
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 Mary Tapia at 505-662-8040.

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.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

Robert

First Name

E

Middle
Initial

Chrien

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Republican

Attachment A

Robert E Chrien

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

Since 17 September 1981

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Los Alamos Reporter

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.)

Community Service

List boards, commissions, committees, and organizations on which you are currently serving or have served. Include any offices held.

None

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1981 to 2021 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 2021 to 2024

List your current and past education including any professional or vocational licenses or certificates.

Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts in Physics, 1976 Princeton University, Doctor of Philosophy in Astrophysical Sciences, 1981 No professional or vocational licenses or certificates

Interests & Experiences

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

I would like to provide an impartial voice in planning and zoning decisions.

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 have no agenda in applying for this board.

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, other than getting a setback variance to build a garage in 1986.

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

None

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 retired. I travel around and outside the US a few weeks each year. I help care for my mother-in-law who lives in Tucson AZ a few weeks each year.

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. I have lived in my current house since 1982 and have no interest in purchasing or managing real estate.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list dates and department.

Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate name and relationship.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest in connection to your occupation or financial holdings in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the advisory body to which you seek appointment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.

Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Board or Commission to which you seek appointment?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Attachment A

Robert E Chrien

Can you commit to approximately 10-15 hours per month to this Board or Commission to prepare for and attend monthly meetings and training as needed?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to participate in Board and Commission meetings that are recorded and may be live-streamed?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to have your name listed on the County Boards and Commissions public webpage?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Lovato at 505-662-8293



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Bob Chrien Chrien
Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning
Board or Commission

Karen Saxon
Interviewer Name

August 18, 2025 8:30am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone
☐ Remote/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	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p>longtime citizen Homeowner 1981 (variance)</p> <p>Cornell, Princeton, LAM & Livermore Still working at LAM - visiting Continued Research</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>Govt Interest time to participate - retired</p> <p>interest in Architecture</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>NA</p>
4	<p>What do you see as the primary role of the Planning and Zoning Commission in shaping the future of the County, and how would you contribute to that role?</p> <p>Value community - livability, quality of life. Contribute to future plan.</p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>Historical interest Contribute to community</p>

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>Church Phi Beta Kappa - 20 yrs. Choir Music 2000-2021 Clarinet</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>no</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>no</p>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Robert Chriem (Bob)
Applicant's Name

P&Z
Board or Commission

Ryn Herrmann
Interviewer Name

Mon. 8/18/25, 8:30AM
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone
☐ Remote/Zoom

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. From NY. Worked LANL 40 yrs. Retired. Interested in getting involved in community & govt. Has owned since 1982. Got a zoning variance for garage once. Wife taught in schools & raised 2 daughters here.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Can be impartial & has the interest. Read the Community plan & agrees it needs updating.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Read minutes minutes. Learned about Station 4. Will want to learn about more.
4	What do you see as the primary role of the Planning and Zoning Commission in shaping the future of the County, and how would you contribute to that role? P&Z follows policy. Advisory role to council. Advise Follow legal process.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Resident for 44 yrs & has seen county development. Interested in LA History. Long connection to town. Knows lots of people. Wants to see LA continue to be a nice place to live.

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>Job was very demanding. So was involved w/ church, choir & amateur music. Pres of orchestra board. Phi Beta Kappa treasurer, involved for 20 yrs. Has more time now. Still a visiting scientist @ LANL</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>* still publishing work.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>No.</p>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Robert Chrien (Bob)
Applicant's Name

Planning + Zoning
Board or Commission

Danyelle Valdez
Interviewer Name

August 18, 2025
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. Cornell; Princeton 1982 Walnut St. Wife-teacher; (2) daughters raised in Los Alamos.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Be involved in local government. Add value to community.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Unsure; would be learning
4	What do you see as the primary role of the Planning and Zoning Commission in shaping the future of the County, and how would you contribute to that role? Advisory role for Council; ^{impartial} decisions to apply County Code hypocratic oath.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? impartial opinion; resident of LAC 44 years and has seen development throughout the years. Cares about the community, wants to see its continued success

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>Church; Church choir, Active in amateur music, president of orchestra board.</p> <p>Phi Theta Cappa board.</p> <p>Wants to learn new activities and wants to be involved in the community.</p> <p>visiting scientist.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No questions, did research.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>No,</p>

Notes:

Out of town until Labor Day (9/2).