
General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board members, except the at-large community member, do not need to be residents if they are employed/represent an attraction or hotel.

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.

Jason

First Name

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Middle Initial

Morris

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

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Online

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?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

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

My family and I moved to Los Alamos, selecting it over Washing DC because we are thrilled with the natural environment. As a result, I am interested in maintaining this style of life for the community as a whole. I have a background in the US Air Force and worked to develop military communities both overseas and stateside.

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

For the past 2 years I have been a volunteer LAPS science fair judge and expect to continue that service to the community. In Geilenkirchen, Germany I volunteered to support our military communities and developed an officer council to help maintain and raise morale in the local area. I also served to organize a remembrance ceremony for Canadian airmen in WWII (Jalhay Memorial). I also volunteered countless hours curating the history of a World War II unit my grandfather was a member of, resulting in a preeminent display of this research on the History Channel in 2008. Both of these volunteer experiences reflect the ability to communicate with the public and collaborate towards a common goal. This same mindset of communication and action at the grass roots level would be beneficial in the community to spearhead initiatives of benefit to the community. Additionally, I participate on the LAPS Native American Advisory Council, helping guide the school district in support for Native American students.

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.

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 am interested in helping develop Los Alamos in a way that helps all people from different backgrounds and phases of life.

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 involvement directly or indirectly at this time.

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



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Jason Morris
Applicant's Name

P + Z
Board or Commission

Terry Priestley
Interviewer Name

10-9-19 / 4:00pm
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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <u>20yr Air Force retire, 2yrs in LA Litch</u> <u>2 kids in Mountain Elementary</u> <u>IT at LANL</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>Housing density</u> <u>re-zoning</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>Work to inform County Council so informed decisions can be made</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>Trust - Being transparent</u> <u>Communication - lots of context</u> <u>Believer in Root Cause Analysis</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>early, often, clear communication - face to face best</u> <u>- Can bring IT</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>Native American Advisory Committee for LAPS Coached Soccer County Science Fair judge</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>Yes, through home-owner perspective</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>Not a deterrent</p>
10	<p>Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the 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>Not a deterrent</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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Jason Morris
Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning
Board or Commission

Ryan Foster
Interviewer Name

10/9/19
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 7 years, retired Air Force- new/intensity for local, govt, opportunity now no longer fighting- local science fair, work at lab, AVA's combat land- worked w/ radio/franq, people from different backgrounds, experience/communication.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- County: Need more exp., but housing/density, need for employment housing.- P+Z: Housing/zoning can help make this issue.
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Boards inform Council for approval.- conduct research, being informed.
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- trust & communication skills- high context approach- being transparent- root cause analysis, work backwards to find root cause
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- communicate early, often, clearly, phone/email. Methods that work best for situation.- Tech/methodology.

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>– Native American Panel Advisory Committee, native american affairs, inclusivity. – coach youth soccer, Science Fair judge.</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>– familiar from long-term perspective.</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>– not a deterrent.</p>
10	<p>Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the 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>– Not a deterrent.</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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>– background of commissions? – hot button issues?</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

JASON MORRIS

Applicant's Name

RANDALL RYTI

Interviewer Name

P+Z

Board or Commission

OCT 9, 2019 4P

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. Arrived 2yrs. ago, let at Lt Col. from USAF. Lived many cities. Always wanted to participate in Local Gov. Worked international worked for NATO in Germany
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.] Haven't been following CC meeting. Housing density could be solved through zoning.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Boards inform Council, conduct research. Expect to interactive. Present all sides of issues. Present recommendation.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Trust and good communication skills. Try to explain issues in detail. Bring transparency. Believer in root cause analysis.
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? Constant communication. Email is good, but telephone can be better for collaboration. Can bring LT experience.

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>Native American affairs committee. Brought a wider perspective coached soccer and have been a science fair judge</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>Familiar from a home owners perspective</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>Very much so</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 (for example, the 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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>What are the big issues for P+Z</p>

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