

Local and Small Business Engagement Working Group. Council members are Hermann, Reagor, Ryti; engaging with the business community, County staff, and other interested parties. We continued to investigate options for providing security for retail Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) projects. We look forward to the Cities Work engagement process that will be starting this month. Herrmann and Reagor attended another Local Business Coalition forum on Thursday May 29 at SALA. Recording of this forum is on their webpage (<https://coalition.losalamos.com/>). On a related topic, I followed up again with the Assessor's office on the commercial vacancy data they compile each year as well as vacant commercially zones land. The vacancy data goes back to 2018 and a summary will be shared with Council at a future work session. Vacancy rate for retail or restaurant properties was about 15-20% in 2024. Council Reagor submitted a white paper outlining the retail LEDA process at the May Work Session. Our next update to Council is planned for the August Work Session.

MainStreet Futures. Council members are Hermann, Reagor, Ryti. Other attendees include Jacquelyn Connolly, Alison Watkins, Patrick Moore, Jennifer Armstrong, Megan Bucklin, George Marsden, Juan Rael, Janice Krish, Donovan Price, Janet Lovato, Shanna Sasser, Eli Isaacson & Liz Martineau. We had monthly meetings on May 19 and June 9 with updates on the business accelerator and various events (ScienceFest, Tuesdays at the Square, etc.). There was an update from the county on a planned workshop for home-based businesses. More information on MainStreet is on their webpage (<https://www.losalamosmainstreet.com/>).

Energy Communities Alliance (ECA). Ryti Treasurer, Executive Board, Board. We had the monthly Executive Board meeting in June, reviewing and approving invoices and expense reimbursements. I attended the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) event titled "International Conference on Stakeholder Engagement for Nuclear Power Programmes" from 5/26 – 5/30/2025. This conference resulted from multiple initiatives including the Global Partnership of nuclear communities, which has been in development since 2017 and may have a more formal status and recognition by IAEA soon. One highlight was listening to Mayor's statements from nations all around the globe on the importance of nuclear energy or related projects to their communities and how local leadership was involved in creating the opportunities. Sessions focused on communicating the need for nuclear power as a carbon free power source and the potential benefits for national power supplies of the pledge to triple the amount of nuclear power by 2050. Other sessions of interest were on "facts and trust", "stakeholder insights from uranium mining", options for spent nuclear fuel, and engaging stakeholders in high stakes events. I thank the Council for asking Chair Cull to sign a letter of support for the general Mayor's declaration. We got to take a tour of the Zwentendorf nuclear power plant that never went online due to a failed

referendum vote in Austria in the late-1970s. Seth Kirshenber and I had a side meeting with Charles Oppenheimer, grandson of J Robert Oppenheimer, discussing several issues including the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. The 10th anniversary of the park is coming this November. The National Cleanup Workshop in Washington DC (Sep 24-26 2025) has also been approved and registrations are open. The size of this event has been scaled back due to restrictions on Federal employee travel. Elections for the Executive Board and Officers will happen at the National Cleanup Workshop. I will run to serve as Treasurer for one more year, but a transition can be planned to another Councilor. The other regular, annual meeting has been the Intergovernmental Meeting, which is organized by the National Association of Governors. This meeting is now planned to happen in November. I did get positive interest from Councilor Herrmann to serve as the Los Alamos County representative to ECA. Main mission for ECA has been to secure funding for environmental cleanup and productive re-use across the DOE complex. ECA was also instrumental in helping to create the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. More recent initiatives for nuclear energy and interim/permanent geological repositories for nuclear waste. To that end ECA develops white papers on relevant topics like “Ensuring Long-Term Success: Recommendations for the Next Administration on the U.S. Department of Energy’s Environmental Management Mission.” More information is available on their webpage (<https://www.energyca.org/>).

National Association of Counties (NACo). Ryti is the Chair of the Energy subcommittee of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use (EELU) Policy Committee. Every Councilor can get an account with NACo and this will be useful for seeing of the reports and information available (<https://www.naco.org/>). I encourage Councilors interested in NACo consider joining one of the policy committees.

Environment, Energy & Land Use (EELU) Policy Steering Committee. Member since February 2023 and Vice Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2024 and Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2025. Successful interim policy statement in support of energy communities infrastructure funding, and changes to platform to clarify support for consent-based siting of nuclear waste. Co-sponsor of regulatory reform interim policy statement. EELU has monthly meetings with a different speaker each month. The policy steering committees meet in person before the Federal legislative conference and annual meeting with speakers in the morning and policy resolutions in the afternoon. I applied for NACo Presidential appointment to the EELU leadership for 2026. Three policy statements were drafted and Council approved submitting these policy statements to NACo at the June 10, 2025 regular meeting.

Resilient Counties Initiative. Member in 2025. Attending meetings to hear lessons learned on natural disasters and mitigation planning best practices from around the country. I applied for NACo Presidential appointment to this initiative for 2026.

New Mexico Counties (NMC) Board of Directors. Elected to represent Los Alamos County in 2025 and that term will expire at the end of 2026. Entire board meets roughly quarterly. We vote to support or oppose legislation prior to and during the State Legislature sessions. Other meetings presentations on topics of interest to NMC and approve recommendations on changes to NM State Law. There are also affiliate groups for County elected officials (Commissioners, Clerks, Assessors, Sheriffs, Treasurers) and some non-elected (Managers, Attorneys). The next event for NMC is the annual meeting in Curry County June 16-19.

New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority (NMCIA). Appointed to represent Los Alamos County in 2023. One annual meeting for the full board annually. Los Alamos County gets its worker's compensation insurance through NMCIA. The NMCIA votes for members to the Executive Board at the annual meeting. The annual meeting approves the financial statements and gets a summary of relevant legislation. See the webpage for more information (<https://nmcountyinsuranceauthority.org/>).

New Mexico Municipal League Self-Insurers Fund Board of Trustees (NMML SIF BOT). Elected to Board in 2019. This Board meets roughly quarterly and reviews/adopts updates to policy, receives information on the SIF initiatives, approves financials and rate schedules. We get most of our insurance through the SIF. Los Alamos County was one of the founding members of the SIF. I attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Risk Information Sharing Consortium (RISC) trustees conference on May 14-16 and a BOT retreat June 4-6. The RISC conference had sessions on a Federal and legal update, methods for determining capital adequacy, AI in cities, the science of support, reducing polarization, crisis communication, and several others. The BOT retreat included updates from NMML staff of trends in claims, a legislative update, and some possible changes to the investment policy. The BOT meeting included a finance update on FY25 with a request for some budget adjustments, reviewing and approving the FY26 budget, and a presentation on the FY24 audit results [it was a clean unmodified opinion]. We also had an executive session on some claims being litigated. More information is available on their webpage (<https://nmml.org/161/Insurance>); meetings of the Trustees are public, and information packages can be found on the calendar.

Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSCNM) Executive Board. The Executive Board has been meeting annually and the CSCNM is in progress of re-structuring as an independent 501c3. It has been a project under the Santa Fe Community

Foundation. CSCNM has workshops for members and reviews legislation that are relevant to sustainability initiatives in the state. We had our quarterly member meeting on May 16; I had a conflict with another meeting but reviewed the meeting materials and minutes. See the webpage for more information (<https://www.coalitionscnm.org/>).

Technical Work Group (TWG). Monthly presentations and discussion on technical aspects of the environmental cleanup in Los Alamos. Hosted by N3B and EM-LA. Last meeting on May 7 was a presentation on the aggregate area investigation requirements and process. Some of the challenges of the work were discussed and include conflicts with LANL critical mission activities, cultural and biological resource constraints, hazardous materials, and weather.