

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?

Historic Preservation Advisory Board: Submitted

Irene _____ L _____ Powell _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt _____
Street Address

_____ NM _____
City State Postal Code

_____ Email Address

_____ Home: _____
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?

35 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

At recent Historical Society event

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.

Parks and Rec Board Aquatic Center Advisory Council Municipal building site selection
Leisure Pool committee

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Mary Walz Attorney's office 10 yr Betty Ehart Senior Center-Volunteer coordinator

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

BS in Biology from Baylor U. National Ski Patrol, 14 years at Pajarito Mt

Interests & Experiences

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

Have always supported the interesting, unique history of our town with donations as well as volunteer work at Los Alamos History Museum. Served on the board of Historical society.

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.)

Make sure our historic buildings are preserved or disposed of properly and in timely manner.

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.

No

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

Volunteer with Manhattan National Park office in town, volunteer at History Museum, particularly weekly in Bethe House.

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?

I will do my best.

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?

No

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

Yes No

If yes, please list dates and department.

9 mo in 2000 to register homes for putting utilities underground after Cerro Grande fire

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

LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Irene Powell
Applicant's Name

Historic Preservation Advisory Board
Board or Commission

Patrick Cruz
Interviewer Name

May 20, 2026, 10:30am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally *me via phone*
 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.</p> <p>35 yr in LA. Interest in Hist. - Hist. Society 2 terms on Parks + Rec. Board, Aquatic Center board</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board?</p> <p>hist is important, visitors' interests.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board?</p> <p>Buildings, dorm, Mppr. historic homes Council/Board switch over. writing interests, building consensus</p>
4	<p>What criteria or factors would guide your determination of what is historically significant versus what could be altered?</p> <p>Little Theater furnace example impactful features, if safety concerns ADA compliant.</p>

5	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?
6	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board?</p> <p>Vocal, advocate of hist use local + learned experience open to different ideas. fully committed.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>none</p>

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2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board?</p> <p><i>History is important; live around the corner from Women's Down & near Ogdenheimer House. Love talking to visitors. Want Bldgs preserved.</i></p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board?</p> <p><i>The buildings (Women's Down, Oggy House). Trees MPNP - writing up WANK to preserve bldgs behind the fence. Preserving bathtub row, lodge looks good & rose garden fence. T/O of Council; getting everyone on same page; funding</i></p>
4	<p>What criteria or factors would guide your determination of what is historically significant versus what could be altered?</p> <p><i>Some people's idea of history/importance is different. Did it make an impact? Have historical significance? Two heads better than one - committee decision. Public safety, ADA compliance are important.</i></p>

5	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>Docent at museum for ~ 30 yrs. served on Historical Society; PRB; Aquatic Center Board; Ad hoc committee for Munic Bldg Director of Volunteer program at Betty Ehart for 9 yrs. Used to have horses at stables (some historic bldgs out there).</p>
6	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board?</p> <p>Outspoken, bold. To use my experience of living in WA for 35 yrs. We are a unique community - don't like bringing in consultants who don't know our community Look at whole picture before making decision. Open-minded, flexible, give learned not to take things personally. I don't get angry. 150%</p>
7	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Advisory to PRB - Council Historic walks next week?</p>

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Table with 2 columns: #, Question/Documented Response. Contains 4 rows of interview questions and handwritten responses in blue ink.

5	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>(2) Parks + Rec Board. Historical Society. Ad Hoc committees. 35+ Museum 30+ years. Aquatic Center Advisory Board. Municipal Building Site.</p>
6	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board?</p> <p>Outspoken, Bold, not afraid to speak up. Committee Experience. Community Understanding. Open minded / Flexible. Does not take things personally.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>No.</p>

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