

**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?**

Environmental Sustainability: Submitted

Rebecca

First Name

Paley-Williams

Last Name

Middle Initial

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

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) \***

Democrat

**How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?**

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9 days

**How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?**

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Los Alamos Farmers' Market

**Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?**

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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.)**

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### **Community Service**

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

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N/A

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### **Employment and Education**

## List your current and past employment experience.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE DLA PIPER LLP (US), Seattle, WA September 2021–April 2024 Associate Attorney Represented startups and venture capital firms in various stages of financings and corporate matters. Conducted due diligence for large-scale transactions including mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings. Worked on fast-paced deal teams for M&A transactions ranging in value from \$30 million to \$350 million. Relevant deals included a seller-side acquisition of an ESG-focused company with complex stakeholder issues, which required careful shareholder litigation risk analysis, as well as representation of a renewable energy private equity firm in their acquisition of a solar power company. Assisted with public company securities filings including Forms S-1 and 10-K. Provided access to justice through pro bono matters involving asylum applications and non-profit corporate transactions.

DLA PIPER LLP (US), Seattle, WA June 2020–August 2020 Summer Associate Collaborated with members of the corporate transactional practice group to draft contracts and conduct due diligence review for venture capital financing. Drafted incorporation documents for startup company. Researched and drafted memorandum on fiduciary duties and changes in WA corporate law.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA September 2019–December 2020 Hazelton Research Fellow Conducted research on the use of corporate governance and board fiduciary duties as mechanisms to mandate diversity in corporate law for Professor Jennifer Fan.

WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, Seattle, WA June 2019–August 2019 Law Clerk, Counsel for Environmental Protection Unit Performed legal research on civil and criminal environmental actions, including appellate briefs and multi-state comments on environmental impact statements. Engaged with litigation tasks such as document review and preparation for hearings. Built a foundation in administrative law and familiarity with critical environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act.

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, Auckland, NZ June 2017–June 2018 Lead Researcher for Dr. Maria Armoudian Co-authored published academic study on media framing of the US Clean Water Act. Researched the politics of fresh water in New Zealand. Investigated New Zealand government policies, practices, and regulations related to fresh water in light of water contamination outbreaks. Conducted a metadata analysis of scientific studies to gain a comprehensive understanding of the health of New Zealand's drinking water.

MISSION BAY WATERSPORTS, Auckland, NZ July 2013–October 2017 Business Owner/Entrepreneur Established and operated a prominent watersports-based adventure business. Identified market gap for high-quality watersports operation and implemented original business plan to start company. Oversaw all aspects of financial and legal management including business permitting and licensing, managing relationships with local government, day-to-day accounting, strategic planning, and marketing and branding. Handled high volume of client communication, including through development of top-ranked website, while maintaining five-star customer service ratings across multiple review platforms. Supervised seven employees and managed complicated logistics in fast-paced environment–often under physically demanding marine conditions–while remaining clear-headed and composed. Founded the first major stand up paddleboard club in Auckland with regular training sessions and community events. Increased profits six-fold over four seasons and generated intellectual property assets and goodwill that drove business sale.

WILDERNESS GUIDES ET AL., New Zealand January 2011–May 2013 Outdoor Instructor for Various Adventure Activities Guided single and multi-day kayak trips into backcountry. Assessed risks in changeable environments. Acted with decisive leadership in emergencies to solve unexpected challenges and ensure client safety.

ASSISTANT TO THE TALENT EXECUTIVE, Washington, D.C. 2009–2011 Independent Contractor Managed multiple artists' schedules for televised live shows in high-pressure environment. Organized performer's security clearances and effectively communicated high-profile talent movement to Talent Executive. Shows included: Mark Twain Award Honoring Will Ferrell, Gershwin Prize: Paul McCartney, TNT Christmas in Washington, 2010 NFL Kickoff Game in New Orleans, and We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: STUDENT UNION BOARD, Washington, D.C. August 2010–December 2010 Hospitality Coordinator Managed the talent side of concerts and large productions at American University.

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR (CA-17), Washington, D.C. February 2009–June 2009 Congressional Intern Attended legislative briefings and compiled research on certain agenda items. Composed letter drafts to government officials and constituents. Led tours for constituents through the Capitol building.

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

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BAR ADMISSION WASHINGTON, September 2021 EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington June 2021 Juris Doctor, Top 33.3% Honors and Activities: Washington Law Review, Associate Editor-in-Chief, 2020-2021 Concentration in Law, Business and Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Technology Law Society, President Jack R. MacDonald Scholarship Recipient CALI Award for highest grade in: Civil Procedure, Autumn 2018 and Legal Analysis, Research and Writing, Spring 2019 1st Place Foster Business School Venture Capital Investment Competition, 2021; 2nd Place and Entrepreneurs' Choice Award, Venture Capital Investment Competition Mountain Regionals 2021 UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, Auckland, New Zealand June 2018 Master of Arts in Politics and International Relations, First Class (Highest) Honors Thesis: Framing water: How media framing influences cognitive responses to water policies in the United States Honors and Activities: Faculty of Arts Master's Thesis Scholarship Award recipient, 2017 - 2018 The University of Auckland Political Marketing and Management Network, Founding member AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C. December 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Study Abroad: John Cabot University, Rome, Italy Spring 2011

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

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As a new resident of Los Alamos, I am interested in contributing to the community and finding an outlet to apply my legal skills. I am an attorney with experience in environmental law, research, and science communication. While I have started my legal career in corporate practice, I have a background in environmental research and intend to focus my future efforts on systemic strategies to fight climate change. I would be excited to apply this prior experience to contributing to the Los Alamos community through the Environmental Sustainability Board.

**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.)**

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I am interested in the work the Board has done on the Climate Action Plan and would be eager to contribute to the publication. I am capable of translating technical legal and scientific information for interdisciplinary audiences. I previously worked at the intersection of environmental law and science communication theories during my master's degree at the University of Auckland. As a researcher, I investigated relationships between agricultural intensification and fatal drinking water contamination outbreaks in New Zealand. I became fascinated by the media's role as a civic educator for environmental issues. For my master's thesis, I created a unique experiment to test the effect of media framing and political heuristics on public understanding of environmental laws. This research drove me to co-publish an academic study on media framing of the U.S. Clean Water Act. My academic publishing experience will allow me to articulate clear written guidance for climate stakeholders and develop educational programs for the Los Alamos community.

**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.**

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No

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

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I was the lead researcher and co-author for a book chapter on media framing of the Clean Water Act. The following is the citation: Rebecca Paley-Williams & Maria Armoudian, The Quiet Dismantling of the Clean Water Act: Media Coverage of the Clean Water Rule, in ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND RESPONSE IN SOCIETY: EXPLORING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SOCIOECOLOGICAL RELATIONS (Monalisa Chatterjee & Ekaterina Svyatets eds. 2019).

**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?**

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I am available for the monthly meetings that I was told were approximately 4 hours. I may be available for additional volunteer time, schedule permitting.

**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?**

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No

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**General**

**Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list dates and department.**

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**Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate name and relationship.**

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**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?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.**

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

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Yes  No

**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?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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