
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.

Peter

First Name

H.

Middle Initial

Carson

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

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

☒ Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Libby Carlsten Discuss during
Leadership Los Alamos meeting.

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?

Art in Public Places Advisory: Appointed

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

I am impressed with the art that Los Alamos has implemented. We take pride in the art we display. Examples include the statue Oppenheimer and Gage in front of Fuller Lodge, the three dimensional art piece hanging in the County Council chambers, the Native American pottery display in White Rock, the rugs hanging in Fuller Lodge, and the statue of a mountain lion at the round about at the end of Diamond Drive. I think that public art adds to the ambience of the community, which benefits our citizens as well as enhances the experience of our community for visitors.

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

I am by no means an artist. I do have an appreciation for many forms of art, including glass and pottery, paintings, textiles, and sculpture. I have experience writing strategic and current year work plans. I have significant experience procuring items in a governmental setting, including creating specifications, writing Requests for Proposal, issuing contracts, and verifying that we received what we contracted for. I think this experience could be useful when new projects

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. My youngest child is in high school and does not require nearly as much attention as he did when he was younger. This allows me sufficient free time to designate for this board.

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.)

In an earlier session with Leadership Los Alamos, we discussed projects that the county is planning, including the Deacon Street improvements to support a more enjoyable walking experience in Los Alamos. I think project in particular would likely benefit from public art.

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.

None

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?

None

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us

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County Manager's Office

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Pete Carson
Applicant's Name

APP
Board or Commission

Katy Kokos
Interviewer Name

4/2 / 5:00 pm
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	Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative? <i>Public art is important - enriching to the community. I believe that the mechanism the County has established - Negative - public feedback is not always positive - Sometimes I feel that I can't get my portion done. I'm looking forward to some cool project.</i>
2	What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with? <i>Completed projects - Art at Ten Center Pkts in WR, well for Art was significant - effort - glass kites - completes end of this month - Blumery asked for art - Spirit Dance moved, wind sculptures procured/donated/install - ramp learning others - smart flower - detonography project - Kites an accomplishment. Set up - Rosenberg - pretty high caliber art - could become a tourist attraction - I bring process and "next steps" to the board - in my nature</i>
3	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.] <i>Don't see significant issues - money, staying within the budget - just reality - We could improve how we get public feedback - I'm not sure we're really well set up to get public comment - survey? looking for solutions</i>
4	Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general? <i>Critical - they do a lot of work that you'd have to pay a person to do - it would be an expense, you'd have to pay staff - gives public the opportunity to be engaged, creates buy-in - it operates pretty well - we have a lot to talk about sometimes - it's up</i>

Scheduling - I don't know how people who serve on multiple boards do it -
Revised 2/12/18 maybe more advertising about open positions -
- get the word out better - I tried out about it through Leadership Los Alamos

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Interviewer Name

4.2.19
Date/Time of Interview

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☐ Telephone

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2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>- Selig, Battery, California Art, Kites, Columbian Art, Wood sculpture, - Solar Flares, E. Rosenberg, engender his lead</p>
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4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>- critical, they do a lot of work that you would have to pay someone to do. - opportunity to give the by-in ownership - APP operates pretty well, need more public input - In general - scheduling better ways to recruit new members</p>

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Pete Carson

Applicant's Name

Art in Public Places

Board or Commission

Katrina Schmidt

Interviewer Name

4/2/19 5:00

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

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2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>2 years - Completed projects like Teen Center benches Pots project in WR completed Call for art - significant step for new art + ideas (Regier, Rosenberg) High-caliber art → could lead to tourism</p> <p>Leader for glass kites (Kites of Many Colors) Art for cemetery Wind sculptures (procured, donated, installed) Brings process & thoughts of next steps ↳ How will it be installed? How can we make sure it's ready to go?</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>No significant issues Money - reality of any work (limitations of budget & time)</p> <p>Could improve public feedback Not set up really well to get a broad range of feedback Do a pretty good job, but could get more input in what the people really want</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>Critical - B&C do a lot of work that otherwise would go to employees (would either not get done or would be paid to get done) Save staff time and money. Opportunity for people to influence how the County gov. operates</p> <p>This board operates well. Would love public to show up more. In general, scheduling is difficult More advertising for openings (other avenues)</p>