
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.

Christopher

First Name

Olsen

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

NM

87544

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Mobile:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *☒ Republican**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**☒ Yes ☐ No

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How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Referral

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?

My family and I live in Los Alamos and we all actively take advantage of the outdoor facilities and activities in the county. I'm an active participant with the Los Alamos Tuff Riders group and I'm enthusiastic about expanding recreational opportunities for all visitors and Los Alamos county residents. I've seen what other towns/counties have achieved in terms of outdoor recreation and I'm optimistic that Los Alamos could be among the best examples of communities that support an active outdoor lifestyle.

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

I've served in a mentor capacity for youth organizations participating in activities such as First Lego League and CyberPatriots. <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/> <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>

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?

This should not present a problem.

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.)

My main outdoor area of interest is mountain biking. I've been an active participant with riding groups and reached out to new residents and students to get them involved in the opportunities we have available. I see a lot of opportunities for expanding all trail-based outdoor activities in a sustainable and cooperative manner.

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.

Other than attending one P&R meeting, I've had no involvement with this Board.

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?

N/A

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

Christopher Olsen

Applicant's Name

PRB

Board or Commission

Dina Resenson

Interviewer Name

10/22/19 11:00

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>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>Went to school here, lived in Jemez, 6 year full-time resident of LA. works in CS dept at LACL, trike riders, trail work, enthusiasm for outdoors + values outdoor activities</p>
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> <p>County: housing (shortage)</p> <p>PRB: open space: fires, erosion, the resulting deterioration of trail system</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>intermediary between (public + interest groups) and + council. vet, clarify, seek out input to evaluate fully resident concerns/interests fully</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organizational skills - ability to assimilate data - being an effective listener w/o judging - keep a wide view/perspective </p> <p>does this at work</p>
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> <p>effective listening, knowing the charter + following it, not putting road blocks</p>

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?	NO
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?	NO
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?	Yes, would like to have the training that would help effectiveness as board member.
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?	NO
10	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?	NO
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]	
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? Q: Clarify board Charter Randall's A: all boards are advisory, list of duties, work plan.	

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RANDALL RYTI

Interviewer Name

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Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X Personally

 Telephone

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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> <p>In the area since 1985. Been away and now back in town for 1-2 yrs. LANL computer science. Tuff riders. Been volunteering since. Enthusiastic for outdoors for all ages. Never been on a board of this type.</p>
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> <p>LAC, Housing. He is part of a recruiting group. New people have to commute. No easy answer. PRB Open space, fires and erosion, go trails are in bad shape. Trails need work. Parks seem nice generally.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Intermediary between general public and interest groups and county. Distill information for county Council. Be active in soliciting opinions, broader input than vocal minority.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Organizational skills. Effective listener across different groups. Listen to all viewpoint. Associate data, consolidate who judging. He does a lot for his job.</p>
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> <p>Effective listening, any person could facilitate more effective communication. Allowing communication.</p>

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>Nothing would qualify. Lego League</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, hope they would be provided</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>Am aware, do not feel it is 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>No</p>
11	<p><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i></p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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PRB

Board or Commission

Linda Lindstrom

Interviewer Name

10/22/19 11:00

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

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☐ Telephone

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1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Grew up here, moved into town, @LANL employee, Toughriders, trail work volunteers, enthusiasm to outdoor activities,</i>
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>County - Housing in Los Alamos</i> <i>PRB - Open Space Trail System (Fires) need work</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>intermediary between public areas of concern/different input & concerns, vet info & present to Council.</i> <i>Active in solicitation of opinions & those that don't necessarily get involved</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>organizational skills, assimilation data & presentation</i> <i>effective listener,</i> <i>liaison between these in current position</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>Effective listening, smooth & removing road blocks</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>Nothing in last five years. Involved in technical teams in County prior</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>I am not – tried to research.</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 & hope they would be provided.</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? ² 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>Aware, Don't feel it's a deterrent.</i>
10	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? <i>NO. Collaborative work is videoed.</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Board Charter philosophy.</i>

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