

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 Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.

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.

David _____ E _____ Hanson _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address _____ Suite or Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

email from Mr. John Gustafson

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.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Development Advisory: Submitted

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

I would like to help draft better county codes for streets and sidewalks.

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

Retired scientist: LANL Theoretical Division.

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?

yes

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.)

I would like to see that county codes are rewritten to be inclusive enough to ensure public safety and quality of life for county residents.

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

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?

no

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us



County Manager's Office Community Development Advisory Board Interview Questions

David Hanson
Applicant's Name

CDAB
Board or Commission

Sara Scott
Interviewer Name

2:30PM/ Nov 3, 2021
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 x ZOOM
 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	<p>Describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>He has degrees in physics and worked at LANL in T Division for 26 years. He also served on an advisory board to LANL's technical library to provide input as it transitioned to providing online journals. He has edited a Wikipedia page regarding his research interest topic and updated the page to provide the most current results. This serves as an example of his writing skills – he enjoys writing and has significant experience.</p> <p>Additionally, he's had discussions with folks in the community over the years regarding code issues and has an interest in this topic.</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/Commission you applied for? [<i>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>]</p> <p>General community issues of concern are housing and health care – would like to see more availability in White Rock and updating LAMC as needed. It would be good to have smaller more cost-effective clinics.</p> <p>He has had experience with observing nuisances in White Rock and interaction with code enforcement folks – his experience has been mixed. Code enforcement has been extremely useful in answering phone calls and questions and discussing shared concerns. At other times he has had a concern regarding bushes at high/face level on the sidewalk creating potential safety issues and at times these took a while to be addressed. A current concern is folks walking/running in the street and what might be done to minimize this possible continued safety issue. He feels the code could be stated more clearly – it can be somewhat uneven in the level of detail considers a better way to state to best achieve goals.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>In serving on the LANL technical library advisory board he saw the utility of having these kinds of boards. They are a very good idea.</p>
4	<p>What skills do you possess that you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members?</p> <p>He feels generally he can listen and tries hard to do that. He is a decent writer with a lot of experience. He also appreciates the need for communication at the appropriate level to whatever the target audience is.</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>He would like to play a role in writing the codes and has ideas on how this could be done. He feels it would be helpful to sit down with folks that will interpret and enforce the code and get clear on the purpose and intent first, then work to clearly communicate what is important.</p>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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>On the library board the participants were scientists with experience in using the library and how things could be improved. This led to important improvements on how the library moved forward through the transition. Felt this was overall was an enjoyable and productive use of his time.</p>
7 7a	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Describe your knowledge or understanding of the County’s property maintenance code.</p> <p>He is not familiar with the Charter. One problem with the nuisance code is that it seems to be hard to enforce the code with some in the community. CDAB could help find a way to help the county work with folks to help make sure code compliance is done.</p>
8	<p>What are the elements of a good neighborhood?</p> <p>Cleanliness and orderliness of neighborhoods is important. No junk cars on the street.</p> <p>White Rock does a good job of taking care of the town. The city crews that take care of streets do a fantastic job of cleaning and patching the streets. There is generally good visibility at intersections. He realizes this is somewhat unique to our town. Affordable housing is also important.</p>
9	<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, he would like to do this.</p>
10	<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>No. Would like to be sure of what the requirements are for backing up information.</p>
11	<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&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p>No.</p>
12	<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>
13	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Question about when meeting occurs so can make sure doesn’t have conflicts.</p>

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County Manager's Office Community Development Advisory Board Interview Questions

DAVID HANSON
Applicant's Name

Board or Commission

JOHN GUSTAFSON
Interviewer Name

Nov. 3, 2021 2:30 PM
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 ZOOM
 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	Describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>Physics degrees. Retired LANL. Advisory Bd to LANL technical library. Found it useful and enjoyable. Editor for Wikipedia.</i>
2	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>Housing. Health Care (in LR especially). Interested in weed mgmt. Had good interaction with Enforcement years back. This is a safety issue. Codes are broadly stated with some specifics (e.g. 18")</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>From Library Advisory Bd., astonished at how useful it was. Looking forward to spending time on CDAB. Good idea.</i>
4	What skills do you possess that you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? <i>Listen - I try hard. Good Writer. Appreciate need for communication</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>Like to play some role in writing codes. Need to sit down w/ people in interpreting & enforcing code. Include <u>intent</u> in the language of the code.</i>

6	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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>↳ library advisory board. Our experience was key to what we offered. Served as liaison between library and technical division.</p>
7 7a	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Describe your knowledge or understanding of the County's property maintenance code.	<p>↳ Somewhat circumscribed. No way to force action.</p>
8	What are the elements of a good neighborhood?	<p>Affordable housing! County crews fantastic. Overall cleanliness and orderliness. We take it for granted. That's unique. Not every neighborhood in state can claim that.</p>
9	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>Yes - but how bad are they?</p>
10	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>No. Is there a standard for computer backup?</p>
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County Manager's Office

Community Development Advisory Board Interview Questions

David Hanson
Applicant's Name

Community Development Advisory Board
Board or Commission

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Interviewer Name

11/3/21 - 2:30 PM
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 ZOOM
 Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. Degree in Physics, Advisory Board to LAWL Library, Wikipedia editor, knows code issues → Rubber Elasticity
2	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.] healthcare? weeds and overgrown vegetation sidewalk obstructions
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? believes advisory boards very useful; great idea
4	What skills do you possess that you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? good listener; technical writer
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? would like to help in code re-write, meet with staff to discuss

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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 style="text-align: center;">Library Advisory Tech. Board; CDAB</p>
7 7a	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Describe your knowledge or understanding of the County's property maintenance code.</p> <p>Not familiar, enforceability questions.</p>
8	<p>What are the elements of a good neighborhood?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">nice streets; intersection visibility; maintained houses, cleanliness, orderliness</p>
9	<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 style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>
10	<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 style="text-align: center;">No</p>
11	<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&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
12	<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> <p style="text-align: center;">Time Commitment Issues? - No.</p>
13	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scheduled dates for meetings?</p>

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