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APPLICATION
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: Susan M. Barns, PhD DATE: 7/1/2016

REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LOS ALAMOS: YES ☒ NO ☐

PARTY AFFILIATION AS REGISTERED:

Democrat ☒ 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 7/12/16

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

[REDACTED] Los Alamos, NM 87544

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED] WORK PHONE: [REDACTED]

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED] (Please, no e-mail addresses ending in "lanl.gov")

CELL PHONE [REDACTED]

BOARD OR COMMISSION ON WHICH YOU WISH TO SERVE:

Environmental Sustainability Board

HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCY?

Los Alamos Boards, Commissions and Committees webpage

DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE ON ANY COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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.

Send completed form to:
County Administrator's Office
1000 Central Ave., Suite 350
Los Alamos, NM 87544
Phone: 663-1750 Fax: 662-8079
Email to LACBoards@lacnm.us

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

I have been in love with Los Alamos for more than 40 years, and have made it my home for the past 20. Los Alamos' incredible natural beauty attracted me to visit and live here, and its welcoming, talented residents have become my friends and neighbors. Every day, I am inspired by the community's passion for the outdoors, which resonates with my own, life-long love of nature and interest in protecting the environment.

Serving on the ESB presents the perfect opportunity to be of service to Los Alamos in two areas of great personal importance to me: preserving and improving the quality of life of my community, while working to protect and enhance the environment for future generations. I see the promotion of environmental sustainability as not only benefiting County residents, but also the nation and the world, through direct effects such as reduced carbon emissions, as well as indirectly by educating youth and setting an example for other communities. The County's sustainability initiatives to date have been laudable, and inspire me to want to help in the formation and implementation of future policies.

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

Research in environmental microbiology (soils, climate change effects; BS and PhD in Microbiology, LANL Post-Doc and staff 1996-2008).

Volunteer for Bloomington (IN) Recycling Committee (advised on recycling to Solid Waste Management Board, including researching and initiating a pay-as-you-throw trash program; 1992-1996)

Volunteer for Pajarito Environmental Education Center (grant research and writing, program assistance, docent; 2015 to present)

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

Yes!

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.)

I would like to help with the development of policies that reflect the community's ideas and desires regarding environmental sustainability initiatives. I look forward to learning more about relevant issues, and sharing this knowledge in ways that support good decision-making by the County Council and other agencies. Where possible, I would love to find ways to inspire Los Alamos residents to value and take steps to protect the environment, locally and globally. I am particularly interested in the areas of waste reduction, carbon neutrality, resource conservation and environmental education and outreach. Overall, I hope to help the County to continue making strides along the path of environmental sustainability, which I believe is crucial to the future of Los Alamos and the world.

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 issue 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

Susan Barnes
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

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Interviewer Name

7.26.16
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	<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>Resident for 20 yrs. Always interested in conservation principles Love of nature. PhD microbiology → climate change → soil microbiology Science → communication - wants to "serve"</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>County ① waste being sent offsite → economics, sustainability ② carbon neutrality ③ water conservation Board ④</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Board gathers citizen input, generate independent input, make recommendations to Council, help implement</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>open mindedness, unbiased research, collaboration - research background, interpretation, communication - personal homemaker → conservation approach w/in home. - PEEC.</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>Take time to learn formal & informal mechanisms for interface.</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>None.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Yes, as they apply to Board.</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>Absolutely!</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>Yes No.</i>
10	Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No.</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>① How do projects get brought to the board? Personal ideas, Commission request, Public requests. ② How is public input gathered? Open forum survey, Facebook, Daily Post, Monitor, meetings.</i>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Susan Barns

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

Angelica Grunle'

Interviewer Name

July 26, 2016 @ 1:30pm

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X 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>Resident for 20 yrs. Phd in microbiology Interest in env. since teen. - Climate change " " conservation, nature, recycling - soil microbiology " " "draw my sustenance from nature"</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>- Waste issue hauled too far - economically not feasible - need to reduce waste going off hill - Carbon neutrality. - locally + globally. - education - Water conservation</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>- Gather citizen input + interface between County Council. - Present proposals to County Council - Help implement those initiatives.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>- open mindedness - willingness to research w/o bias + help interpret facts - work cooperatively w/ others. - personal exp. as a member w/ community.</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>follow formal or informal procedures as needed.</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?
	No.
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?
	Yes.
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Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

James Chrobounsk
Interviewer Name

8/16/16 11:30 AM
Date/Time of Interview

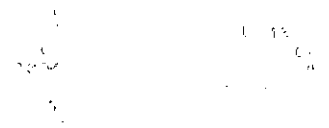
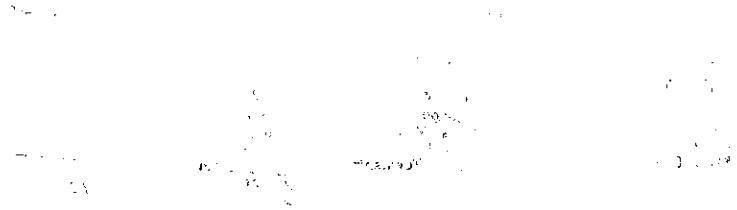
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2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p><i>ESB - Solid waste issues & support utilities</i> <i>- Education</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Collect info & opinion / make recommendations to council</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>open mindedness!</i> <i>Ability to do research</i> <i>Scientific Mindset</i> <i>Communication skills</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>Good communication, listen</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>No</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Not yet</i> <i>Familiar with work plan for ESB board</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>Absolutely</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>No</i>
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11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>Involved in my 95 you throw research</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Process questions</i>

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