
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.

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.

Alee

First Name

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Middle Initial

Ali

Last Name



Street Address



Suite or Apt



City



State



Postal Code



Email Address



Primary Phone



Alternate Phone

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

☒ Independent

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Through the county website

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?

Library: Submitted

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

I'm A. R. "Riz" Ali. I am the Director of National Security Research Center which is LANL's classified library. I have a childhood fascination with books, libraries, and book stores. At times I've had so many books in my house that they were tripping hazards. The LA County Library (Mesa and White Rock) is one of the best local library systems I've seen. I am very interested in helping children and adults read more and spend more time in the library. I would also like to guide the library to introduce more technology-oriented activities. I believe that through my technology background and extensive leadership activities, both professional and volunteer, I could contribute to the library, the library board, and the county.

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

I have a very long history of leadership in professional and community activities. Listed below is a sampling of these activities as they relate to the LA County Library Board: - Three decades of leadership in the US Air Force where I led major organizations and served in deployments to the Middle East and Africa, retiring as a Colonel. (1988 - 2017); - Director of the National Security Research Center. This is LANL's classified library with a collection in excess of 10 million items and teams of librarians, archivists, and digital preservation specialists. I helped stand up this organization and was appointed it's first Director. (Current); - Member, Advisory Board for LANL's Research Library (Current); - Commander of an Air Force unit where I maintained the official archives of the early history of the US Air Force, when it was still part of the US Army Signal Corps. I also renovated and maintained a small museum for the Air Force communications/signals community. (2011-2013); - Chairperson, Small Business Council, Armed Forces Comm/Electronics Association, St Louis chapter (2011-2013); - Board Member, School Board for North Hanover Township School District, New Jersey (2006-2007); - Military Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity, Central NJ (2005-2007); - Vice President, Armed Forces Comm/Electronics Association, NJ (2004-2007); - Chairman, Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee, NJ (2004-2007); - Vice President, Air Force Association, Oklahoma City chapter (2002-2004).

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 am able to serve the volunteer hours and attend any needed training.

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 very interested in helping children and adults grown and find enjoyment through reading. I am also interested in exploring how the county library can introduce or sponsor more technology-oriented classes and events for children and young adults. These could range from hosting coding classes to sponsoring robot competitions to organizing CyberPatriot teams. This would help foster more interest in STEM activities in our county.

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?

I do not believe there are any issues or matters which I am now or might become involved that would ever come up before the Library Board. Just for awareness, my wife volunteers at the Mesa branch as a library technician, and my daughter also volunteers at the Mesa branch for the "Book Buddy" program.

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

Alee Ali
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Eileen Sullivan
Interviewer Name

5:00 9/28/2020
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ ZOOM
☐ Telephone

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primarily wants to give back to community.

#	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. <i>Military 30 yrs., retired 1 yr., decided to come back into workforce. Hired to run on of libraries at LANL. Classified library. - digital library. + then merged w/ archival library. - 2 yrs. now. Elec. + comp. engineering. Military degree. community involvement many years. Charit. program. MPA, international.</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>Not enough people who reside in the community that work here. Eroder sense of community. Lack of affordable housing. 60% of Lab employees don't live in LA. People are getting away from reading. People want bite size.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Advisory board not governance. chunk. Depth of info. Key lost. How do you</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Person needs to be passionate about community. Need to see bigger picture, strategic direction of library + community. How do you increase user resources. Strategic not tactical.</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>Understand what the staff needs. Point of view of organization. What they want. What works + doesn't work. What ideas resonant with them. Cybrpatriet competition idea encourage STEM, robotics. Mini-collections. What interest you? Survey?</i>

Direct Impact on community

help planning property ownership

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>Last 5 yrs no – tech assignment overseas for 4 years. Merit badge, Air Force ROTC in Europe, major board at NATO. Cyberdefense board NATO biggest contribution – work with Polish delegation – red-line, couldn't be changed. was able to increase staff side.</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. I am.</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 it won't.</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 involvement.</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Alee (Rizwan) Ali
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Katrina Martin
Interviewer Name

9/28/2020, 4:45
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 x ZOOM
 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>Spent almost 3 decades in the military, retired 3 years ago, took a year off, didn't plan on reentering the workforce, but after the first month wanted to get back into workforce Hired at LANL to run the digital libraries, merged digital and archival library, was at ground floor of merger and running combined library Bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering Master's in military history, public administration, international relations Interest in library board— loves books, physical sensation of books, buying books; wants to give back to the community Served on school board, various charity boards</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? [<i>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>]</p> <p>County- not enough people physically residing here (people are commuting in)— it erodes the sense of community when larger and larger chunks of the community aren't living there Used to be 60% lived here 40% commuted, not 40% live here and 60% commute in As far as the board, people are getting away from reading full-length books, you have to draw them in and interest them first</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Not much experience, my assumption is that they are advisory School board was governing board, operated differently Board opening popped open, so he didn't do as much researches he often would</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Passionate about community, definitely feels like he as that Have to be able to see the bigger picture and strategic direction (looking at bringing people in strategically, not micromanaging)</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>Have to understand what the staff needs, can't just impose your own desires or will b/c you won't have buy-in, try to understand points of view of staff, then have ideas of how to proceed and try to get buy-in by seeing what resonates with them</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>Not in the last 5 years. I was very involved throughout my career. In 2013 was getting close to retiring, got a call asking for him to take an assignment overseas, so community involvement was limited because the structure was different (did things with Boy Scouts, ROTC Drill Team, was on a board at NATO (Cyber Defense Board))</p> <p>NATO— biggest contribution— cyber defense policy, Polish delegation wanted to get funding and wrote something up, he offered to write it for them, they submitted it as a redline item (would not accept any changes) it went through and he was able to use what he wrote to justify doubling staff and got millions of euro in funding, changed the face of NATO in terms of cyber security in got top decoration</p> <p>Christmas program on base— would collect \$, food, and toy donations for needs families</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>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><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> <p>What involvement does the board really have with the running or management of the library? (very much advisory, involved in policies); next initiative will be hiring a community engagement librarian (community needs, working with other organizations), board will put together a strategic plan, putting together focus groups)</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Applicant's Name Alee Ali (Riz) Board or Commission Library Board

Interviewer Name Rebecca Rodriguez

Date/Time of Interview 9/28/2020 5pm

Interview Conducted:
☒ ZOOM
☐ 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> <p>→ military background (retired) → community involvement · came back to workforce (LANL) · library manager (merged combined libraries)</p> <p>· charity + Board experience · BS in Engineering · Masters Degree (3) Public Admin + International Relations · interested in reading + books + community resources + involvement</p> <p>give back to the community</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 issues · people who reside many ppl commute in · affordable housing · lack</p> <p>Board · people are getting away from physical reading · depth of reading → pulling in people to read</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>· assume that we are an advisory board</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>skills passion about community the person needs to care about it</p> <p>· See the big picture · members need to look at community involvement · Increase interest in Library</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>· understand what the staff needs · understand needs of community and how to proceed</p> <p>· Tech based STEM · Cyberspace competition · Robotics</p>

* way of bringing youth into the library

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?

last 5 years - No (NATO Council) committee CyberDefense Board
 2013 - retirement started and then an overseas assignment; structure in Europe was different
 → Involvement w/ Scouts (greatest contribution) assisting the community + meeting its needs
 AROTC (collaboration + teamwork)

7 Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? w/ food distribution + Toy for Holiday Season
 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

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No

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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?

what involvement does the board have with the management of the library?

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