
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?

County Health Council : Submitted

Leslie		Wallstrom
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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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?

32.5 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

From the Chair, Lisa Hampton

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.)

Community Service

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

Board member previously: Little Forest Preschool, Dance Arts Los Alamos, PTA at Mountain Elementary and Aspen Elementary, Maternal and Child Health Board in Los Alamos, Los Alamos High School Advisory Committee, League of Women Voters, Self Help, Inc. (Chair of the Board), Lutheran Advocacy Committee (State-wide Board), assisted Lutheran Family Services (Albuquerque) with gathering supplies and coats for new immigrants to New Mexico in 2024, several church committees Current Boards: League of Women Voters, Board Vice-President, assisting with fundraising at the Los Alamos Historical Society, several Church committees

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

International Relief and Development work in the 1980's and 1990's - wrote grants to establish inter. public health projects in Africa, Asia, and Haiti. Technical writer for LANL, Grant writer for several nonprofits in New Mexico including PMS, Los Alamos Family Council, Los Alamos Family YMCA, NM Health Policy Commission

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

B.A. - International Relations, Stanford University Masters in Public Administration - University of Washington Have taken numerous classes and workshops on nonprofit management through the Santa Fe Community Foundation, Los Alamos Community Foundation, and other sources.

Interests & Experiences

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

I have a background in international public health and community health, including behavioral health, through my various jobs and educational experiences. This Board is dealing with health issues in Los Alamos County and is currently implementing its recent County Health Report, which interests me. I would like to help implement the plans outlined in the County Health report along with other motivated volunteers and staff.

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 help identify any obstacles to implementing the County Health Report recommendations, and then identify strategies to overcome them. I think I can help to ascertain what is most urgent to pursue and what could be dealt with later, as priorities are examined.

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.

I have met the County Councilor Randy Ryti through the League of Women Voters. He and his wife are involved in the LWV. I met Lisa Hampton through the League of Women Voters in 2024.

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

Active participant on various Boards in this community - leadership role in assisting with fundraising and administrative efforts. Professional experience with public health information, data, and analysis and also with local statistics related to health, crime, employment, and demographic info. through extensive grant writing. Ability to examine and interpret budget and financial information.

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

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?

I do not foresee any issues that would interfere with my involvement on the Health Commission. I am retired, so have no financial interests in various local public and private entities at this time.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list dates and department.

Leslie Wallstrom

ATTACHMENT B

Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate name and relationship.

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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.

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

☐ 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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Leslie Wallstrom
Applicant's Name

County Health Council
Board or Commission

Randall Hylt
Interviewer Name

May 12 2025, 4p
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>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>Do have some public health experience. Lived in Africa and did some health related projects there. Been involved in local non-profits. Worked for Family Council and Family Y, volunteer for many others, such as Self Help. Have written grants and served on many boards. Aware of needs based on grant writing. Member of maternal and child health council.</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? 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.]</p> <p>County. Lack of housing and affordable housing. No retail shopping, could be related to affordable housing. Health council. Building collaborations, many are regional. This will be a huge challenge. Each jurisdiction will have their own approaches. Mental health services also a gap. How do you attract more therapists? Deal with stigma? Building a facility? Education?</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Most have dedicated concerned citizens who volunteered. Some have budgets, but provide County Council an idea of what's on people's mind. Boards have public meetings so that people can speak up.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Need to have the time to study the issue and an open mind. I have both of these. Need to get the information first. Some administrative skills can be helpful. Need to be able to work with groups in the community and northern NM. Wrote grants for the Espanola teen center for the Family Y so understand the issues and subcultures. Need to understand US health care system.</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>Depends on the task, but always open to meeting to discuss. Get to know the staff involved. Open to meeting new people and discussing issues.</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>Self Help. Worked with Maura Taylor and with the board moved this organization into 21st century. Held a huge gala & fundraiser event in 2019. Hired a replacement for executive director. Served on LWV fundraising committee, and improved the local budget. First VP for LWV Los Alamos. Been to a lot of workshops at SFCF and LACF and these apply to County boards.</p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>No</p>
8	<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, definitely</p>
9	<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>Not a problem</p>
10	<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>
11	<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>n/a</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Opolod settlement funds. ~\$800k in funds to date, allocated to social services, developed a plan based on input from police, courts, and schools, then had plan reviewed by Health Council and approved by County Council. Does anyone have a MPH? Not currently.</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Leslie Walstrom
Applicant's Name

County Health Council
Board or Commission

Lisa Hampton
Interviewer Name

5/12/25 4:00 pm
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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. A lot of public health experience. Maternal and child health projects in West Africa. Lived in Sudan. Currently and previously involved in local non-profits: YMCA, Self-Help, and Family Council. Experienced in grant writing at local, federal, and international levels. Still in touch with Family YMCA. Serve on several boards. Much experience and understanding with the needs of Northern New Mexico and Los Alamos. Maternal and Child Health Council.
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? 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.] 1. Lack of affordable housing in the County. No retail shopping, so few small businesses. 2. Greatest issues for the Health Council from Comprehensive Health Plan. Plans for building collaborations on a regional basis—Santa Fe and Taos. She thinks that will be a huge challenge, because each city and county have their own ideas. Also challenges in developing services to deal with mental health problems—i.e. therapists, stigma in treatment, mental health facility in the area. Therapists booked up all the time. Publicizing other aspects of health care programs—getting the word out to the community.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Pay attention to local issues. Each of the groups have concerned citizens that participate. Some commissions have more power and clout. It's important to have committees to understand what is on peoples' minds. Important to get public input.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Some of the skills she does possess. Need to have the time and need to have an open mind about issues. Do not take a policy stand until you have considered the input. Administrative—tracking tasks and some budgeting skills. Work with various groups within community and the region. Wrote grant for YMCA, Espanola Teen Center. Needed to know the culture of the teens and the sub-cultures. Understanding about the American Health Care System.

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? Understand the task and work with staff to get to know them and work with them. Very open to meeting new people and talking to them. (Social Services has positions as Case Coordination and Health Care Specialists and Homeless Outreach.)
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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? Self Help Board worked with a younger high energy, helped to bring the organization into the 20 th century to update systems and processes and ways of implementing policies. Put together a huge gala event + fundraiser. Hired the new Executive Director of Self-Help. League of Women Voters Fundraising Committee, huge outreach efforts, 1st VP of LA League of Women Voters. Attended a lot of workshops at SF and LA Community Foundation to run non-profits. Know how to get money from United Way and other donor organizations.
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Assume rules for open meetings, taking minutes. Not read, but generally understand requirements.
8	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? Yes. (County encourages training and interfacing.)
9	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? No
10	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? No
11	<i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i> No additional questions.

12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? Asked about whether anyone on the Board has a Masters In Public Health. No Wanted to know more about the County's receipt of Opioid Settlement Funds and the plan to spend it. We sent her Jessica Strong's Presentation on this subject at the September County Council Meeting.
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Notes: Recommend Appointment

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Leslie Wallstrom
Applicant's Name

Health Council
Board or Commission

Jessica Strong
Interviewer Name

5/12/25 4:00pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
X ZOOM
____ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>- International Public Health experience, in Africa - LAFC, YMCA, Self-Help, LA Historical Society - Granddaddy - <u>Mountain Health Council</u> <u>Council & volunteer</u></p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? 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.]</p> <p>- Lack of affordable housing - Lack of retail shopping (small businesses) - Regional work/traffic - More alt buses - Going at it County for medical services</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>- Gives Council an idea of what's on people's minds. It's important as a public forum - Helping people know about services available in our community</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>- Have time to understand issues - Open mind to approach issues - Understanding different cultures - Administrative skills - Working across groups in Northern New Mexico</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>- Open to meeting w/ staff to see what tasks/updates would be needed/helpful (Co-teen center)</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><i>-405</i> <i>@Self-deep lots of experiences</i> <i>- Gala/event planning</i> <i>- Hiring new ED</i> <i>@ non profits</i> <i>- lots of training for non profits</i></p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>No,</i></p> <p><i>that could happen here app CTC</i></p>
8	<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><i>Yes, definitely!</i></p>
9	<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><i>- Did not know, but it is not a deterrent.</i></p>
10	<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><i>- Not a deterrent!</i></p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p><i>Qs about Health Council funding; responsibility to advising County Council; "job description" for CTC mbrs</i></p>

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