

Los Alamos County Council Appointment Process for

Selection of Elected Officials

1. When there's a vacancy in the office of an elected official, the County Council will solicit letters of interest and applications from the public.
2. When the recruiting process is complete, the County Council will appoint a committee to develop a set of interview questions specific to the elected office and that appropriately demonstrates the applicants' skills, knowledge and interest in the position.
3. The County Council will then schedule a public interview and decision process at an upcoming council meeting.
4. At the appointed Council meeting, the applicants will attend and present their application to the Council using the following process:
 - Each applicant will make a three minute statement to share their interest and qualifications for the office.
 - Applicants will then answer questions from the County Council. Each applicant will answer each question. Questions will be prepared in advance by the Council. The questions will focus on issues relevant to the vacant office as well as items that may be relevant to the community.
 - There will be an opportunity for public comment after applicants have made their statements and answered questions. Public comment is limited to three minutes per citizen.
 - After public comment, the Council will take a roll call vote.
 - The applicant with the most votes will be appointed to fill the vacancy.
 - In order to be selected, an applicant must receive a minimum of 4 votes. If no applicant receives 4 votes after the first roll call vote, the applicant with the fewest votes will be eliminated and the Council will take additional roll call votes until a final selection is made.