

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.

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.

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

County Health Council : Submitted

Cecile

First Name

Hemez

Last Name

Middle Initial

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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?

27 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

From the current 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.)

Can you commit to approximately 5-10 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

Community Service

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

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience especially that could apply to this appointment.

Director of Operation at New Mexico School for the Arts

List your current and past education including any professional or vocational licenses or certificates especially that could apply to this appointment.

Master of Public Health, epidemiology concentration (December 2025)

Interests & Experiences

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

I care deeply about the Los Alamos community and have been actively involved in various capacities over the past 27 years ago. With my newly earned degree in public health, I'm believe that I am prepared to contribute meaningfully as a member of the County Health Council.

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.)

As a new member, I would first want to gain a better understanding of the scope of services provided by the Social Services Division, and how the Council can best support the work of the Division. I am interested in efforts to address health inequities in our community, whether they are related to lack of resources, barriers to accessing care, or increased exposure to environmental risks. I am also curious about infectious disease surveillance and preparedness at the county level.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

Yes No

If yes, please list dates and department.

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 this particular Board/Commission or 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?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Salazar at 505-662-8017 or Kelley Vo at 505-663-1750.

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Cecile Hemez
Applicant's Name

Health Council
Board or Commission

Melanee Hand
Interviewer Name

11:00 a.m. 6/12/26
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Telephone
 Remote/Zoom

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, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p>Lived in Los Alamos for 27 years. Raised 3 kids in Los Alamos. Moved from France. Considers Los Alamos Home. Background in Statistics and Social Studies and Masters in Geology. Focused on kids when they moved to Los Alamos. Started working for the Schools as Instructional Assistant doing scheduling and reports. Hired at Santa Fe School for the Arts. Director of Ops prior to retiring. Master in Public Health -- started as non-degree, at UNM. Applied for fellowship And spent 2 months in Nigeria for Surveillance Report in cancer. Graduated in December and then went to Dominican Republic for study in breast cancer screenings. Founding Board of Los Alamos Co-Op, Board of Los Alamos Mountaineers.</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>One way to give back to community with skills acquired. Happy place is data.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>Looked at data comparing Los Alamos County to other NM Counties. One major issue is a availability of health care providers. Majority of Los Alamos has accessibility to most things, but there are still those who can't live a healthy life. Reduce inequities, And interact with rest of State to help region. Challenge related to climate change and heat-related illness. Inequity can show Up in those areas.</p>
4	<p><i>Insert a board/commission specific question here. State issues:</i></p> <p>Lack of resources in State and ranking low for child welfare. Improve more healthcare access in more communities in NM. All health issues that arise from lack of health resources and adequate food. Economic hardship of neighbors.</p> <p>Access issues to households in NM.</p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>Time and attention, and skills working with data. Like working with Boards and teams and collaborative environments.</p>

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>PTO of Aspen School. Other things already mentioned. League of Women Voters.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>Can you work on HC and other related organizations? Yes. What is time commitment? Attending meetings, and additional ops to be involved. Volunteer for outreach table. State-wide Alliance activities and webinars.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Better understand how HC works with County Council. LA Daily Post article on HC roles.</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Cecile Hemez

Health Council

Applicant's Name

Board or Commission

Lisa Hampton
Interviewer Name

6/12/26 11:00 am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Telephone
 Remote/Zoom

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. I have lived in Los Alamos from France for 27 years. Raised children here and was involved in the school system. Prior to LA, background in Statistics and Social Studies (Census Bureau). Full time homemaker. Worked for schools as Instructional Assistant/Data Specialist. NM School for Arts, Director of Operations (IT, Business, Maintenance, Safety). Went through COVID with the school following DOH Guidelines. In-person learning protocols in place and COVID testing. Sparked her interest in Public Health. Studied as a non-degreed Masters in Public Health, for 2.5 years, including a fellowship for cancer epidemiology in Algeria. Organized a surveillance report for Breast Cancer. Internship in DR for breast cancer screening, education, and mobile program. Identified needs and barriers. On Board for Los Alamos Food Coop for 10 years, also Los Alamos Mountaineers, and LA LWV Secretary.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? One way to give back to the community and be involved. Newly Acquired skills would be useful—gives tools related to public health. Familiar with the Comprehensive Health Plan.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Los Alamos county is doing well on many issues, but The availability of Health Care providers. It is a challenge in coming years. Income, food, outdoor activities, is good for most residents, but a fraction of the population doesn't have needs met. And want to make sure that we can help to reduce Working on synergy and working with surrounding counties and work force from out of counties. Challenge related to climate Changes and heat-related issues. Attended Healthy Planet NM. Legislator advocacy.
4	Insert a board/commission specific question here. What do you think are the major health and wellbeing issues facing the State? Changing climate lack of resources and Poverty, Ranking on Child Welfare 50 th to 49 th . Improving health outcome in more remote areas of the state and access to Health care. All the health issues that arise due to lack of economic resources, scarcity of foods or health foods, substance abuse related to generational trauma. State stenographer, census is important for federal funding. NM most hard to reach households.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Anything around data she is competent. Likes working on Boards in a collaborative environment. Public Health and Schools background.

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in? PTO, LWVLA, Mountaineers, many other activities. See Question #1.
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application? What is expected. Attending meetings, being engaged, additional opportunities. Tabling, monthly articles, AHC involvement, food drive, liaison activities.
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel? How do social services, health council, and county council interact. Jessica explained structure for Social Services Division and role of HC and CC, and the relationships. First door is SS.

Notes: Recommend appointment of Cecile Hemez to LA County Health, based upon her interest, motivation, education, and involvement within the community.

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Cecile Hemeny
Applicant's Name

LACHC
Board or Commission

Jessica Strong
Interviewer Name

Fri 6/12/2014 11am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Telephone
 Remote/Zoom

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- League of Women Voters / Co-op Montañeros

*- Algeria
- Global Health - Donor
- Masters of Public Health*

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1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p><i>- Has lived in Los Alamos for 27 years, moved from France</i> <i>- Background in geography / statistics / equivalent of Census Bureau ^{French}</i> <i>- Worked in LAPS - data specialist / NM School for Arts Dir of Ops</i></p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p><i>- Strong sense of community + willingness to serve</i> <i>- Use of analytical tools in public health (SSPH)</i></p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p><i>- Access to food / outdoors / other positives - but who doesn't have access to these resources - how can County / SSD reach all people</i> <i>- Climate Change issues</i> <i>- Interactions w/ all other</i></p>
4	<p>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</p> <p><i>- What do you think are the major ^{health} issues in our state? countries to benefit everyone</i></p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p><i>* Lack of resources; poverty; child welfare; climate change; food insecurity</i> <i>- Data analysis needs</i> <i>- Interest / expertise in public health</i> <i>- Substance use + generation trauma</i></p>

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - League of Women Voters - Mountainview group - PTO - Healthy Climate NM - Los Alamos Co-op Board
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there ^{additional} expectations beyond the regular meetings? - Liaison / other comms / other opportunities
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do the different pieces work together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSD - CHC - County Council

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