

Dear Ms. Gurule and the Los Alamos County Resiliency, Energy and Sustainability (LARES) Task Force Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my interest in participating on the LARES Task Force as an appointed community member. First and foremost, I commend the County Council on moving forward with this important action. As a current member of the *Waste, Consumption, and Natural Resources (WCNR) subcommittee* of the LARES Task Force, I have been able to contribute to the initiative within specialty areas and I hope to add value at a broader level.

Overall, I recognize the opportunities and challenges faced by the local community with respect to advancing sustainability and resilience. Complex social-ecological dilemmas demand creative solutions. This begins with innovative ideas, cooperation beyond divides, and committed leadership. With the unique history and many positive attributes of Los Alamos, it is easy to develop blind spots; a comprehensive inventorying of both assets and vulnerabilities must be done toward a reduced carbon footprint and more effective circular economy.

My professional and personal objectives which have involved building more sustainable communities and addressing environmental injustices would be a resource for this initiative. In particular, as a technical professional with strategic planning, brownfields revitalization, stakeholder engagement, and problem-solving experience at Los Alamos National Laboratory, I respectfully request to be part of this process.

In summary, I am an active member of the *LA Racial Equity and Inclusivity Task Force* and I strive to support cohesive approaches for improved quality of life for all. I am committed to continuous learning and community service; and I hope that I can further support the LARES Task Force in achieving its goals. Many thanks to the LA County Council and Selection Committee for your kind and thoughtful consideration of this letter.

Very respectfully,

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"There are certain villages and towns, mountains and plains that, having seen them, walked in them, lived in them even for a day, we keep forever in the mind's eye; they become indispensable to our well-being" - N. Scott Momaday