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Anne:

Attached is my letter of interest for a position on the LACDC governing board. I have been out of town and just returned last night.

Denise



July 23, 2025

County Manager and County Council:

I am interested in serving as the County representative on the governing board of the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation (LACDC) to oversee the operations of the non-profit in its mission to build a vibrant community and a thriving economy in the County.

**Background.** Born in New Jersey, I have lived in 10 states, from Jersey to Hawaii, and settled in New Mexico in 1982. Together with my husband, I raised our three sons in Alamos County and chose to remain here after retirement from Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**Business Experience.** Although I do not have experience with a brick-and-mortar retail business in the County, I am a co-owner, with my husband, of DoubleD Productions, an entertainment production entity with responsibility for booking talent, securing venues, managing ticket sales, and staffing events. In past years, we brought entertainers such as Judy Collins, June Carter Cash, Smothers Brothers, Richie Havens, and Henry Rollins to venues in Santa Fe.

**Skills.** My professional background would bring experience in local journalism, administrative management, and community leadership to the board position. With a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Organizational Communication, I have journalism experience at local newspapers in Texas, Iowa, and Hawaii; management experience as chief of staff to senior managers at the Laboratory; and community leadership experience as County Councilor for four years and as Council Chair for two of those years.

**County Representation.** As a former County Councilor, I am fully knowledgeable about community issues and ongoing County initiatives to address these issues. I recognize the challenges facing local businesses and the need for downtown revitalization to enable a thriving business environment. I understand the legal constraints on County government and support the use of tools such as the Metropolitan Redevelopment Area and the Local Economic Development Act, coupled with County policies and processes, to facilitate small business development and sustainability that provides employment, shopping, and social activities necessary for a thriving community.

I look forward to representing Los Alamos County on the LACDC governing board to facilitate operations to build a vibrant community and a thriving economy in the County.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Denise Derkacs*