



Police Station Lion Sculpture- Community Opinion Survey

Survey Results  
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Q1. Which lion sculpture design do you prefer?

Number of votes per option:

|                              |           |
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| Option A: Daniel Borup       | 16% (71)  |
| Option B: Jocelyn Russell    | 58% (260) |
| Either design is acceptable  | 4% (20)   |
| Neither meet my expectations | 22% (101) |

Q1.a. What most influenced your preference between the two designs?

Number of votes per option:

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| Differences in the lion’s expression or personality                                              | 41% (256) |
| Differences in sculpting style, texture, or detailing                                            | 12% (73)  |
| How well each design conveyed the intended themes (strength, courage, protection, and vigilance) | 22% (135) |
| My overall visual impression                                                                     | 18% (113) |
| Other                                                                                            | 7% (46)   |

Text Responses:

- Policing without aggression.
- Less aggressive appearance, yet still conveying strength. Something that I feel is especially important at this time.
- Concerns about the tail in the Jocelyn Russell sculpture being more at risk of damage
- The roar portrays danger, conflict, fight, anger, and force. The calmer lion portrays strength, protection, fierce but calm, and watchfulness.
- Price including installation
- Watchful but not menacing
- Height of second off the ground
- The first design is frightening! Think of children looking at the sculpture.
- Artist reputation, regional exclusivity, not aggressive
- Liked both favor B
- Both are beautiful; however, I prefer the darker mane of Option B.
- Strength without overt aggression
- I like the lion posed on the pedestal and the overall length of the installation
- Price
- I like that it is on the ground instead of a pedestal.
- Price includes installation. Also prefer original and unique design.
- Overall preferred the posture of Borup's lion. And worried that the tail on Russell's would be susceptible to breakage. That said, I liked the non-roaring aspect of Russell's lion better.
- The fact that it is already created is also a factor.
- I like the mane better
- B shows more strength, protection, courage and vigilance while A shows some aggression.
- Female artist
- The Russell lion appears resolute and dignified. The Borup lion appears to be roaring at nothing in particular, which does not convey any of the intended themes.
- Considering the recent murders of 6 American citizens, and the injuring and false charges brought against hundreds more, by ICE, I feel the roaring lion is way too aggressive.
- closed mouth conveys more protection and vigilance, less aggression
- It’s elegant.
- Jocelyn is world famous artist and is a cousin to myself and the Houlton family who have been in Los Alamos since 1963
- I prefer the proposed installation design (sculpture mounted above ground level). It represents a vantage point from which the lion can protect his pride.
- Option B less apt to frighten children.

Jocelyn is my first cousin

Female artist!

The piece by artist Russell is uniquely majestic, not just a standard lion statue you see anywhere

Daniel's fits with the other statues nearby better.

Stature of the presentation represents a \*calm\* strength, which is needed in the current political climate. The other statue is wonderful in its own right, but to me would not be suitable to be placed in front of the police station.

Direction the lion is facing in placement and size. B is too big

The sculptor's background and research.

Option A: is too aggressive as it roaring. This is not a good theme for community policing.

More details

I don't wanna think of the police as an out of control lion.. symbolically there's a clear choice to be made here

I like the closed-mouth lion design better (than the roaring one)

This one looks noble and strong not aggressively roaring..

It is cheaper

The tail of the other option looked dangerous and will possibly break off.

The plinth makes Russell's lion appear to be larger, which seems appropriate.

I liked that Jocelyn studied lions in Africa. I think it is more realistic and I don't like Daniel's scary lion face. I think it will scare children and make them not want to go into the justice center.

Want to support women artists, don't like the lion's snarl in the first one, too aggressive

Q1.b. Why did neither lion sculpture design meet your expectations?

Number of votes per option:

|                                                                               |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| The style of the designs did not appeal to me                                 | 14% (18) |
| The proportions or overall look of the lions did not feel right               | 2% (3)   |
| The level of detail was not what I expected                                   | 1% (1)   |
| The designs did not reflect the character or symbolism I associate with lions | 7% (9)   |
| I am not interested in this project                                           | 20% (26) |
| Other                                                                         | 56% (72) |

Text Responses:

- I question placing a lion much less one roaring in front of Police Dept.--seems very random and unfriendly.
- I don't want my tax money funding this. I'd like it to go to improving the ice rink.
- I understand the interest in using lion imagery, but I would much prefer to see it be a mountain lion, native to New Mexico. In fact, I would also ask that the APPB members consider using a New Mexican artist for this project.
- Waste of tax dollars.
- Waste of taxpayer money when the aquatic center can't even maintain decent showers.
- I would prefer a sculpture of our native wildlife like a mountain lion. It fits in better with sharing things that are part of our area.
- Don't waste money on this project
- The proposed \$55,000 fee could be better spent elsewhere in Los Alamos
- Waste of resources!
- African lions don't reflect the NM experience. A mountain lion would be more appropriate.
- What does an African lion have to do with Los Alamos or anything in New Mexico? It looks like a foreigner, ridiculous, a zoo lion, a circus lion. It's inappropriate. It doesn't fit. Like a giraffe or elephant.
- This is a waste of taxpayer money
- I think an other design (such as a German Shepherd dog, or a regional cat such as a mountain lion, would be a more appropriate art piece for the police department
- Why are we putting a lion at the police station? I think the symbolism is off-target. Let's get something closer to "protect and serve"?
- Price
- An African lion does not belong in New Mexico. A mountain lion would be awesome.
- We don't have any African lions around here. It doesn't fit the environment. How about some squirrels or ravens?
- Not a good use of public funds
- In modern world filled up with violence, the symbolism in sculpture which is next to the Justice Center should evoke desire for peaceful creative constructive life protected by law which was made by nation. E.g. add a figure of child(ren) doing something enjoyable/creative to the current assembly of metal nation representatives.
- Why not a mountain lion instead of an African lion?
- Seems to large
- We should pick an animal native to New Mexico that can exhibit these values.
- Why an African lion rather than a mountain
- ¿An African lion?
- I think that a lion sculpture might be a mountain lion? That seems to be more appropriate for our mountain locale , why an African animal???

self aggrandizement by cops is not an appropriate use of public money

This isn't Africa.

Why are you not considering a mountain lion? An African lion seems completely out of place.

Why a lion?

The sculptures are high quality, but an African lion is not in keeping with the character of Los Alamos, NM, or North America in general.

yuck -- looks like spending \$ because we can

This is not Africa

Keep it native/ NM. A mountain lion?

No context to Los Alamos or NM

Both artists seem exceptional, but subject (African lion) seems severely out of place for New Mexico

I don't think lions have anything to do with New Mexico in general, and this project seems like a waste of money. Why not something that represents the community that the police are supposed to protect instead? We HAVE mountain lions, so why a random african lion?

I'd prefer a mountain lion statue but if a proposed lion statue is important and significant to our local police, then I prefer option B. I value and respect our local police.

Why a lion? That has nothing to do with Los Alamos or new Mexico!

An African Lion on display as a symbol of the Los Alamos Police Dept. The artists aren't even from New Mexico. Are you kidding me?

Too expensive

This is a joke, right? LAPD doesn't even write traffic tickets. Why not just give the chief a "medal" like they gave the cowardly lion in the "Wizard of Oz"?

I think this is an unconscionable waste of taxpayer funds, completely unnecessary and has NOTHING to do with Los Alamos.

This should not be an African lion

An animal local to Los Alamos would be more appropriate - bear, cougar, fox.

African lions do not have any connection to the police department. There have never been African lions in Los Alamos.

Wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars

I believe that a representation of community, order, and peace is more appropriate. I don't see a lion as communicating the role that police are to play. Heroism, roaring, and chasing game on the savanna are not what we should be displaying. LEOs aside.

a mountain lion would still symbolize the same values while keeping the sculpture local and relevant to actual civilians not just the PD

Lion makes no sense for this county. Why not native wildlife? Elk or deer I would suggest a mountain lion but the county already has one.

Local wildlife. African lion? Talk about pretentious.

Not created by a New Mexican artist

how about a mountain lion??

I do not want lions in front of the police station.

Police should spend their time and money enforcing traffic laws, especially for the morning and afternoon commuters.

no Lion, use a big seated Teddy Bear, instead.

Local wildlife and NM artist please

It should be of a mountain lion, a native species, rather than an african lion.

We don't need art at the Police Station

Both are ugly

Why are we spending money on this? Will it attract small business? I think not.

Why are artist's outside of NM being considered?

A lion? Really? Makes no sense. At all. Very out of place here. Also, are they really that flush with budget that they can spend 55K on an out-of-place sculpture?

I don't want an African Lion statue in Los Alamos.

If an animal is chosen, it should represent local wildlife

I think a mountain lion would be a better fit. It's local wildlife that would still convey the same symbolism.

This doesn't represent the local community. Also, why are we spending more money on sculptures instead of a weed wacker to clean up the sidewalks and medians around town?

Why a lion? Why not a mountain lion or something representative of Los Alamos? Something that lives here. A mountain lion. An eagle. A hawk.

It’s intimidating and dangerous

Why a lion? Shouldn't it reflect our town or state?

Why lions? Why not something representative of New Mexico, such as mountain lions or bobcats? Further, why not elk, bears, deer? These lions, especially by Jocelyn Russell, are well done, but not appropriate for Los Alamos.

This option for art doesn’t reflect our community.

Why are at spending money on this?

**Q2. Do you have any additional thoughts or suggestions you’d like the Art in Public Places Board to consider about either design (style, scale, visibility, placement, etc.)?**

Text Responses:

Make Smaller - more realistic size

Not another life size, bronze sculpture in the collection. Maybe a wall hanging or some other type of representation of a lion.

I would like to see this sculpture on a platform. I liked both but the mane is much prettier on the Daniel Group.

The roaring lion may be intimidating to young children.

No

Terminare art in public places and lower property tsxes

Not sure if it requires the elevated plinth or not, but I feel it would be just as effective without.

Neither design appeals to me on the basis that they are African lions, not North American.

I like the pedestal to help prevent the public climbing on it.

While I don't really care for the concept much, I suppose it's actually more important that the police like it.

No

How do you prevent potential vandalism such as breaking off the tail?

I would like to see it on a raised base rather than walkway level.

The second lion seems to have a friendly, vigilant expression which is more compatible with police presence. The combative expression of the first one isn't ideal.

It would be wonderful to support a New Mexican artist instead

Flip the design so that the head is facing towards the pond.

for A - the gait seems odd but I've never studied lion gaits; the price for A is better as it includes installation.

Spend the money on maintenance, like at the aquatic center, rather than grandiose displays.

NA

NA

It would be nice to have a solid foundational piece for the sculpture.

Too bad no NM sculptor choice.

N/A

Bob Cat

Don't waste money on this project

Commission local artist instead of hiring someone else!

We’d like to see more sculpture that corresponds to where we live. Lions done live here, although we get the symbolism. The lion sculpture we chose has a kinder demeanor, which offers less aggression

You are doing a good job already

Option B is much more majestic and regal. It conveys the image of a protector much better than Option A.

Having it roaring looks like it is yelling at me :(

I assume this was explored but I’d love to see a more local artist. It could also be cool to use a mountain lion to make it more locally-themed, though I guess there is already a mountain lion in the roundabout by north Mesa so maybe that’s too repetitive

No

To me option B says protection, A says fear us.

Too much money for these Sculptures

Since we have mountain lions in our community and in our mountains - a statue similar to a local mountain lion could be appropriate. I actually do not like the sculpture by Borup as it is over the top aggressive. Option B by Russell is too tall. I think go back to the drawing board! If we have to have a lion, let's have a local mountain lion. Something more friendly would be better - a marmot, a beaver, a deer. (elk seems too big).

Keep it local. Don't use an African lion. If the police want a lion as a model, use a mountain lion of the species native to Los Alamos County.

A mountain lion or bear, or anything that relates to the Jemez Mountains would be more appropriate.

Be prepared for kids climbing on it like the elephant one.

This doesn't make a better police force or a better community.

Style - in my opinion, a roaring lion all puffed up (option A) seems a bit aggressive in this political climate, especially with the controversial landscape and views of the public against police officers. Not saying it's right, just pointing out the growing schism between the two groups.

As stated above, I personally feel a lion sculpture feels silly and unrelated to police work. Some other form of animal artwork that more appropriately reflects either the work of law enforcement or our local fauna would be a more appealing art piece for our area.

Quiet strength

Stop spending my hard-earned tax dollars on frivolous purchases!!!

I like art in public places, but let's not do this one.

Option B has (to me) a more regal/noble pose. Option A has a more aggressive posture (snarling/roaring) that suggests "warrior" more than "protector." It definitely gives more negative vibes--especially when combined with its location/purpose.

I think it could be bigger

Lion a looks aggressive. Lion b looks protecting

A sculpture with a wide open mouth will probably get stuff put into the cavity.

No

Unsure why a lion is being considered for this town. Maybe a bear, elk, coyote, etc. I feel there are more important things that could improve the town beauty than just an art structure of a lion.

In my opinion the brick base in Option B is a nice touch that blends well with the building facade.

Couldn't we repave Central through town instead, which would benefit everyone.

Consider placement of native bird sculptures around the County

I like how Option B is pictured up on a platform, and I hope this would be incorporated regardless of which option is chosen! It makes the lion look more heroic and proud.

Why are the sculptures SO expensive???

Option #2 shows more strength and alertness.

Don't like the open mouth of the other option. Any concerns about the durability of the tail? Seems like people may climb on it or something.

Pick something more relatable to the area.

The first one is way too aggressive

Both are beautiful but for a sculpture embodying the police ethic, the Russell piece conveys calm and vigilant protector. In today's social context, I gravitate toward this more than the roaring lion, which could impart more a feeling of aggression.

Spend our taxes on infrastructure

No

I think it should be a mountain lion, not an African lion.

No

I think a local animal makes more sense

Jocelyn Russel's sculpture appears noble, powerful and protective

Number two is majestic and noble like Aslan

The lion by Borup looks just plain mean. Please don't pick that one. The one by Jocelyn appears beautiful and could function well as any public art display and I think it should be placed prominently where the public will see it often.

Less aggressive lion is more appropriate

Spending taxpayer money on such things is a waste

Why are we even considering a lion? What is the connection to LA? Dragons and mythical creatures seem more fitting than a lion.

The crease between the fore-thighs and the body on Borup's sculpture seem far too pronounced -- it looks like the legs are only attached to the body at the very top.

I would like the lion sitting or laying down because the standing lion looks unsafe

The artist should be a New Mexican.

A mountain lion makes sense. An African lion seems out of place

I like the permanence of this art. it's longevity.

I vote against this plan as a whole

Open mouth, to me, seems aggressive. After ICE raids, I don't think it's a good luck for good neighborhood policing.

Cost of installation

The Borup sculpture is beautiful, but I think it appears aggressive and even possibly scary to little children. The Russel sculpture is more regal and dignified.

I believe the lion belongs with the officers memorial.

What do you want to communicate about LAPD? Option A looks scary, fierce, antagonistic, aggressive. Option B has an aura of power and strength. I also get a sense of loyalty and protection. I think the expression of the lion makes a tremendous difference on the perception of the local police force.

I honestly thought it might be of a Mountain Lion since we have them in our backyard.

How about a local mountain lion (Puma concolor)?

Option A looks angry – – we don't need that. Option B: not sure the base needs to be that high. Consider a lower base or none at all.

Scaled Fat Man and Little Boy out front of the Bradbury Science Museum. More of our special history.

We shouldn't be spending taxpayer's money on this

A looks like it's on the attack. B looks like vigilance and protection.

this idea was dumb from the start and it's embarrassing you even considered it ... even if the cops needed a statue, a lion has zilch to do with los alamos, new mexico, the united states, north america, or the new world. for pete's sake.

Why spend the money on this? We need more everything, and this is wasteful.

How about a cheerful-looking, local species

Why are you not considering a mountain lion? An African lion seems completely out of place.

Maybe something more relevant

N/A

Stop wasting our tax dollars... especially on dressing up the police station!

Option B is more disciplined - strength without needing to bared teeth

A Mountain Lion or cinnamon bear would be better choices if a powerful animal statue is desired.

My thought is that this is a waste of money. Put the money towards helping people either in Los Alamos County or northern NM.

The piece by Jocelyn Russell has a presence of personality, strength, elegance as well as proportions and just very visually pleasing.

Should there be seating in the near vicinity, e.g., for ceremonies?

Keep it native/ NM. A mountain lion?

Mountain Lion instead of lion from another continent.

Both sculptures are really nicely done and beautiful. I am a little concerned about the safety of that tail sticking up on Jocelyn Russells piece. I can just imagine some kid, or adult, trying to hang on it.

Can Daniel Borup's sculpture be on a pedastal for the same budget and can his lion have more of a patina like Jocelyn's?

Design needs context to our town

Consider mountain lion or other NM native wildlife symbol (like a bear?). In a time when native wildlife habitat is increasingly threatened, it makes more sense to support icons that represent NM's priorities with wildlife conservation and habitat improvement.

Expression

Make it bigger!!!!

while a traditional symbol - it's a bit aggressive in the current LEO environment.

A is way too aggressive for this purpose

The cost could be used to support several smaller projects.

Not sure

Maybe suggest a pedestal for Option A for a grander and more formal scale. Also, might get fewer scratches on the lion.

While both designs are very good and well executed, in my opinion the Russell design better conveys what I believe the community wants in our police force—alertness, vigilance, and a readiness to faithfully serve.

Why didn't you choose a mountain lion.

What about a local mountain lion instead of an African lion?

Get rid of that obnoxious, rusted POS at the entrance to overlook

The roaring lion looks fierce and aggressive, not what I'd like for the justice center. How the other one looks feminine with so much mane I don't know, but it doesn't look real.

If you're going to place an art piece, please make it relevant to the community rather than an animal that seems to be intended to boost police department egos?

No

B gives power and authority and protection

Jocelyn's lion is majestic.

Why in the world does the police station need a \$55,000 statue!? Where will the money come from? How will the statue help the police better-serve the public!? How about investing those funds in tools that can advance police efforts in aiding the public, i.e. drones, thermal cameras, night vision optics/cameras. People hike the hills and canyons around Los Alamos and it's only a matter of time before someone goes hiking and doesn't return due to injury or emergency reasons. Searching canyons and hills require a large amount of people power and takes a great deal of time. A camera mounted on a drone plus a competent operator could be searching up and down our hills and canyons in both daylight and after dark. A drone and a competent operator could provide timely information concerning localized fire outbreaks near our various housing areas which could prove beneficial in helping PD develop and implement evacuation plans. In the event of an actual crime involving a fleeing suspect, the drone and competent operator could provide officers on the ground with valuable information regarding a suspect's location and current activities. Another thought....how about providing the PD with some teddy bears for their patrol vehicles. These could have the PAC-8 logo on them and be given out to young children in conditions of extreme stress. How about sponsoring some child car seats to be handed out parents in-need? These could also have the logo on them. Just a few things \$55K could help with. A metal lion, hmm....how could it help the public? How could it help those who have been sworn to "serve and protect"? How does it make the community better? Yeah....nothing comes to mind right away. One thing is for sure....there'd be another dandy statue for new-hires, interns and tourists to go around and see during their walking tour of the city while local art aficionados could pat themselves on the back for having contributed to a lion being installed just outside of our local Cop Shop. If the money is free and clear and doesn't come from the tax rolls, and you absolutely have to have a lion outside the Cop Shop so those in Blue can feel good about themselves, then go for it. Otherwise, is it really necessary?

Why not a mountain lion?

Do we have money to waste on useless figures in front of public buildings?

Replace the design with something Northern New Mexico: Coyote, Cougar, Local Native Art design. How about something with color? How about active Geometric moving art?

Why not a native mountain lion?

If we're going to get a lion statue (which I don't agree with in terms of design at all) It's more appropriate to have one with an expression more of "protecting" rather than roaring. In my opinion having a lion roaring outside a police station is a terrible decision based on current law enforcement in the news injuring the public who they're supposed to protect.

The County should NOT spend taxpayer dollars on art, which will not bring tourists or small businesses to the County. The County has actual problems that this money could help to address.

How about something that reflects the community or the region? A lion? Seriously? The board must have been slipped some of the drugs that the LAPD ignores coming into the community. Why so literal? Why not something from a New Mexico artist? This symbol feels a lot like classic overcompensation for the broad shortcomings and insecurity of our tiny-town police department.

Fix the roads and add artistic value with trees

The first one seems more aggressive, the second one is stoic

I don't think the statue is necessary, and a mountain lion more appropriate

Besides preferring a female lion for their more consistent protection to the community- this statue should be placed on the Ashley Pond side of the Justice Center. I can't tell from the description where exactly it's planned to be located. It will be wasted if not in a space where the public can interact with it.

Why is this a priority rather than basic human needs, infrastructure and affordability. It is an insult and embarrassing.

Honestly I don't really love either one, but I'm fine with the lion concept.

Select North American mountain lion options, then present those to the community.

The expression in Option A is far too aggressive. LAPD is not ICE!

no

Something more representative of NM or made/designed by a NM artist would be preferable

ATTACHMENT B

The roaring lion sends the wrong message -- to me, it reflects the chest-thumping attitude of some law enforcement officers, who escalate situations, often leading to tragic consequences.

Have more patrols checking on the statues we already have. People put bunny ears and santa hats on the mountain lion, sunglasses on Oppenheimer. It destroys the look.

Keep art in public places relevant to the venue.

More functional are like artistic benches, ramadas, and art that fits our town in a rocky mountain theme.. This lion does not seem to fit our town. The justice center already has a silhouette type art sculpture that is of first responders and this is very fitting.

What does a lion have to do with policing or justice? Why are our taxpayer dollars being spent on such a frivolous, unnecessary lawn ornament?

The police decided on the design. Well, that's rather self serving.

Have option B face the building and a little smaller

I like how the lion by Russell is depicted on a platform to make it higher and more visible. Please keep that aspect.

Russell's has better use of color (i.e. not monochrome). It also has better expression. Borup's version is aggressive and intimidating and implies violence; Russell's conveys strength and wariness, but is calm and observant. I sincerely hope that the department doesn't see Borup's sculpture as being an accurate representation of their feelings toward the community. People are already wary of cops and the justice system - an \*\*\*\*\* lion out front isn't likely to engender warm feelings or make going to the building any sort of pleasant experience whatever side you're on. Either way, it's a pointless 50k statue only meant for people to feel something going in the building. Russell's is a pleasant enough piece of art, and appropriate for a democratic institution. "\*\*\*\*\* lion" sums up my thoughts of Borup's sculpture.

No

considering where we live, how about a mountain lion?

Yes, an apex predator is not appropriate especially in a town trying to boost tourism. Serve and Protect!

mountain lion, please!

I don't want the police thinking of themselves as an out of control lion. Therefore, the lion that seems in control of itself is more appropriate.

I wish the lion's mane were not so dark.

Local wildlife, such as a mountain lion, would better suit our community

Option 2 shows a cat which is curious and assessing their surroundings, oOne is cat which is already angry and reactive. I think that's a better role model for police work.

I like the dignity and strength it portrays.

No

I like both sculptures! I prefer Russell's where the lion isn't roaring. (The police don't need to roar at us!)

No statue is appropriate. Efforts need to be spent on upholding traffic laws.

Use a Teddy Bear

I would prefer neither. A lion is trite. We have a beautiful endemic mountain lion in the collection. This is not the mission of the art collection. The police department should not be projecting such blatant aggression. Hence if one is selected it should be the less aggressive expression of Jocelyn's. I expect the committee to dig deeper for symbolism in this political era.

Why a lion? Reminds me of Las Vegas. Local wildlife would be much more appropriate. Mountain lion, bobcat, elk, deer. There has to be a NM artist that can create something beautiful. Support in-state artists.

This is not a good use of taxpayer money

Should be of a native species.

Maybe we need to back off on the number of statues we have in LA County. \$55000 is a lot of money (plus installation) and could be used for any number of other projects. Remember the statue at Meadow and Overlook Park in White Rock? Didn't that cost a lot of money to install and it was put up only because it was taking up too much room in storage and no one wanted it in a prominent spot? Was it donated by some rich dude who was upset it wasn't being shown? Not even sure what it is. Murals are easy, can be changed, are colorful and can be part of a theme. We have a lot of wall space and owners could be encouraged to allow for painting a mural that is classy and temporary. \$55000 could also spray a lot of weeds, thistle and other invasives, playground/play lot updates, a shade structure over the splash pad in White Rock, seems you only want to consider statues, which are permanent. A lion statue is nice, but African Lions are not native to this part of the world? So the cops can have their picture taken in front of it? Does the county have so much money that they feel they have to spend it on Statues of non-native wildlife?

Don't place it at the police station.

I like the realism of the open-mouthed lion its posture could convey more aggression, too. This is likely not a value that the police department or our county wants to convey.

It seems a bit strange to install an African lion here even if it is a traditional symbol. How about a mountain lion?

Put art where people gather in town. This would be better served at Smiths or Starbucks or downtown.

A lion in front of a police station is an oxymoron

This is a waste of money.

We have enough art, we need businesses!

Interactive art (mostly things that can be (and are meant to be) climbed) could be interesting. Dinosaur park on barranca mesa is a more kid-oriented example, but maybe there is something more refined that someone can come up with - especially something large enough for adults to use for exercise (pull-ups, monkey bars, etc)

Yes please look at Sean Benally, Ryan Benally, George Rivera or Kenneth Johnson, Cliff Fragua or Adrian Wall

Local wildlife would make sense

I would have preferred an animal that is native to New Mexico or at least the Southwest instead of a lion.

Consider a puma or raptor, and hire a NM artist.

n/a

Keep it local and match the local landscape and culture.

The placement. My opinion is that Art in public places is for the public. The public does not visit fire stations.... It is only a location for staffing. This project is inappropriate use of Art in Public Places projects. Focus should be to beautify mainstreet area: park square area/ the library/other locations in LA County including White Rock.

This seems more appropriate for the security and protection aspects of the police, and reminiscent of European depictions of those qualities!

I feel that the second one is more stable and steady looking. We don't need "roaring", we need steady.

If you put the lion statue on a pedestal, it will be up high and children might not be able to climb on top of it. Or if they do climb on top of it, they could fall and hurt themselves. Consideration should be discussed about putting it at ground level versus on a pedestal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

A statue of a native New Mexico Mountain Lion by a local Sculptor would be preferable.

I'd rather you spend the money on strengthening the police presence and enforcement in this town. Kids are dealing drugs at Ashley Pond in plain sight. Cars are drag racing on West Road. People speed constantly in this town. And how many DUIs are they not catching?

The lion is not a show of strength, it's intimidation, aggressive and has nothing to do with Los Alamos

No, thank you.

Is there a design with the platform and the lion laying down. What is the history of the lion? Any symbolism with the lion?

Why an African lion?

How sturdy is option B's tail?

Please do not do a sculpture. Instead do a painting on a safety wall along Ashley Pond open area. Last year during the summer concert season we put up a cement safety wall which I think was very important for considering the state of our country/world and the spotlight on our town due to the Lab mission. Some community members put up a stink saying that it showed we were living in fear but I disagree. I think the Art in Public places board should consider making a beautiful mural safety wall as a tribute to the police department. Also it will help when little kids are running wild and free around the open space to be mindful of not crossing into the Main Street. Even paint some Lions on it. I think that is better money spent than on a Bronze statue.

The lions looked boring and uncreative. Try someone interesting

Love the ferocity in option A!

Both designs are very good. Option A is a better value. The 55,000 includes the price of installation.

I am not in favor of a lion at all. It is not a species and is almost comical in our surroundings. Leave the lions in front of the New York museum please. If you want a lion, then why not a mountain lion/cougar/puma/panther?

I chose option A, but in the picture it looks small. If you could scale up it about 3x that would be much better! If he could also add like brown or bronze or different metal colors to the major parts of the lion that would be great.

Choice A is aggressive. Choice B is much more regal, dignified and powerful.

Police force should be calm but alert, steadfast and strong, not snarling.

I prefer Jocelyn Russel's design as her sculpture evokes quiet strength.

NM artist, NM or LA interest and themes, expectations of being interacted with by kids and families.

I don't understand the concept of a lion in this part of the world. It does not represent New Mexico.

It's dumb.

Police need to be calm, strong, and levelheaded which I feel Ms. Russell's sculpture conveys. The roaring lion makes me think of intimidation and violence which is not what I support in law enforcement personnel.

While both statues are attractive and well sculpted, I preferred option B (Russell) due to its sense of quiet strength and vigilance. The lion appears vigilant and calm, ready to act if necessary. Option A (Borup) is caught in mid roar, and gives the impression of aggression. The roar indicates an animal that is attempting to draw attention to itself and make itself the focus. Since this sculpture is supposed to represent the Los Alamos police department, I would prefer a sculpture that symbolizes that the department is a quiet protector of our community, ready and waiting to spring into action if needed, but not one that needs to be in the spotlight when working, and not one that feels that noisy aggression is the best way to keep us safe.

Lion mouth open feels aggressive - do not recommend that in front of police station

Why spend money on this?

Q3. How well did this survey give you the information you needed to choose between the two lion sculpture designs?

Number of votes per option:

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| I had all the information I needed     | 78% (339) |
| I had most of the information I needed | 15% (65)  |
| I had some of the information I needed | 5% (20)   |
| I did not have enough information      | 3% (11)   |

**Q4. If you felt information and/or specific questions were missing, what could we have provided or explained better to help improve this survey?**

Text Responses:

n/a

Everything was fine.

Just hoping you'll consider a New Mexican artist and a native species.

I'm late in the issue. The limits of the universe of discourse are too constrained.

How is the tail going to be protected against kids jumping on it or teenagers vandalizing it?

Nothing

Yeah, better ways to spend taxpayer money.

NA

NA

Why local or regional artists weren't selected per mission statement

Only thing Lion though King of animals we do not have in our country. Mountain lion we do have already in Roundabout at Barrancamesa. A Black Bear is nice with Mom and Cub. We know Smokey Bear ( reminding Forest Fires)' is actually chosen as the bear cub was saved in our New Mexico. I think Lincoln and I visited long ago. Los Alamos is prone to Forest Fires we had twice. I hope you will consider my thoughts Thank you

None

NA

The information was researched. But lack the local aspects! I think proposal would be better received if a local sculptor would be used!

Not Applicable

Are there other options or is it set on one of these two?

If the final decision is to commission one of the two proposals, I'd have to lean towards Jocelyn Russell's model.

How much is the installation cost for second loin.

There was enough information.

Why was an African lion selected in the first place?

N/A

STOP SPENDING MY HARD-EARNED TAX DOLLARS ON FRIVOLOUS PURCHASES!!!

Nothing.

What motivated the idea to purchase a lion sculpture?

Information about the artists

n/a

Can't think of anything.

Whether or not there were other viable options that should have been considered and included in the vote.

Why a lion? That makes as much sense as putting in a porpoise, sea turtle, or sea slug. The baby elephant at Ashley doesn't make sense either. I like the trifoil (or whatever it is called) better. If you can't find a local animal, choose something abstract.

Na

None of the above should be a choice

I would have liked to see more examples of their work to be sure that they could complete our statue.

Why is the choice so limited?

how did you come up with a lion? Did the police department have any say in the statue? too bad no NM artists were in the running.

Add more general view of the place, please.

None

I bet current technology would allow the presentation of a "3-D" version of the sculpture that the viewer could manipulate (rotate, zoom, etc.). The assemblage of smaller images was not great for studying details.

Date of completion / delivery of sculpture. Cost of installation for Ms. Russell's sculpture.

Regardless of the preference of the LAPD, why are we spending county money on a sculpture that associates our centralized law enforcement location with a predatory animal?

Cost? Sizes?

How will this benefit the community?

inherent strength without aggression.

Vote No on both options

how much installation for the Jocelyn Russel lion?

I think more could have been explained about how the Arts Committee came up with just these 2 options.

The police department requested the lion as the symbol - were all officers and leadership polled, or only a few in upper management decided this was the right path? I am slightly disappointed there wasn't consideration of a local animal representation.

Maybe, opinions before drawings...

What is the thinking behind a statue of an African lion? Perhaps a trip to the New York Public Library- Main Branch? Watching too many episodes of the PBS show "Between the Lions"?

I would like to know why this project was initiated and where funding is coming from (private donation or fund vs taxpayer dollars).

None

No.

Again, why????

A question specifically asking which animal or figure we propose. The facial expression should positive unlike many angry-looking sculpture and paintings out there.

Total cost. Timeline

N/A

How about a question that reflects whether a statue is an appropriate use of our dollars simply to dress up a building.

I'd ask whether the APP is pending money on things the community cares about

Make it difficult from other Police stations. Give this mountain city a mountain lion.

The pictures could be higher resolution. I would like to look at all of the views in more detail and when I zoom in they are pretty pixelated. It also gives some information about the artist but I would like to read an artist statement, or what the artist said about their piece and why they made the design choices they did.

Why does Daniel Borup include installation in his budget, but then why does Jocelyn Russell not include installation in her budget? Who would be installing Jocelyn's sculpture and for how much and where would that budget come from? Why wouldn't installation be included in each budget? Shouldn't an installation requirement be stated as part of the Call For Art? Why doesn't Daniel Borup have a pedestal but Jocelyn does? Is the pedestal included in Jocelyn's price or is the budget for a pedestal coming again from another budget and where is that money coming from? Shouldn't the pedestal be stated in the Call For Art if the Police Station/Selection committee wants it?

Anything that is more relevant to where our town is located

Most of the info

local artist connections? process?

There wasn't a choice for: none of the above....

No

Information was provided to help me to decide—brief artist resumes, costs, etc. From the description of Russell's sculpture, it sounds like it's a copy of an original work. If so, is it a limited edition; x of y copies? Also, if it is indeed a copy, what does "regional placement exclusivity" mean? It's a broad statement that can mean anything. Lastly, the plaque identifying the sculpture should include the x of y version in addition to the title and artist.

Put a halter on the countu council and quit throwing money at every brainfart idea Theresa Cull has!

Who decided on an african lion? If we're picking random non-New Mexican creatures, why not a walrus or something else equally irrelevant to our community?

Nothing missing.

Think of new Mexico. A lion is associated with Africa!!!

You could have explained where the funds were coming from (if you did and I missed it, then I'm sorry) and you could have mentioned who thought this was a good idea and what's the impetus behind Art In Public Places.

Where does the funding come from?

Didn't detail the cost.

Who is getting paid off to buy this African Lion? What does that have to do with Los Alamos and the LAPD?

Why we (LA county) has chosen this art to prioritize.

It would have been nice to know the reasoning behind this ridiculous selection of choices and about what other options were available.  
Why not something from a New Mexico artist?

Why is the county wasting tax dollars on this junk? Fix the issues with local businesses, rent and the traffic from poor road planning first.

The location of this statue would determine my overall support for the project.

Deplorable!

These are the wrong choices to begin with.

Price

IDK

More info on each lion - an African lion?

The African lion idea is goofy and inappropriate.

How about sculpture relevant to police service? A police person providing assistance?

I guess I feel that art in public places has a budget to spend on art, but they don't seem to have a good feeling for what fits the natural look of Los Alamos. Rocky mountain animals like elk, bear, bobcat, fit well. Trees like ponderosa, things that fit into the surrounding and lifestyles of those living here. Art from local pueblo artists would perhaps be more fitting. Art that is also functional like enhanced benches, picnic tables, ramadas would seem to fit better. This web page has ideas for benches, but you could probably find some that were more fitting for our rocky mountain environment. Something that is art, but also would be used around the pond, or other local parks like overlook, urban, at mitchell trailhead, etc. <https://www.aongking.com/aksculptures/art-deco-bench-with-arms/> thanks for asking our input

When was anyone given the choice of ANY sculpture let alone a lion? This is the stupidest idea yet from a county that never met a dollar it couldn't spend.

Don't know how finalized these designs are or if they can/will be adjusted after the feedback is received

n/a

Why a lion is it symbolic? Need to explain weird choice.

Community should have been involved earlier, prior to down selection of only two options. Frankly, I'm surprised a roaring lion made it to the last round. Do better.

Earlier public support

Why you haven't chosen a New Mexican artist

Who is paying for this? If taxes, I prefer no lions and then lower my taxes accordingly.

This survey barely works on a smartphone. I cannot see what I am typing.

None

None

There are no lions like that in this community. I'd rather see traffic enforcement.

Other designs, Teddy Bear

Should have included the mission on the art in public places board. As a former chair I knew it. The board apparently caved to the police department without providing guidance.

ask us whether or not a sculpture should be put up in the first place?

Seems like the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Perhaps a narrative from the artist, explaining the lion's posture, etc. would be beneficial.

The ART in public places committee should better explain why we need to spend 55k on hunk of metal that few people will be seeing.

Why a lion??? And if a lion why 2 that are basically identical??

I think this was easy. The facebook people are straight dumb for not reading this and making dumb comments

Too many businesses have literally been run out of town. The vacant store fronts are really sad. This is crazy.

Do relevant art instead of totally random stuff like a lion. Or functional art that can be touched or played with. Enough statues and paintings!

Why are artists from outside NM being considered

Why did the arts committee choose a lion

Nothing was missing

Nothing to add

n/a

Elevating Ms. Russell's lion and not Mr Borup's lion may have distorted the comparison.

Why is Los Alamos County looking at art from out of state? County should look at Art from New Mexico artists in order to appeal to be a more well rounded arts and cultural community.

Nothing, the pics did it!

Not applicable

A neither try again option would be good.

I really like and appreciate the arts and sculptures in Los Alamos. And I'd never thought about commenting on them, but this is so out of place, I had to say something. What's the purpose of this sculpture? Why are we spending \$55,000 (that's a lot of money) on something that's not vaguely representative of our town or our police department. Not to mention, Santa Fe and Taos are some of the best known art capitals of this country. Why are we going out of state? There are some world class sculptors in Santa Fe. Mostly, I really dislike the lion and don't really understand what a lion has to do with anything related to New Mexico or Los Alamos PD. Let's focus on relevance. I'm sure people will look at this and think, "huh? what?"

Who in the heck would want this monster representing their community? It's distasteful and ignorant of this community's kindness and compassion. It's a disgrace.

N/A

What is the history of the lion? Any symbolism with the lion?

Why was a lion chosen and not a mountain lion or a Lobo or a local protective strong predator animal? Lions are not native to northern New Mexico and seem out of place.

8K

Curious if both options would be completed by the same deadline.

Yes. First question should be: Is a lion an appropriate animal in this community and especially the police department. Perhaps a Porcupines would be a better representative.

Nope

None.

Why a a lion? Where are the 55k coming from? Why do we need one in front of the police station? (We have several in Ashley Pond which are more visible than the police station. How about doing painted murals or something over the bridges on Diamond Dr.?

You gave us two representatives of the same African animal. Who chose these designs, and are we committed to one of them? Why were local animals not represented in the choice?

Some close up photos would have been nice

The survey was good.

Where the funding would be sourced from

