
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 the Board of Public Utilities, please contact Jamie Kephart at 505-662-8132.

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.

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First Name

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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

Attachment B

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Past Service on CDAB

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.)

Current CDAB term expires 8/14/19

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Development Advisory: Appointed

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

I served on the CDAB for the past year. I would like to continue to assist in the development, implementation, and enforcement of reasonable property maintenance codes to strengthen pride of property ownership in Los Alamos County. I hope to combine the knowledge gained over the past year with community input to develop fully informed CDAB recommendations to the County Council regarding property maintenance codes.

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

During my year of service on the CDAB, I participated in the review of ongoing notices and section-by-section analysis of the current ordinances. I also did extensive research on ordinances in other municipalities, which I shared with fellow Board members. In my professional career, I worked for 10 of my 22 years at Los Alamos National Laboratory as Chief of Staff to senior management, participating in both programmatic and operational activities. I also served on a Lab-wide policy review committee, working with organizations responsible for developing institutional policies to resolve comments and concerns from organizations affected by those policies.

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. I am retired and have time available to continue to serve on the CDAB.

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 apply the knowledge gained over the past year on the CDAB to help assuage the tensions among the County Council, County Government, and the public through the development, implementation, and enforcement of fair and reasonable property maintenance codes. I would also like to explore the use of community awareness events and volunteer resources for those in need of assistance in maintaining their properties.

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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.

During my service on the CDAB this past year, I interacted with Board members, CDD staff, Legal staff, and the County Council liaison on matters related to Board activities.

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. I am a single-family property owner in Los Alamos County.

If you have any questions please contact Andrew Harnden at 505-662-8122 or andrew.harnden@lacnm.us