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# APPLICATION

## VOLUNTEER FOR LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(Please be aware that as a public entity, the County of Los Alamos is obligated to furnish this information to the public if so requested. Please also note that current LANL employees, if appointed to a Board or Commission, may be required by LANL to complete a 701 Form.)

NAME: Jessie Dixon DATE: 2/6/2017

REGISTERED TO VOTE IN LOS ALAMOS: YES  NO

**PARTY AFFILIATION AS REGISTERED:**

Democrat  Republican  Independent  None of the Above/Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Los Alamos County law mandates that no Board/Commission can have more than a simple majority of members from any one political party.)

Verified (For LAC use)

ADDRESS: (Applicants are required to be residents of Los Alamos County)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please, no e-mail addresses ending in "lanl.gov")

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OR COMMISSION ON WHICH YOU WISH TO SERVE:**

Planning and zoning comission

**HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCY?**

Los Alamos Democrats Meeting and 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.]

County Charter Section 905.1 allows County employees to serve on Boards or Commissions as non-voting members only.

*Questions are on the next page. Please attach additional responses as needed.*

Please complete and return to:  
County Manager's Office  
1000 Central Ave, Suite 350  
Los Alamos, NM 87544  
663-1750  
662-8079 (fax)  
www.losalamosnm.us

B&C application revised 3-29-16

1. Why would you like to serve on this particular Board?

Our young family moved to Los Alamos two years ago from my hometown of Albuquerque. We were testing the waters to see if it is a place we would like to raise our children, especially because we had such a strong community in Albuquerque. After two years, it is with a resounding yes that we plan to stay and raise our family here. I believe in the importance of being a contributing member of my community and I want to play an active role in developing the place where my three children will grow up. I know that LANL may be hiring up to 3,000 new positions in the coming years and my voice will be representative of many of the new families considering Los Alamos as their new home.

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

Since moving to Los Alamos, I am active in the community as an educator at PEEC, a substitute teacher at Little Forest Playschool, and a volunteer soccer coach. I love our open spaces and passionately believe in preserving and maintaining them. My family is out and about on our local trails almost daily.

Before moving to Los Alamos, I worked as a 4th and 6th grade teacher for 12 years in different types of schools. I worked at Title I schools, as a Teach for America employee, and as an outdoor educator teaching students along the Rio Grande River. I also taught Spanish at Bosque School, a private college preparatory school. I worked with a diverse range of students and families with different needs and challenges.

I played division one soccer at Harvard University for four years and was captain my senior year. I know the advantages of playing on a team and how to work with all types of people toward a common goal. I am hardworking, persistent and kind at my core.

3. The time involved may be up to 10-15 hours per month or more, depending on the board. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yes, I am a stay at home mom of three and my husband is very supportive of my efforts and will help with childcare. I also have family in Albuquerque that regularly comes up to help.

4. 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.)

The impetus to apply was to participate in our community politics at a grass roots level. Below I list a few interests that have led me to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I would like to advocate for more affordable housing for working families here in Los Alamos. Many of the teachers working at my daughters' preschool come from Espanola or surrounding pueblos, some with spouses that work in maintenance at the labs. Even though they work in Los Alamos, they cannot live here because housing is not affordable. I want people who work in our community to be able to live here too.

I am also interested in maintaining our trails and open spaces. I live in the Western Area Neighborhood and recently it was proposed to develop the open space near the high school tennis courts. Many people in the neighborhood opposed the addition of more tennis courts in order to maintain the open space. My children and I are frequently out on trails and in open spaces and that is part of what we love about living in the Western Area.

I support the development of more recreation facilities for kids and families, especially those that the proposed Recreation Bond will fund. I believe the new facilities will attract new families to move to Los Alamos.

5. 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

6. Are there any issues 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?

No



# LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

### BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Jessie Dixon  
Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning  
Board or Commission

Michael Redondo  
Interviewer Name

02-15-17, 10:00 A.M.  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
 Personally  
 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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. educator at PEEC Master of Education Substitute at Little Forest wants to see her 3 young children in this community 20 years from now Fresh viewpoint having only been in town 2 years perspective of young families teach spanish @ Bosque School
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.] Developing Blight to make this a place where young families want to come - undeveloped potential → Housing for teachers - Affordable Housing - Open Space
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? advisory role → getting the voices of the community heard
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Communicate well, punctual, read beforehand analytical, ability to compromise
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? to talk and to listen and find ways to compromise.

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>Faculty liaison to Bosque School Board → advocate for diversity advisor to students on scholarship</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>§ Has looked at it</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>looks forward to hearing more → Interest in BOA</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 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&amp;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>

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Planning and Zoning  
Board or Commission

Phil Grogan  
Interviewer Name

02-15-17, 10:00 A.M.  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
 Personally  
 Telephone

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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><i>Worked at P&amp;G, Masters in Educ leadership, substituted at Little Forest. Active participant in community activities and civic duty. Family perspective to Board fresh eyes to issues. Team teaching &amp; collaboration</i></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><i>Develop blighted, improve image and quality of life for families. No place for less affluent workers until we have affordable housing. Open space is important factor.</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Important for citizens to be able participate and get community voice heard.</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>Communicate well, practical, be prepared, be analytical. Compromise issues possess most of them</i></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><i>Be friendly need to be personable, listen and compromise</i></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><i>Faculty Liaison to Board at Bosque School. <del>Acted</del> as an advocate for diversity</i></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><i>Am aware</i></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><i>yes, willing to do conferences on Municipal theory, willing to serve on Board of Adjustment</i></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><i>Aware yes. Willing to comply</i></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><i>No</i></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>

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Jessie Dixon  
 Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning  
 Board or Commission

*Rick Reiss*  
 Interviewer Name

02-15-17, 10:00 A.M.  
 Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
 Personally  
 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><i>Husband @ LAB, she is a teacher, PEEC Educator          Little Forest for 2 of the 3 children, Volunteer          came from ABQ - wants to be a part of the Community          "civic duty" New families coming and she is "new"          (24/25)</i></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><i>County - First Impression questionable - work on Blight          Affluent but not developed          P&amp;Z - Teachers (at preschool) should have affordable housing          instead of living in Espanola - Like Open Space too</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>important to have citizen input - get public input          Advisory - Not Policy</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>Communicate, punctual, do your homework, be analytical          Compromise</i></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><i>Friendly, Talk to people, Listen, Look them in          the eye, accept alternative opinions          Compromise</i></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>Faculty liaison to school board (Bosque) - Advocate for Diversity and Counselor for scholarship students</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>Know where to find it - Looked at it</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 &amp; look forward to it!          Already learning Board of Adjustment Participation? 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.</p> <p>Is this a deterrent to your willingness to serve on this Board?</p> <p>1) Yes 2) 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&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>Conflicts of Interest - AWARE of the issue          - AWARE you can't speak or visit sites on the Agency</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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### BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Jessie Dixon \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning  
Board or Commission

Tamara Baer  
Interviewer Name

02-15-17, 10:00 A.M.  
Date/Time of Interview

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 Personally  
 Telephone

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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. <i>3 children. Husband @ LAC. She is a teacher worked @ PEEC and substitute teacher @ Little Forest. Expects to raise her children here. P+Z as a civic duty. Brings perspective of a new family to LAC + is representative of new employees @ LAC.</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>County issues: Redev. of blighted areas. Impor. to attract new families who would live here. Revitalization + econ. dev. - LAC needs more res. + things to do. HOUSING for teachers + stress who work here, OS-very impor.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Impor that citizens have a role in govt. Citizens should have a voice to convey through P+Z.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>good communication. Punctuality. Homework. Analysis skills. Ability to compromise + work on a team. She has these skills and has time to devote</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>Be friendly. Talk to people. Listen. Be clear on her pt. of view - y asked. Be willing to compromise.</i>

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><i>Has not served on other Bds, exapt. was faculty liaison to Board @ Bosque School where she advocated for diversity</i></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><i>She knows where they are and will look at + study those.</i></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><i>Yes. She looks forward to it. Would be glad to serve on BOA.</i></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><i>She is aware of this and it's not a problem.</i></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><i>Not a problem.</i></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>

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