

**MainStreet Futures.** Council members assigned for 2025 were Herrmann, Reagor, Ryti. Councilor Havemann will be taking my place on this committee in 2026. We had a meeting in January. There was a recap of the successful accreditation process. Project Y is moving to a different storefront in Central Park Square and will be rebranded as a hub. There is an Arts & Cultural District pilot grant for this year. ScienceFest is being moved to September with a more regional focus. The New Mexico outdoor recreation industry initiative [<https://www.endeavornm.org/>] was discussed. More information on MainStreet is on their webpage (<https://www.losalamosmainstreet.com/>).

**Energy Communities Alliance (ECA).** Ryti Treasurer, Executive Board, Board. There was the monthly Executive Board meeting in January but I could not attend due to a scheduling conflict. Also reviewed and approved invoices and expense reimbursements. The other regular, annual meeting has been the Intergovernmental Meeting, which is organized by the National Association of Governors. This meeting was planned for November 2025, but due to the Federal Government shutdown the meeting has been at least postponed with a new dates June 23-25 2026. Vice Chair Herrmann is planning on attending in my place. Main mission for ECA has been to secure funding for environmental cleanup and productive re-use across the DOE complex. ECA was also instrumental in helping to create the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. More recent initiatives for nuclear energy and interim/permanent geological repositories for nuclear waste. To that end ECA develops documents on relevant topics like a “Community Handbook on Nuclear Energy: Understanding Nuclear Energy and Alternatives for the Future” <https://www.energyca.org/handbook-index> and “Ensuring Long-Term Success: Recommendations for the Next Administration on the U.S. Department of Energy’s Environmental Management Mission.” More information is available on their webpage (<https://www.energyca.org/>).

**National Association of Counties (NACo).** Ryti is one the Vice Chairs of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use (EELU) Policy Committee. Every Councilor can get an account with NACo and this will be useful for seeing of the reports and information available (<https://www.naco.org/>). I encourage Councilors interested in NACo consider joining one of the policy committees.

**Environment, Energy & Land Use (EELU) Policy Steering Committee.** Member since February 2023, Vice Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2023-2024 and Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2024-2025, and one of the Vice Chairs of the Committee in 2025-2026. Successful interim policy statement in support of energy communities infrastructure funding, and changes to platform to clarify support for consent-based siting of nuclear waste. Co-sponsor of regulatory reform interim policy statement. EELU has monthly

meetings with a different speaker each month. The current Committee Chair, Supervisor Mike Turner of Loudon County Virginia has been coordinating speakers on meeting the greatly expanding power needs in both his region and nationally due to higher demand from data center, AI, and the general trend to electrification. The January meeting included speakers discussing water policy in the fire-prone west and a Federal update (minibus passed and state revolving funds are flat but reduced greatly from the IIJA plus up). The February meeting reviewed interim policy proposals planned for the February NACo Legislative Conference. I will be a co-sponsor of the “Proposed Interim Resolution in Support of Maintaining or Increasing Funding Levels for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.”

**Resilient Counties Initiative.** Member in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Attending meetings to hear lessons learned on natural disasters and mitigation planning best practices from around the country. I received a NACo Presidential appointment to this initiative for 2025-2026. Resilient Counties has an ongoing initiative for Rural Energy.

**New Mexico Counties (NMC) Board of Directors.** Elected to represent Los Alamos County in 2025 and that term will expire at the end of 2026. Entire board meets roughly quarterly. We vote to support or oppose legislation prior to and during the State Legislature sessions. Other meetings presentations on topics of interest to NMC and approve recommendations on changes to NM State Law. There are also affiliate groups for County elected officials (Commissioners, Clerks, Assessors, Sheriffs, Treasurers) and some non-elected (e.g., Managers, Attorneys). The next meetings were associated with the NMC Legislative conference held January 19-22 2026. At the Legislative conference Danielle Duran and I coordinated speakers for a workshop titled “Nuclear Energy Opportunities for New Mexico”. It was well-attended with over 50 people present and several questions from the audience. We had speakers representing Los Alamos National Laboratory, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, and the New Mexico Nuclear Alliance. The NMC Board meeting had presentations from the Legislative Finance Committee with the main point is that weak growth in revenues is expected for the next 3-5 years. Much of the surplus had been put into “permanent type funds” that will continue to provide revenues for several State priorities. There was a synopsis of the NMC legislative priorities. IPRA reform might be on the call as a memorial to continue the studies and possible reform. There was another request for Counties to contribute to the Public Lands Institute (our contribution would be \$1000). The opening session of the conference was on health care status, issues, and possible legislative action. A joint session of note was on “A Modern Approach to Law Enforcement and Detention Liability.” Both having and enforcing policies consistent with State and Federal laws was an important highlight of this session. The next NMC Board

meeting was held February 7 to review legislation and vote to support or oppose bills relevant to NMC members.

**New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority (NMCIA) Board.** Appointed to represent Los Alamos County in 2023. One annual meeting for the full board annually. Los Alamos County gets its worker's compensation insurance through NMCIA. The NMCIA votes for members to the Executive Board at the annual meeting. The annual meeting approves the financial statements and gets a summary of relevant legislation. I, along with Ms Laurent, attended the annual meeting on January 20 2026. We were informed of changes to policy regarding leaving and re-entering the pool for one or more policy lines. Lexipol as a source for up-to-date law enforcement policies and detention center accreditation were discussed. There might be an overlap with the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation that Los Alamos Police Department uses. We also got a request from the NMC Executive Director to let them know about any unpaid invoices from the State for housing their detainees in our detention center. See the webpage for more information (<https://nmccountyinsuranceauthority.org/>).

**New Mexico Municipal League Self-Insurers Fund Board of Trustees (NMML SIF BOT).** Elected to Board in 2019. This Board meets roughly quarterly and reviews/adopts updates to policy, receives information on the SIF initiatives, approves financials and rate schedules. We had no Board of Trustee meetings in January or February. We get most of our insurance through the SIF. Los Alamos County was one of the founding members of the SIF. More information is available on their webpage (<https://nmml.org/161/Insurance>); meetings of the Trustees are public, and information packages can be found on the calendar.

**Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSCNM) Executive Board.** The Executive Board has been meeting annually and the CSCNM has been re-structuring as an independent 501c3. Ms Angelica Gurule has been elected to the new Board, and Councilor Havemann will be the Council liaison for 2026. CSCNM has workshops for members and reviews legislation that are relevant to sustainability initiatives in the state. The current focus is on legislation being considered for the 30 day session. See the webpage for more information (<https://www.coalitionscnm.org/>).

**Technical Work Group (TWG).** Monthly presentations and discussion on technical aspects of the environmental cleanup in Los Alamos. Hosted by N3B and EM-LA. I received notice that on January 22 2026 that this group is no longer active.