

Local and Small Business Engagement Working Group. Council members are Herrmann, Reagor, Ryti; engaging with the business community, County staff, and other interested parties. This Working Group was sunsetted at the September 30 Council Regular Session with our presentation and discussion of a revised final report.

MainStreet Futures. Council members are Herrmann, Reagor, Ryti. Other attendees include Jacquelyn Connolly, Alison Watkins, Sandy Jones, Patrick Moore, Jennifer Armstrong, George Marsden, Juan Rael, Janice Krish, Donovan Price, Janet Lovato, Eli Isaacson & Liz Martineau. We had meetings in September and October. There have been some changes in staffing, including hiring for a new position. Project Y will be evolving to a different kind of space. Events are being planned for the fall and winter, such as Trick or Treat on MainStreet and Winter Fest. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Area for Los Alamos has been approved and the County is working to flesh it the application process and criteria. Jill Lang and Alison Watkins got Anniversary Awards at the NMMS Fall Institute in Alamogordo. The committee is getting prepared for the accreditation process in November and December. 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 meetings in September and October, reviewing and approving invoices and expense reimbursements. The 10th anniversary of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park is coming this fall and Los Alamos Site recognition will be October 30. More details on this recognition will be provided to Council. The National Cleanup Workshop was held Sep 24-26 2025 in Washington DC (Crystal City). While attendance was down somewhat due to DOE travel restrictions, there were over 500 attendees. Before the Workshop we had our annual ECA meeting with updates to the full board and elections for the Executive Board and Officers. I was elected to serve as Treasurer, which is effective only through the end of my Council term or one more year. Our Los Alamos County plan is to transition to Councilor Herrmann as our member representative and potential election to Treasurer, pending a vote of the board. I moderated a panel session on how EM supports DOE's national security mission with representatives from headquarters, Oak Ridge, and WIPP. The other regular, annual meeting has been the Intergovernmental Meeting, which is organized by the National Association of Governors. This meeting was planned for November, but due to the Federal Government shutdown the meeting has been at least postponed with no specific date announced or most likely cancelled for this fiscal year. 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 one the Vice Chairs 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, Vice Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2023-2024 and Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2024-2025, and one of the Vice Chairs of the Committee in 2025-2026. 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 current Committee Chair, Supervisor Mike Turner of Loudon County Virginia has been coordinating speakers on meeting the greatly expanding power needs in both his region and nationally due to higher demand from data center, AI, and the general trend to electrification.

Resilient Counties Initiative. Member in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Attending meetings to hear lessons learned on natural disasters and mitigation planning best practices from around the country. I received a NACo Presidential appointment to this initiative for 2025-2026. Resilient Counties has an ongoing initiative for Rural Energy.

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 (e.g., Managers, Attorneys). We had a Board meeting in Guadalupe County October 3 with presentations by Greg Seeley of SP Infrastructure on using a pay for service method to finance public infrastructure projects (perhaps of most benefit to smaller communities) and by Katherine Carroll the NMC lobbyist. Ms Carroll updated the board on the ongoing issues and state desire for oversight or elimination of ICE detention facilities and also provided an overview of the State budgeting process (slides attached). Other items discussed included County contributions to the National Center for Public Lands Counties, non-insurable public safety employees, attendance of all Counties at the Sep 10 2026

Gathering of the Counties (NM State Fair), and all Counties supporting the NMC state legislative priorities. These state legislative priorities include certain HB2 funding line items (e.g., detention reimbursement fund, courthouse funding, firefighter/EMS recruitment fund, and 700 MHz radios), IPRA improvement, and addressing the timeline for implementing veteran property tax exemptions).

New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority (NMCIA) Board. 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/>). The NMCIA is going to have a meeting in Los Alamos County on October 22. Some Councilors and staff will be attending.

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. 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 has been re-structuring as an independent 501c3. Ms Angelica Gurule has been elected to the new Board. CSCNM has workshops for members and reviews legislation that are relevant to sustainability initiatives in the state. 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. There were no meetings in August or September.