
General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County.

Once a resident fills out and submits this application, an interview is scheduled with the B&C's County Council liaison, the relevant staff liaison, and the B&C Chair. After the interviews, the applicants' names are presented to the full Council during a regularly scheduled Council meeting, where a vote is taken regarding the appointment of each applicant. Each applicant will be notified if they are appointed or not.

Only on-line applications will be considered.

If you are interested in applying for the Board of Public Utilities, please contact Jamie Kephart at 505-662-8132.

If you are interested in applying for Labor Relations Board, please contact Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.

Profile

Board and Commission Application

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

Cristina

First Name

Olds

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

☒ Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Stephanie Nakhleh

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

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.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I care about my community and want to be more involved in local government. I hike, mountain bike, road cycle, cross country ski, downhill ski, and snowboard—the outdoor environment is vitally important to me. Los Alamos is unique from other New Mexico areas, and has special needs to care for it and to promote it to users. I'd like to help our community protect and enjoy the amazing trail systems and community recreation options as part of this board.

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

I've lived in LA for just over three years, and during that time I've helped the local mountain bike group and open space crews with trail maintenance, and I volunteered with a local run and a local mountain bike race. I started a political action group called Voices of Los Alamos in February that holds meetings with about 40-50 members attending monthly, and I help maintain the website with 341 members currently. I was the publicity coordinator for the wildly successful Women's March on Washington - Santa Fe in January, and also for the March for Science - Santa Fe in April. In September, I hosted a fundraiser for a local veteran's therapy program with a documentary about a pro mountain biker's ride along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, raising nearly \$1K. Professionally, I'm a graphic designer, writer, and editor and have written about NM's outdoor environment and various outdoor groups for about eight years.

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 currently work 30 hours/week and can make time for scheduled events as needed. I'm child-free, but have two very needy rescue mutts.

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.)

It breaks my heart that Los Alamos residents don't seem to understand that the County is working for them and cares deeply about this community. I see a lot of people complaining about everything from the Rec Bond to the painted rocks on trails being discouraged, and I'd like to see this community better understand the role of the County, the benefits that our government gives us, and how to have concerns addressed. The public image of the County needs improvement and the people need to understand why taxes help keep your community viable and wonderful. Maybe it's a lofty goal, but I'd like to help bring people together to support the Parks and Rec initiatives and to understand what PR is doing for them.

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.

I recently met Stephanie Nakhleh and have asked her a lot of questions, but I've not interacted with the PR Board directly. I am becoming familiar with the County Councilors through Voices of Los Alamos, our political group, as we've asked them to come to meetings and talk, and to meet with a group of us privately to help us understand issues before the Council.

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?

I'm a member of the Tuff Riders local mountain bike club, and the flow trail is something I've been interested in.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Carlsten at 505-662-8261 or libby.carlsten@lacnm.us



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

CRISTINA OLDS
Applicant's Name

P E R
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY
Interviewer Name

2/8/2018
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. <u>LAB WRITER/EDITOR. AVID OUTDOORS PERSON. INVOLVED WITH CLUB TEAMS, SCHOOL SPORTS.</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>ONLY HEAR ABOUT 3 YEARS. THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC FACE NEEDS WORK - EDUCATE WHAT COUNTY DOES, NEED TO GET PEOPLE MORE INVOLVED/INVESTED,</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>ADVISORY ROLE, GET PEOPLE TALKING W/ GOVERNMENT.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>COMMUNICATIONS - WRITING BETTER THAN SPEAKING, PEOPLE SKILLS, FINDING WHO TO TALK TO, & RESEARCHING, & CONNECTING TO DIFFERENT GROUPS</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>GET INVOLVED IN SUB-GROUPS. PRESENTLY KNOW ERIC PETERSON FROM TRAILS WORK. ASK QUESTIONS, COMMUNICATE,</u>

6	<p>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?</p> <p>ON TUFFRIDERS BOARD (SECRETARY), STARTED VOICES OF LOS ALAMOS POLITICAL GROUP, VOLUNTEERED WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES AS INTERPRETER FOR IMMIGRANTS, VOICES OF LOS ALAMOS HAS HAD IMPACT, ENCOURAGING MORE INVOLVEMENT.</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>NO</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>
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>NO</p>
10	<p>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?</p> <p>NO</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <p>ANY RECENT PER ISSUES MOTIVATING YOU? OVERALL, NEED TO BE INVOLVED, OPEN SPACE AVAILABLE HERE IS IMPORTANT, & DOG PARKS. SOME PEOPLE ARE DISTRESSED ABOUT DOG POOP LEFT OUT.</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>DISCUSSED BOARD'S 4 SUBCOMMITTEES, WHICH ARE RENEWED (OR NOT) YEARLY</p>

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Cristina Olds
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

Stephanie Nakhleh
Interviewer Name

2/8/18 2pm
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>writer / ed at Lab - communications. Love the outdoors - hiker/biker. Clubs - leadership. Basketball, volleyball, Ultimate. In LA 3 years.</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 - public face of what County is doing for people. People complain a lot. More education needed about what's being done for people. Get people more invested in participating in their community.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>haven't done it before - how much power does an advisory board have? We are just community members who are involved.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>communication. Writing is easier than speaking but have decent people skills. Finding out who to talk to. Research skills. Multi-users can be in conflict.</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>Going to events, getting involved in Subgroups. Reaching out + asking questions - persistently.</u>

6	<p>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?</p> <p>No board like this but am on Tuff Riders board as sec'y. Started Voices of Los Alamos. Catholic Charities as interpreter. Cuban immigrants. Giving more of my time to my local community & encouraging others to do same.</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>Not really - it was rewritten recently but haven't read it yet.</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>
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>No.</p>
10	<p>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?</p> <p>NO.</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <p>Time of life where available & interested. Open spaces in particular. How to get people to buy in on issues like dog poo.</p>
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Cristina Olds

Applicant's Name

Parks & Rec

Board or Commission

Chris Wilson

Interviewer Name

2/9/18 2:00

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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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>Public Face - People complain - Educate about what we are doing, existing benefits. Interacting w the public, Range of users - How reach community</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Not done before. Advisory role. Community members working with what we have</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Communication - writing - speaking who to talk to. Research connecting with multi-users. Conflict of users</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>Events, Sub-groups, Open Space - Eric Communicate, ask questions. Investigative questions</i>

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 Board, Tuft Riders - Sec-communications Voices of Los Alamos Group- local political. Chalest church interpreter- Cuban immigrants. Get involved regularly so encourage new ideas</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Not really</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 definitely</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>Just Being involved. An amazing O.S. areas, Dog Parks - Dog poop how get people to buy into.</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Training - Roberts Rules Order</i>

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