have not seen a large increase in efficiency (5 months to get a sign approved for a new business). Why are we running mostly empty, big busses all over town all day long- there must be a more efficient way to get transportation on demand and save the county operating costs How about something like an UBER-share system? Just a few thoughts.
Stop spending so much money
A public pool for ordinary kids, all sizes. More support for the Senior Center.
Try to improve housing and local business options
Lower base amounts on utilities
Better train all personnel regarding policy and procedures. UPDATE YOUR UTILITY BILL PAYMENT PROCESS TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENT FROM BANKING INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN JUST LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL BANK. YOUR STAFF ARE RUDE, IGNORANT AND NOT IN THE LEAST BIT HELPFUL. I HAVE BEEN PAYING MY UTILITY BILL THRU THE ZIA CREDIT UNION ELECTRONICALLY( GREATER THAN 6 YEARS) AND NOW FOR SOME REASON, THIS IS NO LONGER ALLOWED. REALLY!!! I HAVE HAD TO PAY LATE FEE EVEN THOUGH MY FUNDS WERE TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE LOS ALAMOS UTILITY DEPARTMENT!!!! AGAIN...REALLY???
encourage developers to provide more housing for seniors who are retired and living in Los Alamos,
Do something about all the vacant properties in the county, either fix and develop them or demolish them!
Encourage development of current vacant land.



## Community Development Advisory Board

### **DRAFT** 2019 Meeting Dates

**DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Los Alamos County Municipal Bldg., 1000 Central Ave., First Floor, Los Alamos, NM  
Boards, Commissions, Committee (BCC) Room 110

	<b>January 21, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>February 18, 2019</b> <i>Holiday</i>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>March 18, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>April 15, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>May 20, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>June 17, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>July 15, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
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	<b>October 21, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>November 18, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>
	<b>December 16, 2019</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>BCC Room 110</b>