



# County of Los Alamos

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## Council Meeting Staff Report

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**Agenda No.:** C.

**Indexes (Council Goals):**

**Presenters:** County Council - Work Session

**Legislative File:** 8220-16

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### Title

Presentation by New Mexico Association of Counties regarding Current Trends in Local Government Liability

### Body

At the most recent NMAC Legislative Conference, a focal point of many presentations and meetings was the issue of liability for County Detention Centers. During these meetings, the topics of appropriate personnel policies, the effect of existing state laws, and the ultimate impact of personnel actions upon individual counties as well as the NMAC insurance pool were discussed. In light of recent questions regarding Los Alamos County lawsuit settlements, Steve Kopelman (NMAC Executive Director) and Grace Philips (NMAC General Counsel) will present information regarding general trends in local government liability from the perspective of an insurer of Local Governments. Please note that Los Alamos County is a member of NMAC, however LAC is insured through the NM Self-Insurer's Fund, which is a division of the New Mexico Municipal League.