

Los Alamos County Council 2024 State Legislative Agenda

Statement

Los Alamos County supports legislation that will improve the lives of New Mexicans, honors our culture, and increases the effectiveness of our state and local governments. Below are specific focal areas that Los Alamos County has identified for the 2024 Legislative Session. This does not preclude the LAC Administration and Council from supporting or opposing other legislation on an ad-hoc basis.

Support

- a. Legislation that improves access to behavior health and availability of medical professionals in New Mexico.
- b. Legislation for environmental improvement for New Mexico in concert with County priorities.
- c. Legislation that would improve educational outcomes of New Mexico students and improvement of schools' abilities to meet educational goals.
- d. Full and/or increased funding for projects to reduce risk of wildfire in New Mexico.
- e. Enhanced infrastructure funding for all New Mexicans, and increased infrastructure funding for communities participating in the Los Alamos Regional Strategic Partnership fund.
- f. Capital outlay funding to complete the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Project (\$7 million) and Fire Station #4 (\$6 million).
- g. Legislation to protect certain utility usage data from disclosure under the New Mexico IPRA.
- h. The 2024 priorities of NM Counties and NMML.

Monitor

- a. Tax reform that directly impacts Los Alamos County and/or its ability to serve its citizens.
- b. Distribution of federal funds to address serious infrastructure needs in Los Alamos County and throughout the state.
- c. Legislation to amend the Anti-Donation Clause of New Mexico.

Oppose

- a. Changes to the state school funding formula that would adversely impact Los Alamos Public School District.
- b. Proposals that would reduce the County's net receipt of general GRT or other revenues.
- c. Limits to H-class or Home Rule authority.
- d. Preemption of existing County duties or authority.