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**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.*

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**Profile**

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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.

Jean

First Name

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Middle Initial

Dewart

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) \***☒ Democrat**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**☒ Yes ☐ No

From the LA County website

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

## Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

## Planning and Zoning

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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.)

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## Interests & Experiences

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Planning and Zoning Commission: Appointed

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

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I am interested in the future of our community, as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. I am particularly interested in supporting the redevelopment of vacant and blighted areas and the preservation of open space. I would like to develop a greater understanding of the workings of our community and as a part of this learning process, I would like to contribute to the development of Los Alamos.

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

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I have served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for the past year. I have served on the LA Ski Club Board and the LA Mountaineers Board and am an active PEEC volunteer. I have also been a member of the League of Women Voters for the past year. So I have familiarity with various aspects of our community. I worked in the area of environmental compliance at LANL, so am familiar with operating to regulations and standards.

### 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?

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Yes, I am retired and have some part time commitments, so I do have time to volunteer.

### 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.)

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I would like to support the redevelopment of vacant and blighted areas and support the preservation of open space. I have lived in Los Alamos for 38 years, and am very pleased with the improvements that have been made over the last 10 years in Los Alamos and I would like to support continuing improvements.

### 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.

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Yes, I have been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment for the past year.

**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?**

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No.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or [barbara.lai@lacnm.us](mailto:barbara.lai@lacnm.us)



County Manager's Office

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

JEAN DEWART

Applicant's Name

P+Z

Board or Commission

RANDALL RUTT

Interviewer Name

JUN 6, 2019 3P

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>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?</p> <p>+ Terrific experience. Learning how LAC works. Fabulous people (staff and commissioners). Issues to discuss but not solve (eg. stop light @ Mirador). Also a neg. Getting across NM 4. Frustrating this is not P+Z.</p>
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>Pleased Mirador going forward. Pleased with contribution to traffic situation. Pleased Black Hole going forward. Would have liked more time to discuss. Passionate / supportive of redevelopment of DP Road properties, but good to address cleanup (env. issues).</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>Traffic (ongoing). Get a recommendation from LAC Engineer. Also parking can be an issue. Giving emphasis at the meetings can get action by staff and take to appropriate Dept. of Board.</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>B+C are fabulous opportunity. Let people know who to talk to about an issue. Participate in directing the County. Would like T-Board to get notified of projects.</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>Chairperson is primary contact with Council. Changes to FY20 Work Plan, but Commission not notified. Addressing Ordinance recommendations. Returned to P&amp;Z but w/o citizen comments.</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>P&amp;Z 101 training - where does P&amp;Z fit into LAC decision making. Building Permit process training is pending.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Long meetings are an issue (like ~3 hr long meetings).</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>No</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>No</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>See the need to be more assertive regarding traffic/parking questions. For example, what would be an appropriate way to ask question about the adequacy of parking.</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

Notes

Thank the applicant for their feedback on the B&C system, and their willingness to continue serving as a Board or Commission member.





County Manager's Office

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

Jean Dewart  
Applicant's Name

P+Z  
Board or Commission

Terry Priestley  
Interviewer Name

6-18/19 / 3:00pm  
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>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?</p> <p>+ - Learning about how county works. Fabulous people she gets to work with - New developments such as Mirador → raise issues</p> <hr/> <p>- Mirador Development - inability to require stoplight, as an example</p>
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>- Pleased w/ Mirador approval. Ability to discuss traffic situation - Black Hole property - redevelopment of vacant land - Passionate about development of former DOc properties + ability to bring up concerns regarding environment clean-up</p> <p><del>Traffic</del> Traffic &amp; Environmental c/c</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>Traffic Parking</p> <p>{ Encourage County Staff to continue exploring resolution to concerns outside of P+Z</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>- Fabulous opportunity to serve the community. Helping others get in contact w/ County Staff. Grateful for volunteers. - Wish Transportation Board were "part" of P+Z as an ex-officio member</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>Chair is primary contact w/ Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changes were made to FY20 Workplan w/o Commission engagement</li> <li>- A couple of communication gaps</li> </ul>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>Internal training delivered by <del>town</del> County Staff. Current Commission was relatively new to the process. Training helped.</p> <p>Training was effective</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Some meetings can run late, which is rough.</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>Not a deterrent.</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>Not a concern</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>Parking + "I need to be more assertive on traffic issues" - How do I do this?</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

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

Jean Dewar  
Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning Commission  
Board or Commission

Ryan Foster  
Interviewer Name

6/18/19 3pm  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☐ Personally  
☒ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the <del>Board</del> or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Positive: terrific experience, learning more about County, how it works, appreciation for staff/commissioners, high quality.</li><li>- Positive/negative: Areas to discuss but not necessarily solve, traffic light at Rty</li><li>- Discuss impacts of new developments</li></ul>
2	<p>What has the <del>Board</del> or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Blackhawk redevelopment, felt the Rty could have used more time, but packed together</li><li>- investment in community of especially vacant land</li><li>- future development of DP road, env. safety, acknowledges not fully in preview, but able to have discussion.</li></ul>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the <del>Board</del> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- traffic, ongoing concern, and how it's handled. Not right at P&amp;Z, but will continue to be an issue, parking, working w/ developer at Bluffs/other property owners</li><li>- Guess is that it will continue to be a role.</li><li>- Give emphasis to issues, work w/ staff, traffic safety board. Staff needs to work w/ traffic engineer.</li></ul>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this <del>board</del> 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 <del>board</del> or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Great opportunity to work w/ County.</li><li>- making contacts to resolve issues.</li><li>- Get people involved in processes/future</li><li>- Transportation board involved in P&amp;Z process.</li></ul>



5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this <del>Board</del> <sup>Commission</sup> and Council? How can we improve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair is primary contact.</li> <li>- Council close to FY20 work plan, needed to come back to commission.</li> <li>- See recommendations on addressing to council, citizen make recommendations, went back to p12, citizen questions didn't, disconnecting/miscommunication.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a <del>board</del> <sup>commission</sup> member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- training for P12 decisions, where they fit in process for County.</li> <li>- Paul &amp; Ken's gone for training.</li> <li>- Michael to give building permit process.</li> <li>- history of planning/foundation.</li> </ul>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your <del>Board</del> or Commission service so far?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meetings go beyond 3hrs, hard to be functional after that.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board? - No, not at all</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the <del>board</del> <sup>commission</sup>? - NO</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning curve, appreciation of feedback on how to be more effective, traffic as an issue, need to be more efficient. Why development has role for density &amp; # of parking spaces.</li> </ul>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

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