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**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 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.

Alesia

First Name

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Middle Initial

Benson

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**How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?**

Research online

ATTACHMENT C

**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.)**

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## **Interests & Experiences**

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

Environmental Sustainability: Submitted

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

I just moved to Los Alamos/White Rock for a new job at LANL. I am coming from the Asheville, North Carolina area. I am passionate about environmental sustainability and would like to take an active role here in Los Alamos.

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

I was Chair for the City of Hendersonville Environmental Sustainability Board for 3 years. I lead the recycling team for our local non-profit environmental group, MountainTrue. I also lead the environmental sustainability program for my company for 4.5 years allowing us to cut our waste to landfill by over 40% in my first year. I lead my company to being recognized as Green Business of the year in Western North Carolina in 2018. I led the effort for converting Hendersonville's downtown summer event series, Rhythm & Brews, to be zero waste to landfill. I've organized several Earth Day and America Recycles Day events for my community and have spoken at NC Department of Environmental Quality's annual meeting about methods for waste reduction.

**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. I would like more info about when meeting are held and where.

**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'm most interested in waste reduction/diversion. Compost is one of my favorite areas of focus. Also, education about recycling which is so important right now. With my previous board we started a rain barrel program for citizens. That might be of interest for people here as well. I'm interested in helping make Los Alamos community events more sustainable.

**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

**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**

Alesia Benson  
Applicant's Name

ESB  
Board or Commission

Angelica Gurulé  
Interviewer Name

7-8-2020 / 10:00am  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☐ Personally  
☒ Telephone / Zoom

**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>moved to LA recently. NC Bach. in Env Science. Factory in charge of Env compliance and sustainability. Sustainability Board for city and chair for 2 yrs. Certified Safety professional 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>• Recycling contamination - collecting more than we can recycle. • Interested in compost (mulch) learning more about the process. • can work more on education + outreach for recycle.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>The boards works w/residents and serves as an in between for the public + council.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>Committed + passion for the board. These are two most important things. She feels she possesses these skills. She was committed as chair for 2 years, never missed a meeting.</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>Any project you want to see succeed you have to work collaboratively with the board and public.</u>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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>City of Sustainability Board          Non profit- led Recycle Committee          Contributions - led the effort for a zero landfill event for summer concert</p> <p>Bee City Program (7th city)          Hendersonville, NC in USA</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> <p>Series -          County paid          for service          ware          for vendor.</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>Yes she is aware. It is 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&amp;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> <p>12raelevitz:          County has a home rule charter. We also abide by Open Meetings Act and provide public notice.          all boards serve as advisory to Council. The boards dig into issues</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Alesia:          How many meetings does ESB have? 12 per year.</p> <p>provide technical knowledge.</p>

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## County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

D. Izraelentz

Interviewer Name

7/8/20

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☐ Personally

☒ Telephone / Zoom

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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. Moved 11/19 - before N.C. M.S. Enviro. On home city ESB + chair. Also chair recycling committee. Background in regulatory issues. Can't do this type of work at LANL.
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.] Being new, still learning. A lot of contamination in our recycling. Info not accurate. Collecting more than what we can recycle. Something in education we can work on. Big proponent for composting, challenge since hard to compost in dry climate.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Residents come to us, community input. Write memo to provide support for an issue. Between public and elected body.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Being committed to board. Attendance / passion. <del>I</del> Possesses all. Was chair until she moved. Never missed a meeting.
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? Good example was getting a proclamation passed. Got volunteers to mulch trees + got staff involved. Working together.



6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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>Chaired ESB in prior community. Regional nonprofit recycling committee. Secretary at Children's Museum. Had downtown concert in summer. Led effort to make it no waste. New exhibits at Children's Museum. Led "Bee City" effort.</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>Not really.</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, absolutely.</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>Yes, aware. Not a problem.</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&amp;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>May not be able to attend November/Dec. meeting.</p>

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**County Manager's Office**  
**BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

Alesia Benson  
Applicant's Name

Environmental Sustainability  
Board or Commission

Heather Ward  
Interviewer Name

07/08/20 10:00  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
       Personally  
  X   Telephone

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*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>New to Los Alamos, previously lived in NC. Served on ESB at previous residence, chair 2 years. MS in environmental science.</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>Recycling contamination and wish-cycling, needs more education. Composting</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Residents come to boards with concerns, boards support county and provide recommendations</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Commitment, timeliness, passion, drive and motivation, willingness to work beyond just board meetings. All of the above.</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>Projects where collaboration is required (such as declaring pollinator month). Any project you want to be successful needs that relationship.</p>



6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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>ESB 4 years, chair 2 years; Regional non-profit recycling committee; Secretary for children's museum; Started Bee City program (ABQ only in NM so far); Led Zero Waste initiative for local summer concert series</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</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>Yes aware, 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&amp;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> <p>None</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Expecting baby in November, might miss a meeting</p>

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