

# APPLICATION

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## VOLUNTEER FOR LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(Please be aware that as a public entity, the County of Los Alamos is obligated to furnish this information to the public if so requested. Please also note that current LANL employees, if appointed to a Board or Commission, may be required by LANL to complete a 701 Form.)

NAME: **Britton Donharl**

DATE: **August 1, 2014**

REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LOS ALAMOS: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTY AFFILIATION AS REGISTERED:

Democrat X Republican \_\_\_\_\_ Independent \_\_\_\_\_ None of the Above/Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Los Alamos County law mandates that no Board/Commission can have more than a simple majority of members from any one political party.)  
Verified (For LAC use) LC 8/6/14

ADDRESS: (Applicants are required to be residents of Los Alamos County)

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BOARD OR COMMISSION ON WHICH YOU WISH TO SERVE:

Art in Public Places

### HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCY?

Former and Current Board Members mentioned the vacancy and encouraged me to apply

DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE ON ANY COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, which one? [Los Alamos County Law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.]

County Charter Section 905.1 allows County employees to serve on Boards or Commissions as non-voting members only.

*Questions are on the next page. Please attach additional responses as needed.*

Please complete and return to:

County Administrator's Office  
1000 Central Ave, Suite 350  
Los Alamos, NM 87544  
663-1750  
662-8079 (fax)  
[www.losalamosnm.us](http://www.losalamosnm.us)

B&C application revised 6-28-13

Attachment B

1. Why would you like to serve on this particular Board?

I am currently transitioning to having both my children in elementary school (the older is going into 2nd grade, and the younger is starting kindergarten), and feel this is an opportune time to volunteer in situations that are close to my heart. I believe that placing art in public places is critical to providing not only the chance to create beauty in places frequented by community residents, but also to provide local artists a place to display their art in a public fashion. Art, whether in wall displays, three-dimensional sculpture, large-scale or small-scale, when placed in the public eye invites the community to start conversations, react to beauty and encourages personal reflection. I believe that as a community, we should all support public art and be supportive of local artists.

2. What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

I have a background in art (BA Studio Arts-Painting, 1999) and am an artist myself (in between having been a full time mom the last 8 years). I have been a resident of White Rock for 11 years and have some familiarity with the county. Additionally, I was a teacher at Chamisa Elementary, and am familiar with working in small, committed groups to accomplish goals.

3. The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes. I prefer daytime hours, but am not limited to days.

4. What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

Part of my interest in serving in this group is to become a better ambassador for the arts in our county. Even though I have lived here for over a decade, I will benefit from becoming more familiar with what is already on display around the county, as well as assisting in creating more opportunities for art in public places. Most often in our county, word-of-mouth information provides the best avenue to share and experience things like the arts, and I believe in spreading the word, so to speak. Of course, I hope to interact with others who care about art on public display, and interacting with the artists themselves will be delightful. An ultimate goal would be to help make Los Alamos county known for its commitment to public art.

5. Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission, or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission, or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Are there any issues or matters, financial, or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

No.





LOS ALAMOS COUNTY  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Bretton Kenhall  
Applicant's Name

APPB  
Board or Commission

Dawn Berting  
Interviewer Name

Aug. 14, 2014  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☒ Personally  
☐ Telephone

**NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL:** Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Youngest now in residence garden son in 2nd grade. 8 years as full time mom. Now has time. Moved here 11 yrs. Master in Ed'n. 3 yrs teaching. BA in studio art (painting) Now doing art - jury for recent Shiloh Lodge show. Coming back to art. has studio. wants to be part of board. (Kas, Nobel mentioned) Wants to promote important for community</i>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <i>County: How do you get information to community. Word of mouth largely the way she uses it. So that creates disconnect &amp; many. Each election is an ambassador - how to get people knowing what's going. Wants to be an ambassador. - for Board awareness part in community</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Provide pieces - vital pieces - specialized areas that come together to center government of County. Boards need to know what each does so they can operate together.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>most important to life itself - participation, showing up, being actively in communication w others - engaged. Being engaged in our fans but to other connections. So she makes sure to be engaged.</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <i>Learn more about staff's their roles so they can participate more appropriately. Understanding their job would help board members participate</i>



6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p><i>Last five yrs not so much because of kids - PTO at Alamogordo &amp; other projects Spelling bee for 2 years when teaching. 10 yrs - lots of committees. Just moved to Rincon area, so will be in new PTO.</i></p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>Looked up <sup>it</sup> said can't display! (remove 's' in https)</i></p>
8	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p><i>Yes</i></p>
9	<p>Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board?</p> <p><i>not aware, not a deterrent</i></p>
10	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <p><i>not at this time</i></p>
11	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

Notes:



**LOS ALAMOS COUNTY**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**  
**BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

BRITTAN DOWHALL  
Applicant's Name

APPB  
Board or Commission

CAROLYN BESSERT  
Interviewer Name

AUG 14, 2014 9:45 AM  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☒ Personally  
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p><i>Transitioning from stay-at-home mom. I'm looking to do other things. Moved to LA 11 years ago. Masters in Education. But in studio art (painting). Have gone back to doing art. Just joined at FLAC. Like to be involved in arts community, promoting etc.</i></p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p><i>Lots of issues - but one is how do you get info out to community. Much of it is face to face. So disconnect between those who feel lots going on &amp; those who don't. How to get people involved. See my participation on board as opportunity to participate in community &amp; help get word out.</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Separate, disparate B/Cs, come together. B/Cs are the specialized areas, they can all function as emissaries to Council. Important B/Cs have good knowledge of each other.</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>Participation "showing up". Being involved means being there. Bring your engaged. If not, can't roll it together. (I don't catch all notes but she has a good feel for this) I feel strongly about this so it is one of my strong points.</i></p>
5	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve?</p> <p><i>Learn more about the specific staff. More I know about people &amp; their role then can interact appropriately with them.</i></p>

6	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>Have been at home. Son was at Chama on PTO &amp; helped with specific projects. Ran spelling Bee. But when teaching x 10 years was on all sorts of Committees.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Couldn't pull them up on web (County problem) She's got it now.</i>
8	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>YES.</i>
9	Are you aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board? <i>NOW I am aware. No problem.</i>
10	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>Good to have copy of charter.</i>
11	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>→ nice casual discussion on local art preference.</i>

Notes:

*Has great enthusiasm, well spoken. Concise.  
I think would be a huge asset.  
Seems very "aware" of the community visually  
Able to ~~take~~ see big picture.*





# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

### BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

BRITTON DONHARL  
Applicant's Name

APPB  
Board or Commission

CARLSTEN  
Interviewer Name

8/14/14 9:45  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☒ Personally  
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <u>CHILDREN ARE NOW IN SCHOOL : SHE IS TRANSITIONING FROM A FULL-TIME MOM TO DOING OTHER THINGS. MOVED TO LOS ALAMOS 11 YRS. AGO - HAS A MASTERS DEGREE : TAUGHT AT CHAMISA - HAS A BA IN VISUAL ARTS - IS NOW DOING ART : <del>AND</del> HAS A STUDIO : WANTS TO BE PART OF THE "ARTS COMMUNITY" - BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY</u>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <u>COUNTY - HOW TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE COMMUNITY?</u> <u>- PROBLEMS OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS - HOW TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW TO GET INVOLVED?</u> <u>BOARD - OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART COMMUNITY</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>HELP THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING SPECIALIZED VIEWPOINTS TO THE COUNCIL : STAFF - IMPORTANT FOR B&amp;C'S TO WORK TOGETHER</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? - <u>"PARTICIPATION/SHOWING UP" IS IMPORTANT</u> <u>"BRING INVOLVED" MEANS "BRING THEIR"</u> <u>BRINGING KNOWLEDGE : ENTHUSIASM : BE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS</u> <u>SHE FEELS THAT SHE HAS THE SKILLS NEEDED</u>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <u>WOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT STAFF : THEIR ROLES IMPORTANT TO GO TO THE RIGHT PERSON</u> <u>: COMMUNICATE WELL WITH THEM</u>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p>NOT SO MUCH IN THE PAST 5 YRS - BECAUSE          HER CHILDREN WERE SMALL -          SERVED ON CHAMISA PTO : RAN THE "SPRING BREAK"          FOR 2 YRS. WHEN SHE WAS TEACHING, SHE SERVED ON</p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? LOTS OF COMMITTEES</p> <p>COMPUTER DIFFICULTIES PREVENTED          HER FROM ACCESSING THE COUNTY WEB PAGE</p>
8	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p>YES</p>
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