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CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2022 via Zoom

(Please have this newsletter handy for the Annual Meeting.)

Calendar

April 5	Special Legislative Session
April 21	Annual Meeting — Zoom, noon to 2:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch with a Leader — Liz Martineau• LWVLA annual business meeting
April 28	Board Meeting — Zoom, noon
April 30	LWVNM Council — LWVCNM Office in Albuquerque, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch with a Leader: Liz Martineau

For Lunch with a Leader on Thursday, April 21, our leader will be Liz Martineau, the outgoing Executive Director of the Los Alamos Historical Society and Museum. Martineau grew up as an army "brat," developing a love of cultures from around the world. She received her undergraduate degree from Kansas State University and also has a master's degree in Instructional Leadership. She landed in Los Alamos in 1986 and was enchanted by the

natural landscape and deep history of the region.

Martineau spent the first part of her career teaching K-8 in Kansas, Española and Los Alamos. In 2005 she moved into the "informal" education of the museum world. She worked as an Education Specialist for the Bradbury Science Museum, where she operated the Science on Wheels education program, established the Science Ambassador program to train LANL scientists to communicate with the public, and started the Community Educators group. She was also the head of a group that hoped to open a charter middle

school in Los Alamos called Polaris. She has spent the last three years leading the Los Alamos Historical Society, which is currently developing the interpretive plan and preparing to open the Oppenheimer House to the public.

Martineau will talk about her recent work with the “Oppenheimer” movie crew! She is a graduate of Leadership Los Alamos and has served on numerous non-profit boards and

committees. Her 35 years in Los Alamos have been dedicated to education, community service, and community collaborations. With her husband, Gordon McDonough, she owns the traveling Mathamuseum. They take their unique blend of science and art to schools and community festivals.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

President’s Message: Does *Civil* Disobedience Work?

The issue of *civility* has made me think about why I find it a useful concept when making political decisions.

It’s always interesting to know the origin of words. *Civility*, as one might suspect, is based on *city* and *civil*, so it’s connected to creating laws for a *city*. I enjoy how many words are related: *citizen*, *civilian*, *civilization*, *civil* law, *civil* liberties, *civil* disobedience. All these words and the ideas they represent are worthy of exploration in themselves, but I’d like to think about how women’s right to vote resulted from many women who took the idea of *civil* action and sometimes *civil* disobedience seriously as a means for effecting change.

Some of the suffragists’ ideas were based on the Quaker belief that “There is that of God in every man,” meaning Blacks were equal to whites and women were equal to men. Three of the four most influential suffragists were Quakers: Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul. Quaker pacifism meant that one would disobey unjust laws, but in a civil way, keeping the respect of those who were the oppressors.

An interesting example is Susan B. Anthony. Most of her activism (which included support for the abolition of slavery, temperance, equal rights, even equal pay for men and women) consisted of giving speeches, writing articles, founding a magazine of protest called *The Revolution*, and organizing her fellow suffragists into the Equal Rights Association.

Anthony was “disobedient” largely to the extent that she was highly criticized for being a woman speaking in public; she estimated that she gave 75 to 100 speeches a year. Many of these were unwelcome: when she opposed slavery, she was greeted by hostile mobs; her effigy was hanged and dragged through the streets.

Her most public act of civil disobedience was voting in the presidential election in 1872 (along with 50 other women), for which she was fined \$100 — equivalent to over \$2,000 today. She refused to pay, and the judge declined to prosecute her.

Alice Paul was another Quaker organizer, famously of the Silent Sentinels, a group of over 2,000 women who protested in front of the White House six days a week, dressed in white and carrying banners such as “Mr. President, How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?” The Silent Sentinels were ultimately arrested for “obstructing traffic” and faced the 1917 “Night of Terror,” where they endured force-feeding and beating.

Happily, for most of us here in 2022, political participation doesn’t require such drastic action, nor do we face such unjust opposition. For people who do face unjust opposition, I admire those who manage to practice *civil* disobedience successfully.

Becky Shankland

Welcome, New Member!

Bev Cooper has been a long-time Friend of the League, but now she has joined as a member. Here's her introduction:

I have supported the educational branch of LWV for a long time, but decided to join this year as there are so many issues affecting women and the country in general that I support, such as reproductive rights and voting rights. These among others are being challenged now and are in serious jeopardy. However, I have always appreciated that the League exposes us to people representing all sides of an issue, leaving us free to make an educated decision.

I have lived in White Rock since 1974, when my husband came as a postdoc. We were supposed to be here for only one year, but that has turned into many. I worked as a teacher at the Los Alamos Public Schools and at Sage Montessori School and, lastly, spent fifteen years at Mesa Public Library, two years in circulation and the other thirteen in the children's area where I did story times, music programs, displays etc. I retired about seven years ago when my husband retired from the lab so we could travel, which we have done extensively. We have been to eighty countries and do amateur photography in each place.

We have learned so much from our travels and realize, although we are different, many of our values and hopes and dreams for ourselves and family are the same. Because of Covid, our travels have been curtailed, but we are hoping to resume soon with our fifth trip to Africa in April.

I am also a Master Gardener and do a garden in the garden across from Mesa Public Library and do work in the White Rock Community Garden as well. I am an avid reader and belong to four book groups. I am on the council of AAUW as publicity. In addition, I volunteer for Self Help where I call needy people on Mondays and do in-takes so they can be helped to get through tough times.

It makes me feel so grateful for what I have. I am delighted to join your wonderful organization.

Becky Shankland

What Is "HB 2 Junior" or "the Junior Bill"?

We often hear the term "Junior Bill" when the Legislature is considering the budget. HB 2 is the legislature's budget bill. HB 2 Junior is the "junior" appropriation bill of the House. How does it work?

When there is greater than expected revenue, each legislator is given a pot of money they can allocate to specific entities or agencies. Funding has to be allocated to a government entity, although a specific purpose can be specified.

This session each senator got \$600,000 and each representative got \$360,000. The pot of money for each chamber is the same, but, since there are 42 senators and 70 representatives, the per legislator amount is different. One half of each legislator's allocation can go to one-time expenses and one half can go to recurring expenses.

This year the HB 2 Junior bill was SB 48. It started in the Senate and then went over to the House, where they added their allocations. It then went back to the Senate for concurrence.

For the first time, the Governor vetoed the HB 2 Junior bill, saying the process was not transparent. In the special session the legislature will identify each legislator's allocation and fix some technical issues the Governor raised in her veto message. It is expected that the allocations in the original HB 2 Junior bill will remain substantially the same.

A good example of an allocation that is relevant to Los Alamos is a \$50,000 recurring allocation to the Department of Health to be used to contract with the Los Alamos Health Council.

Dick Mason, LWVNM Action Chair

March Lunch with a Leader: Los Alamos County Broadband Manager Jerry Smith

The March Lunch with a Leader featured Jerry Smith, the county's new Broadband Manager. Smith fell in love with New Mexico in college, started visiting regularly in the summers (including getting chased into a lake by a bear!) and eventually settled here. He's worked in Information Technology (IT) for nonprofits and schools, installing 500 miles of fiber for K-12 schools across the state.

Smith reviewed what "broadband" means: speed requirements vary, but the latest USDA grant requires a guarantee of 100 megabits per second for both downloading and uploading. Los Alamos would need improvement in both the "middle mile" and the "last mile."

The middle mile, for Los Alamos, is the fiber optic link "off the hill." We only have one internet feed now, which is less resilient, and the lack of competition leads to higher prices. The last mile is the part that goes to each household. Right now, most of us use old technology: DSL or cable. Our two main "last mile" providers are national companies, and Los Alamos is a small fish to their big pond, so we're not seeing any investments by them. There are other technologies, like satellite, that are more appropriate for remote rural areas. There's also wireless from fixed towers; they're using that technology in the Española Valley. But Los Alamos should be looking at fiber to the home. Redinet, LA Public Schools and the County IT already have fiber, so we should start by expanding that.

What about 5G, as on mobile phones? High speed 5G goes only short distances, so it requires towers very close together. Around here, if your phone says "5G" it's probably low-band 5G, using the same towers that are used for 4G.

Work on the middle mile and the last mile needs to progress simultaneously. But how should we fund it? At the federal level, there's BEAD: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment. New Mexico's share is \$133M.

But it's hard for Los Alamos to qualify; we're better off than more rural parts of the state. There's other broadband funding available from USDA, NTIA, Commerce, Treasury, and the FCC. There's also \$70M of state money, maybe more. We'll need a combination of federal, state, and local funding.

Smith discussed some of the broadband legislation that passed in 2021: HB 10, which our Rep. Chandler cosponsored, and SB 93, plus SB 377, which created that \$70M of broadband infrastructure funding. In 2022, Rep. Chandler's HJR 1 passed. It proposes an exception to the Anti-Donation Clause in the state constitution to make it easier for the state to partner with private companies for infrastructure improvements. It will be on our fall ballot, and Smith hopes the League will advocate for it.

Smith's work is ramping up. For the last mile, Council just approved his proposal to take a ten-year old County plan and work with a broadband consulting company to update it on a nine-month timeline. We should see surveys soon. The goal is to have an RFP that is "shovel ready" when it's time to apply for grants. For the middle mile, he's talking with Santa Fe County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, LANL, and PNM regarding getting a second internet feed off the hill. He expects LA Net will have a role to play in the middle mile, and maybe in the last mile as well.

There were questions about the ownership of our current link off the hill (Lumen, another name for CenturyLink); what speeds Los Alamos residents currently see (the last study was ten years ago, it's probably changed, but we need a study to find out); how residents can help (there might be a citizens' advisory committee formed at some point); how quickly we need to act to get state or federal funds (Smith predicts it'll be a year before applications are available for federal funds, but the state is already busy and might accept applications as soon as April. It's not clear that we can act that fast).

The final question was whether information about current providers -- particularly the speeds and the cost -- could be made available

so that residents, especially newcomers, can comparison shop. Smith said the surveys done by the consultants will be publicly available. There are a lot of anecdotes, but we need real data, and maybe user reviews too.

Akkana Peck

Observer Corps Reports – County Council

----- February 28, 2022 -----

This County Council Special Session was conducted remotely and was available via Zoom. It was a joint session between the Los Alamos County Council and the Los Alamos Public Schools to discuss three separate shared projects. Council Chair Ryti began the meeting by expressing a need for civil discussion, saying the chair would be cutting off unacceptable speech.

The first project discussed was the design and evaluation of sites for a Shared Use Gymnasium at the North Mesa Middle School campus. Following a joint meeting the previous July, County staff brought suggestions to this meeting for four possible sites. There was extensive discussion among all participants. The resulting motion recommended analyzing one of the original sites plus two other sites that came up in discussion. All of the sites are adjacent to the Middle School.

The second project discussed was the possible site selection for a second Shared Use Gymnasium, to be built in White Rock. This project is just beginning. County staff reviewed areas of publicly-owned land in White Rock. Jennifer Guy, acting superintendent of LAPS, said this was a unique opportunity for a collaboration between the County and LAPS because both Piñon and Chamisa schools will be rebuilt and the existing structures will be demolished. Therefore, there are few constraints on size and location, plus there is ease of construction. Shared use of a gymnasium, or theater, or other venue should be considered. After extensive discussion, both Piñon and Chamisa schools were put

forward for analysis for a Shared Use Gymnasium.

The third project under discussion was the site selection for a co-located set of eight tennis courts so the high school and county organizations could host tennis tournaments. This has been an ongoing effort for a decade or more. Staff suggested three possible locations, with a fourth mentioned. The first three sites were North Mesa, Urban Park, and Overlook Park. The fourth possibility is an area in the western area called Mesa Meadow. Council will discuss Mesa Meadow at a future meeting (April 5) because that area was previously declared off limits by the Council. After a good discussion and public input, it was decided to ask for further analysis of these three (or possibly four) sites.

Lynn Jones

----- March 8, 2022 -----

The Los Alamos County Council meeting on March 8, 2022, was attended by Council Vice Chair Derkacs and Councilors Hand, Izraelevitz, Reagor, and Scott. Chair Ryti was absent. Councilor Williams resigned from Council effective March 7, 2022.

New Mexico Legislature Summary from State Representative Christine Chandler (District 43). Rep. Chandler presented a summary of the 30-day Legislative Session that had just ended. Of the 505 bills filed, 64 were passed. Rep. Chandler, Chair of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee, said revenues are extremely high right now, largely due to oil prices, but also due to increased revenue coming from personal and property taxes. This influx allowed the state legislature to approve a FY 23 budget of \$8.6 billion, which is a 14% increase in spending over FY 22. This year's tax package focused on providing \$500 million in tax relief for citizens and included a limited exemption for taxes on Social Security income, expanded solar market tax credits, and provided a one-time \$1K tax credit for nurses working in hospitals. Teacher salaries were increased, and an Opportunity Scholarship offering free tuition for state schools to all residents seeking a degree was passed. The bills introduced or co-sponsored

by Rep. Chandler included the tax package summarized above, a plan to provide for easier enrollment in Medicare for qualified residents, and a proposed amendment to the Anti-Donation Clause in the state constitution that would make it easier for the state to directly invest in infrastructure projects involving the private sector. The proposed constitutional amendment is slated to go before voters in the November 2022 election.

Presentation of updated Integrated Pest Management Plan. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, presented the updated County Integrated Pest Management Plan. An updated plan was one of the actions requested by the Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) at Council's meeting on December 14, 2021, along with a ban on the use of glyphosate on County land. At that time, Council approved both requests and directed County staff to return within 90 days to present its plan for implementing the ESB recommendations. The updated Pest Management Plan presented by Styron describes guiding principles for pest management, establishes best practices, and outlines steps to follow in managing pests. These steps include taking preventive measures, establishing thresholds for acceptable limits of pest presence, and specifying triggers and tools for management methods, such as mechanical, biological, organic, and synthetic controls. Edits to the draft Plan incorporate input from the ESB and the Parks & Recreation Board. Council feedback during discussion stressed the need for an annual review of the best practices listed in the plan and clarified that public notification for management applications should be posted at the site requiring treatment as well as on the County website.

Presentation of 2022 Communication Plan. Julie Williams-Hill, Public Information Officer for the County, presented the County's draft 2022 Communication Plan. As background for formulating the plan, County staff had reviewed Council's Strategic Leadership Plan and results from the 2020 Community Survey. Among several other strategies, the draft 2022 Communication Plan

seeks to incorporate Council goals and priorities into County communication efforts, ensure that County employees are kept current on County policies and news, maintain regular meetings with the Los Alamos Daily Post, the Los Alamos Reporter, and stakeholders to keep citizens informed, and grow the County's social media presence. Key challenges are to address the lack of public trust in the County, such as by increasing transparency, and providing more efficient feedback mechanisms to elicit public opinion on County initiatives. Comments from Councilors as well as from the public lamented the difficulty of navigating the County website. Both groups stressed that website improvement, and not social media, should be among the County's top communication priorities.

Presentation on UNM-LA Capital Projects for 2022 and 2023. Council unanimously approved the use of FY 22 funds for HVAC replacement at UNM-LA. Dr. Cindy Rooney, the Chancellor, presented the current status of UNM-LA, including a detailed look at campus finances. Although tuition and state appropriations cover most daily operational costs of the campus, these funding sources do not cover the upgrade of aging facilities or capital improvements to the campus. Campus needs include replacement of leaky roofs, replacement of HVAC systems, improvements and modernization of classrooms, and expansion of workforce education facilities. The state funds 75% of capital projects but UNM-LA must provide the other 25% in order for a project to move forward. Rooney said the County often helps fund the 25% match. County Manager Steve Lynne explained that Council had previously approved support funding for UNM-LA at \$200K in the FY 22 budget hearings. The request being presented at Council's current meeting was to approve the specific use of that \$200K by UNM-LA for its HVAC replacement project. Because support for UNM-LA has strong backing from Council and the public, Lynne suggested that any motion also include support for upgrades to the workforce education facility. In agreement, Councilor Izraelevitz made a motion (which passed unanimously) to approve

the use of FY 22 funding for the UNM-LA HVAC project and to approve the use of additional funds for the workforce education facility project, pending approval of funding for FY 23 for UNM-LA in the upcoming budget hearings.

FY 22 budget revision for a greenhouse gas emission study and climate action plan.

Council approved a budget revision (4–1, Councilor Reagor in opposition) to provide immediate funding for the County to begin preparation of a consumption-based greenhouse gas emission study and climate action plan. In its approval of the Final Report of the Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy, and Sustainability (LARES) Task Force at the February 22 meeting, Council directed that County staff accelerate these two baseline studies and return with a proposed budget revision that would allow County staff to initiate the studies as soon as possible. The revised budget request presented at this meeting was for \$250K. County staff expected that \$200K would be sufficient and agreed to return to Council for approval of any amount greater than \$200K. Councilor Reagor opposed the motion because the amount being requested was higher than the proposed budget request that the Task Force chair had presented at Council's meeting on February 22. In its presentation at that meeting, the Task Force had requested \$25–100K for the greenhouse gas emissions study and \$100K for initial development of a Climate Action Plan.

Comments. County Manager Steve Lynne reminded Council that letters of interest would be accepted through March 28 from residents seeking to fill the Council vacancy created by the resignation of Councilor Williams.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

----- **March 15, 2022** -----

This work session was attended by Council Chair Ryti and Councilors Derkacs, Hand, Izraelevitz, Reagor, and Scott.

Update on cleanup of radioactive contamination on Middle DP Road. Troy Thomson (substituting for Michael Mikolanis, Field Manager of the DOE-EM Los Alamos

office) described the steps by which DOE-EM is identifying and cleaning up legacy radioactive contamination on property that had previously been transferred to the County. Radioactive contamination was encountered in February 2020 by a Department of Public Utilities contractor while excavating a utility trench.

To date, DOE-EM has excavated and packaged contaminated soil from locations where contamination was identified and shipped the waste to an appropriate disposal facility. A more thorough investigation identified additional contaminated locations. In those samples in which radioactive contamination was found, it was detected in soils from depths of 7–11 ft below grade surface. Electrotomography was used to detect buried contaminated material. Contaminated locations are cleaned up via excavation.

NMED approved a cleanup plan for the site at Middle DP Road. DOE-EM recently conducted confirmatory sampling for its cleanup activities. Of 104 soil samples that were analyzed, none showed radioactive contamination. About eight samples showed lead and copper contamination, of which one sample exceeded the residential soil screening level.

County Manager Steve Lynne asked when the cleanup would be finished and when the property would be turned back to the County. Thomson responded that DOE-EM will submit its final report to NMED within 6 months after it completes cleanup activities. DOE-EM will maintain controlled access to the site while awaiting NMED approval of the final report. At that time, DOE-EM will no longer have any need to access the site and access control can be returned to the County, possibly by the end of 2022.

Update on control of the chromium plume. Danny Katzman, groundwater remediation program manager for control and remediation of the LANL chromium plume, summarized the interim measures undertaken to control movement of the chromium plume until an optimal remediation strategy is

developed with NMED and the public. Interim measures consist of extracting groundwater from the center of the plume, treating it at the surface to remove chromium, and re-injecting the clean water into a distal part of the plume. There are currently five extraction and five re-injection wells.

To date, interim measures have been focused on the plume's southern boundary where LANL abuts San Ildefonso Pueblo property. Performance monitoring wells at the periphery of the plume at this location have shown good response to the interim strategy, in that chromium levels have fallen below the 50 ppb State Groundwater Standard. Another focus area is along the eastern edge of the plume, where performance wells also show good trends in response to the treatment. The maximum chromium concentration at this location started at 270 ppb and has dropped to 175 ppb.

Significant unknowns are the plume's vertical extent along its eastern edge and the impact of pumping and re-injection on manipulating groundwater movement deeper in the aquifer. A new performance well capable of monitoring groundwater levels and quality at two depths will be installed this year to address these questions. The Final Report on the Interim Measures Work Plan will be submitted to NMED by September 30, 2022 but 2–3 years of intensive monitoring will be required to assess the effects of the plume control measures on the groundwater system.

Councilor Izraelevitz asked about the plume's drift rate, i.e., the rate at which the plume is advancing. Previous estimates were that it would take several decades before the plume could possibly impact County water-supply well PM-3. Katzman responded that the old estimate was under the No Action scenario, and it is expected that current actions will prevent the plume from ever reaching PM-3.

Update on Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB). The presentation by JJAB Chair Nicole Ferry and Resource Specialist Lead Rachel Mohr-Richards is available on the County's website. This report focuses on comments and questions raised by Council.

Key points noted that the highest need by far in the Resource Specialist Program has been referrals to mental health services. Financial support services are another high need due to the impact of COVID-19 on family income (e.g., lost a job, need financial support to pay bills or pay rent).

Councilor Reagor asked how much funding JJAB received from the County, State, and Los Alamos Public Schools. Cory Styron answered that \$147,500 came from the County. Reagor felt that the program's results were a great outcome for such a small investment of County funds. Councilor Izraelevitz noted that, contrary to the assumptions of most residents, nearly all families in Los Alamos have challenges that arise in different ways and asked how many Resource Specialists work for JJAB. Mohr-Richards said there are currently five specialists handling cases for youths ranging in age from elementary- to high school. The current caseload is an average of 20-35 for each specialist, such that JJAB has had to implement a wait list.

Update on Community Services Department Integrated Master Plan. The presentation by Cory Styron (Community Services Department Director) and Pat O'Toole (BerryDunn Consultants, Project Manager of master plan development) is available on the County's website. This report focuses on comments and questions raised by Council.

The project is in the first stage of the update process, that of gathering information using a variety of tools: 13 focus groups, an online public survey, and input from County Boards, Commissions, Council, and departmental staff. The consultants plan to conduct an online survey in April, which it will advertise by mailing notices and a link to the survey to all households in the County. Findings will be presented at two meetings (May/June) after survey results have been analyzed. O'Toole emphasized that the updated integrated master plan, which ties together such disparate services as the library, health and social services, and recreational facilities, will be the first of its kind in the nation.

Councilor Scott noted that conducting a single survey that covers all community services is an efficient tool to improve integration of County services. The survey's findings will help the County prioritize community needs/services and can be used to guide strategic investments that the community desires. Councilor Izraelevitz asked if the community needs to have the same resources in Los Alamos and White Rock. For example, the County is installing a splash pad on the Hill, so do we need a splash pad in White Rock as well? His preference would be for complementary, as opposed to duplicate, resources.

O'Toole responded that he was struck by the absence of any public comment about the disparity between the Hill and White Rock regarding access to community facilities. However, he mentioned a couple ideas for addressing the disparity, based on consideration of trends in demographics (an aging community), the distribution of different types of amenities, and transport options. For example, some facilities should be located where children can get to them after school. He noted that people are willing to drive farther to reach some facilities (e.g., ball fields) but not for others. Multi-purpose facilities may also be a logical and cost-effective way to meet the needs of different demographic groups.

Chair Ryti asked if the consultants would also be looking at utilization of the County's current facilities. O'Toole said yes, they will assess whether each facility is being used to capacity and, if not, why not.

During public comment, Gary Stradling challenged the planners to consider whether existing uses were the best use of the County's land resources. He also remarked that many people ask about public access to Los Alamos Reservoir.

Presentation on Draft Module II of the Development Code Update. Consultants Will Gleason and Jessica Lawlis from DPS Design presented details of a proposed update to Development Standards in Chapter 16 of the County Code. The overall objective of the update is to provide consistency and clarity to

the standards. The purpose of the presentation to the Council was to obtain its feedback; no action was taken.

Note: This is the same presentation that was made to the Planning and Zoning Commission at its 2/28/22 meeting. This report focuses on comments and questions raised by Council and the public.

Ski Hill Lodge – Councilor Reagor was concerned about the proposed one-story limit for buildings in subzones of the Public Lands district, stating that the Ski Hill Lodge would be out of compliance with this limit. Further discussion about the special nature of the Ski Hill as an active recreation site led to the understanding that an additional subzone would likely be required to accommodate existing uses at the ski area. This action would not be taken until completion of the code update.

Lighting thresholds – Much discussion centered on setting lighting thresholds at the level recommended by the dark-skies initiative to abate light pollution. Council sought additional information on costs, time frames, availability of supplies and implementation if the County were to apply a threshold of 2300K as the warmest outdoor lighting allowable across the county (exclusive of LANL).

Councilor Izraelevitz requested an approach for summarizing how the proposed changes to the Development Code might impact various aspects of the community, such as open space protection, property value preservation, and development of affordable housing.

During public comment, Neal Martin raised concerns about proposed changes in the site plan approval process in the downtown area that would eliminate review of some projects by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He felt this change would encourage development projects that did not seek community input or take community values into account. He asked Council to review the proposed change carefully and asked that it be struck from the proposed updated code.

Contract for broadband consulting services. Council unanimously approved a

contract for \$300K to obtain broadband consulting services from Columbia Telecommunications Corporation. With the objective of improving the County's broadband infrastructure, preliminary tasks in the scope of work include assessing and prioritizing areas underserved by broadband, eliciting public input, and preparing design and cost estimates for potential broadband projects.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

----- **March 22 and 23, 2022** -----

The Los Alamos County Council Special Session on March 22, which continued on March 23, was an Appeals Hearing regarding two orders issued by the Board of Appeals (BOA) that pertained to a stop work order issued by the County's Chief Building Official for renovation efforts underway at 813 Central Avenue on November 22, 2021 without the required building permit. At the conclusion of the hearing, the BOA's original decision on the stop work order remained standing.

Four councilors attended the hearing: Vice Chair Derkacs and Councilors Hand, Izraelevitz, and Reagor. Both Council Chair Ryti and Councilor Scott recused themselves from the hearing.

Online accounts of the hearing were posted by both Los Alamos news outlets.

- A report by Carol Clark of the *Los Alamos Daily Post* was posted on March 23 and can be found in the [Los Alamos Daily Post's article on the board of appeals decision on Sirphey stop work order](#).
- A report by Maire O'Neill of the *Los Alamos Reporter* was posted on March 25 and can be found in the [Los Alamos Reporter, 3/25/22 issue](#).

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

----- **March 29, 2022** -----

The Los Alamos County Council meeting on March 29, 2022 was attended by Council Chair Ryti and Councilors Derkacs, Hand, Izraelevitz, Reagor, and Scott.

Proclamation. Council proclaimed April as “J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee Month.” The proclamation was accepted by J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee Chair Tom Ribe and committee members Christine Hazard and Olga Martin.

Overview of the 2022 Legislative Session (January 18 through February 17, 2022). County lobbyist Scott Scanland briefed the Council on the status of state legislative actions related to priorities established by Council prior to the 2022 legislative session. Under the Council's goal of supporting education, Scanland noted that teacher salaries were increased and the Opportunity Scholarship passed. Concerning Council's priority to increase funding for broadband infrastructure, Scanland noted that legislative actions ensured broadband was well-funded. Although Council's request for continued funding of the local Public Health Office was part of a bill vetoed by Governor Lujan Grisham, Scanland noted that the legislature would revisit that bill during a Special Session on April 5. Other Council priority items were not addressed in the 30-day session.

Business Assistance/American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds. By unanimous vote, Council approved the plan for distributing \$2 million of assistance funds to local businesses. Economic Vitality Administrator Dan Ungerleider explained that the plan brings together funds from local, state and federal sources that provide money to invest in new and existing businesses. Ungerleider said more than 80 local businesses expressed interest in the assistance program.

Demolition of the Hilltop House. Council unanimously approved a motion for County staff to enter into negotiations with New Mexico Innovation Triangle (NMIT), owner of the Hilltop House at 400 Trinity Drive, and to return to Council on April 5 with a joint agreement on a plan to demolish the building.

NMIT submitted a request to Council to extend the deadline for demolition of the Hilltop House from the original March 30 deadline stipulated by Council to a new deadline of June 30. NMIT conveyed to the County that

combustible materials had been removed from the building but asbestos remediation would not begin until April 4, thus causing significant delay in building demolition. Several councilors expressed frustration with the slow progress of building demolition and NMIT's lack of communication with the Fire Marshal.

Councilor Derkacs made a motion, which was passed unanimously, to allow one week for NMIT to negotiate with the County to develop an acceptable plan to extend the deadline, thus avoiding time-consuming procurement procedures that would not result in having the building demolished any sooner.

Changes to Council procedural rules on public comment. Council unanimously approved changes to Council Procedural Rules regarding public comment. The updated rules invite public comment on any subject at the beginning of the meeting, on any business item, and on any subject at the end of the meeting. Council also directed County staff to develop a mechanism to collect written public comment on agenda topics and have it associated with the item for Council and public review.

Support for the Clean Cars NM Rule. By a vote of 5–1, with Councilor Reagor in opposition, Council supported the proposed New Mexico Motor Vehicle Emission Standards and authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support. The proposed "Clean Car Rule" includes:

- Stricter emission standards for new cars and trucks offered for sale in the state,
- Low-emission vehicle (LEV) standard that requires car manufacturers to offer new passenger cars and trucks in NM that produce fewer greenhouse gasses and other harmful air pollutants,
- Zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) standard that requires manufacturers to offer for sale a minimum number of new, low- and zero-tailpipe emission vehicles (battery-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and hydrogen-fuel-cell vehicles) as a percentage of all new vehicles for sale in the state, and

- Covering NM state to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

The proposed Clean Car Rules are identical to those set by California, and California's LEV/ZEV regulations have been adopted in at least 14 other states and Washington, D.C.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Reports – Planning and Zoning Commission

----- February 23, 2022 -----

The Los Alamos Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting on February 23 was attended by Commission Vice Chair Martin and Commissioners Dewart, Nakhleh, Roberson, Priestley, and Wade. Chair Adler joined the meeting for the discussion and decision regarding the Special Use Permit application for a home daycare facility in White Rock. Commissioners Griffin and Neal-Clinton were absent. County Councilor Reagor also attended as liaison between the Commission and the County Council.

Update of the County's Development Code. Consultants Will Gleason and Jessica Lawlis from DPS Design presented details of a proposed update to Development Standards in Chapter 16 of the County Code. The components of the update were vetted by a steering committee of over 15 members from the public and county staff. The overall objective of the updates is to provide consistency and clarity to the standards. The purpose of the presentation to the Commission was to obtain its input; no action was taken. The consultants are scheduled to present the update to the County Council on 3/15/22.

Two components of the update elicited the most comments from the Commissioners and public. (1) *Parks and Open Space District:* Commenters requested that the updated development standards include designation of the specific types of land uses allowed in each of three subzones of this new district (Parks, Open Space-Active, Open Space-Passive),

which would replace the current Public Land zoning district. (2) *Outdoor lighting*: Discussion centered on the challenge of setting lighting thresholds that balance the community's desire for dark skies with the need to have sufficient lighting to promote health and safety.

DPS Design created a publicly-accessible spreadsheet that captures and documents its response to each individual public comment.

Special Use Permit to operate an in-home daycare in White Rock. By a vote of 6-1, the Commission approved an order to approve the application submitted by Ms. Denise Matthews for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to operate an in-home daycare at 113B La Senda Drive in White Rock. Commissioner Priestley did not support the order.

Commissioner Priestley objected to the order's section on Findings of Facts, which was drafted for the Commission by County Attorney Kevin Powers based on the record of the public hearing held by the Commission on 2/9/22. Priestley expressed unease that this section was an intermingling of established facts with the opinions of individual Commissioners. He would have preferred that the order make a distinction between the two. Powers explained that this section serves as a record of what the Commissioners found persuasive for each element of the requirements, i.e., the basis of the Commission's final decision. Consequently, opinions expressed by the Commissioners during a public hearing are legally considered to be facts.

The Findings of Facts in the order were edited in response to other concerns raised by Priestley. Text was added to give greater weight to comments made by the property's nearest neighbors regarding the potential effect of the proposed facility on their peace and quality of life. He felt the applicant failed to demonstrate that the daycare facility would not negatively affect adjacent property values.

Commissioner Priestley also expressed his opinion that the County staff sometimes acted as an advocate for the applicant instead of being independent. Specifically, in this case, he felt that the applicant had not addressed

some criteria in the application and that the staff also failed to do so.

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Priestley said that this case was a good example of the importance of broad representation on any Commission or Board. He saw no value in always having unanimous decisions or giving the impression of rubber-stamping applications. He emphasized the importance of having all perspectives on an issue to ensure that the process is fair and that everyone has the opportunity to express their opinion.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

----- **March 23, 2022** -----

The Los Alamos Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting on March 23, 2022 was attended by Commission Chair Adler and Commissioners Dewart, Martin, Nakhleh, Roberson, and Priestley.

Special Use Permit for a kennel facility in White Rock. The Commission unanimously approved a Special Use Permit for a kennel facility to provide dog and cat daycare and overnight boarding in White Rock at the address 134 A & B State Road 4, with the condition that no more than 150 pets would be allowed to be at the facility at any one time. Applicant Ruth Scott explained that her current business (LA Dog House) needs to expand into an existing vacant building in the White Rock Shopping Center.

Commission business. The terms of four commissioners – Dewart, Griffin, Priestley, and Wade – end March 31. None of them intend to seek reappointment. Chair Adler goes on leave at the same time. Commissioner Martin will assume duties as Chair but commission membership will be reduced to be less than the quorum required to be present to pass a motion. Council is expected to appoint one new commissioner on April 5 but the depleted number puts a strain on the Commission for the near future until other residents are recruited to serve on it.

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

League Dues Are Due in April!

Reminder: Our tradition is to renew our memberships at our April Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held online again this year. For those receiving this in the mail, you can use the enclosed envelope to renew your membership. Anyone is free to renew their membership online at: [the LWVLA website](#). (Click on "Support Us".) Donations may also be made online [here](#).

Annual Meeting

Following Lunch with a Leader on April 21, we will hold our Annual Meeting via Zoom. It will begin at 1 p.m. and end by 2:30. During the Annual Meeting we will review our positions, decide on the program for the following year, approve the budget, and elect a new board. Please mark your calendars!

Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting begins
- Minutes of the 2021 Meeting (see June Update)
- President's Report
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of Local Program (positions, plans for action)
- Adoption of the FY 2022-23 Budget
- Election of Officers and Directors

LWV Los Alamos Positions

At the Annual Meeting members will be asked to re-adopt our local League positions.

SUSTAINABILITY

(Adopted 1995; Revised 1997, 2004, 2008, 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos endorses the concept of a sustainable society as a preamble for all of its current and new positions. We define a sustainable society as one that satisfies its own needs without

jeopardizing the prospects of future generations. We aspire to make our society more sustainable by preserving and respecting its interdependence with the natural world. A sustainable society protects nature. Our society should offer all individuals a clean environment including pure water, unpolluted air, and sufficient sources of renewable energy to provide for their physical needs. Our society should distribute scarce resources equitably so that conflicts over them are minimized. Every working person should be paid a living wage.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

(Adopted 1965; Revised 1991, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that public transportation is an essential element of a sustainable society in so far as it conserves natural resources and decreases pollution. Public transportation is also important economically and socially as an alternative to the current norm of one commuter per car. Public transportation can benefit all citizens including workers, students, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public transportation should be affordable, convenient and reliable. The County should extend the existing County system and continue to subsidize and support the expansion of the regional system.

In order to sustain clean air and healthy ways of living, an emphasis should be placed on developing infrastructure to encourage pedestrians and cyclists. Land use decisions should support this emphasis by promoting higher density mixed-use development.

ENVIRONMENT

(Adopted 2012, Revised 2014, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that our natural environment is integral to our community's unique sense of place and to our well-being and prosperity.

- We support protection of this environment, including the canyons and other open space, vistas, wildlife habitat, and dark skies.
- To improve ecosystem health and community livability, we support wherever possible "Green Infrastructure." EPA defines this as "... an array of products, technologies, and practices that use natural systems – or engineered systems that mimic natural processes – to enhance overall environmental quality..." Green Infrastructure techniques use soils and vegetation to infiltrate, evapotranspire, and/or recycle storm water runoff."

Further Guidelines

The LWVLA supports the implementation of the Open Space Management Plan, which develops a system of designated open space to protect scenic vistas and memorable landscapes; recreational, natural and cultural resources; and significant wildlife corridors and habitats.

- We support adoption of a Rendija Canyon master plan that reserves the transfer land for recreational uses only.
- We support adoption of a storm water management plan that employs green infrastructure strategies, such as infiltration planters, vegetated swales, tree boxes, and rain gardens.
- We support adding green spaces in the downtown with landscaped road edges, medians, parking lots, and pocket parks.
- We support limiting the use of herbicides in open space areas, as well as along roadsides where mowing and planting native grasses can be as effective.
- We support a policy of zero increase in run-off beyond the natural rate for commercial and private property.

- We support implementation of all the policies in the Protect the Environment section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2005.
- We support implementation of the goals in the Open Space section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2016.

Execution of the actions suggested in Further Guidelines will improve the quality of our air and water.

SUSTAINABLE WATER

(Adopted 2009; Revised 2012, 2014, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos (LWVLA) believes that the goal of our county should be to use no more water than can be produced from our aquifer without depleting it. In order to achieve this goal, decisions about growth must consider water use. Even with the current population in Los Alamos, conservation is essential.

For the sake of the public welfare, the County should be guided in all decisions by the following policies:

- Encourage conservation and efficiency of use.
- Preserve riparian ecosystems and wetlands.
- Preserve public lands, water, and open space.

Further Guidelines

To reduce per capita consumption, we support:

- economic incentives,
- codification of standards for all new construction,
- encouraging conservation practices for existing homes.

We support the County's efforts to apply water efficiency standards in new construction, to reduce leaks, and to irrigate the parks with wastewater effluent. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) should educate consumers about best irrigation practices, including how to use gray water, and should provide economic

incentives to conserve. We support the inclined block rate ordinance.

Residential conservation and vigilance on the part of the DPU will not suffice to achieve sustainability. The LWVLA advocates:

- requiring growth or development to be compatible with the availability of water for the indefinite future without requiring the diversion of the San Juan-Chama water;
- careful monitoring and continuing study of the aquifer;
- increased efforts by the County to participate in and assure that regional and state plans are sustainable;
- engaging the public in the water budget process.

The LWVLA recommends that the County continue to maintain its quota of San Juan-Chama water until a decision is made to build the infrastructure needed to utilize it, and that any plans for use of the water be designed to minimize the impact on White Rock Canyon.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(Adopted 1996; Revised 2003, 2008)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the county. LWV Los Alamos believes that affordable housing units should be integrated into neighborhoods throughout Los Alamos County. New developments should have a mix of market-rate and affordable units.

We acknowledge that some type of subsidy by the county is required to achieve affordable prices.

Effective methods to keep these units affordable when they are resold must be in place if we are to retain a stock of affordable housing. For instance, land provided as a subsidy could be retained in a trust.

FULLER LODGE

(Adopted 1992, Revised 2004)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that Fuller Lodge should be

used primarily for civic and cultural activities. Activities not open to the general public should be charged at a rate comparable to that charged by local businesses for equivalent space. Activities open to the general public should be charged at a lower rate.

The County should continue to be responsible for the maintenance, restoration, and protection of the Lodge.

MEDICALLY INDIGENT FUND

(Adopted 1988; Revised 2004, 2008, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the County ordinance establishing the Indigent Health Care Fund, which funds the county's Health Care Assistance Program through designated GRT monies. Desirable features of such an ordinance include:

- A limit for the amount of reimbursement.
- Provisions for changes in this limit because of changing medical costs or demands on the fund.
- Possible reimbursement of costs beyond hospital and ambulance services.
- Consideration of for-profit health care providers, but with non-profit facilities given first consideration.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION: RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

(Adopted Oct. 31, 2013)

LWVLA supports the development of residential neighborhoods that are sustainable and livable. To achieve those goals, we believe that new and redeveloped neighborhoods should be designed to minimize sprawl and impact on the natural environment. Neighborhoods should support a diverse population with inviting streets and public spaces as well as access to public transportation.

Further Guidelines:

1. Where to build (efficient use of land that minimizes sprawl)

- Neighborhoods near the downtown should be compact.
- New development should not consume or fragment important natural habitats or wildlife corridors; it should be avoided on steep slopes or in canyons.
- Redevelopment of “brownfields” and infill are preferred over new development in pristine landscapes. However, existing small neighborhood parks should be maintained or enhanced to reflect the unique character of the neighborhood.
- Neighborhoods should be situated along available public transit lines and within easy access of daily activities.

2. What to build (neighborhood pattern/design)

- Cluster homes to make transit more viable and to create walkable neighborhoods.
- Design streets and pathways for safe and pleasant walking/biking within neighborhood.
- Include a range of housing types/sizes to support diverse neighborhood population; include a mix of affordable housing within each neighborhood.
- Encourage ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) designs in individual homes to accommodate all ages and abilities.
- Encourage the preservation of the positive character/architecture unique to each neighborhood.
- The developer should include quality parks, trails, and public spaces within each neighborhood; the option of allowing payment in lieu of parks provision should be restricted.

3. How to build (how to manage environmental impacts)

- Reduce storm water runoff and eliminate pollution sources.
- Emphasize energy and water efficiency of streets and buildings; plan orientation of buildings to optimize solar gain.
- Reuse older buildings to reduce energy and resource use as appropriate.

- Encourage building materials that support high indoor air quality and are sourced sustainably.
- Encourage appropriate landscaping based on native and xeric plants; create a streetscape with shade trees appropriate for our climate.
- Minimize light pollution.

EDUCATION

(Adopted 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that a strong, collaborative relationship between K-12 education leaders and citizens must exist in order for the school district to successfully deliver education services meeting community standards. This belief is consistent with the League of Women Voters expectations for the relationship between citizens and all government entities.

As an elected body, the School Board should actively solicit and weigh heavily community input when making strategic planning and funding decisions. In order for citizens to provide educated and meaningful feedback, they need to be involved in the strategic planning process and have access to information about the district’s direction, the issues it faces, and its financial situation.

The strategic plan describes how the School Board addresses the needs of the children, including but not limited to academic goals, class size, enrichment programs (i.e., art, music, and athletics), vocational training, special education, and counseling. The strategic plan also discusses the facilities plans, enrollment trends, current financial budget, 5-year financial forecast, community involvement plan, and public communication plan.

In order for the School Board to solicit and incorporate community input into their strategic planning and annual budgeting processes, communication mechanisms need to be created and maintained as an essential part of the board’s business activities. Examples of communication mechanisms that achieve this objective are: community surveys; a formal

strategic planning process that incorporates citizen input; an Open Forum-type online feedback service; Facebook and other social media; and smaller district meetings between school board members and constituents.

In order for the community to learn about and participate in strategic planning and funding decisions, the School Board needs to routinely provide relevant information to the public as a normal part of the board's business activities. That information would include: issues, options and data provided in advance of decision-making deadlines; reporting on decisions made; and access to key policy documents like budgets and the strategic plan. The LAPS website should be the board's primary communication vehicle. To be effective, it needs to have the following characteristics: easily found, accessible 24x7, and possessing a robust search capability. Examples of other communication mechanisms that can be utilized include: broadcasting board meetings on PAC 8; sending email newsletters to subscribers; using smart phone apps to share information with community members; and using local media to communicate open issues and final decisions. The information presented should be in a format that is understandable to the typical citizen, and be timely and relevant to the issues.

DIGITAL PRIVACY

(Adopted 2021)

County government should place a high priority on the privacy of citizens when selecting and using software, digital platforms, digital services, and when contracting for digital work, particularly when these platforms are used to interact with residents. These expectations also extend to those working as sub-contractors for the County.

The County should clearly identify third-party digital services and platforms at the point of use along with links to the privacy and user agreements for the software. However, just linking to a privacy agreement isn't enough; County government should make every effort to use services that don't compromise citizens' privacy

If a digital platform is known to be intrusive, an alternative, less-intrusive method of receiving the same information or accessing the service should be provided. In this context, for example, most social media are considered to be digitally intrusive and do not qualify as alternatives.

Program Planning

League members met virtually on January 24 to discuss ideas for program in the next year. There were no suggestions to amend any current new positions or for new studies. Instead, the group discussed current issues where we might give input based on our positions.

During the current year we have spoken out:

- for transparency by making the County Council meetings more readily available;
- to object to some of the draft amendments to Chapter 16 of the Development Code;
- to support the request of the ESB that the use of herbicides, specifically glyphosate, be restricted.

Since the meeting, we have written to the County Council advocating for adoption of the LARES (Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy, and Sustainability) recommendations and inclusion of the LARES budget requests in the County budget. We have also published two letters calling for civil discourse.

Other actions to be taken:

- Lobby for a bike lane or at least a shoulder on SR 4.
- Find out the status of the Rendija Canyon Management Plan.
- Read Module 2 of the Development Code Update to be sure it agrees with our positions on the environment and residential neighborhood
- Inquire about the plans for the LAPS website, which remains unhelpful.

- Inquire about the plans for North Mesa housing.

The group agreed that the League should schedule more frequent program planning sessions. The next one should take place in June.

Next, we discussed program planning for LWVUS.

- We support the Campaign for Making Democracy Work (voting rights, improving elections, redistricting, and money in politics).

- In addition, we recommend concurrence with the Connecticut position on broadband and the New York health care position.
- We agree with the LWVC request for an increase in LWVUS lobbying efforts to support legislation for comprehensive immigration reform and expanded paths to citizenship.
- We also called for a resolution to advocate for making election officials nonpartisan.

LWVLA Nominations for 2022-2023

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Ellen Mills and including Leslie Wallstrom and JoAnn Lysne, presents the following slate of nominees for 2022-2023: There are currently three positions open on the board.

Officers

Co-Presidents	Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland
1 st Vice President	Felicia Orth
2 nd Vice President	Ellen Mills
Treasurer	Rosmarie Frederickson
Secretary	Rebecca Chaiken

Directors

Lunch with a Leader	Karyl Ann Armbruster
Arrangements	(<i>open</i>)
Voter Guide	Lynn Jones
At Large Members	Akkana Peck
	Addie Jacobsen
Publicity	Jody Benson
Newsletter	Robert Williams

Off-Board Directors

Nominations	Ellen Mills
Fundraising	Ellen Mills
Membership	Jean Dewart and Dotty Reilly
Website and Facebook	Helena Whyte and Madhavi Garimella
Video Editing	Eduardo Santiago
Voter Guide	Felicia Orth

There are currently two positions open on the board.

LWVLA Membership List

Adams, Tara & Mike
Albright, Esta Lee
Allen, Kiyana
Alme, Rosemary & Marv
Archer, McIlwaine
Armbruster, Karyl Ann
Auden, Elizabeth
Bacrania, Drew
Bartlit, Nancy & John
Bedell, Bettie
Benson, Jody
Beyer, Ann
Birnbaum, Amy & Edward
Boswell, Melissa
Buckingham, Judy
Calef, Barbara
Carpenter, Helen
Chaiken, Rebecca
Chandler, Christine & George
Collins, Linn
Cooper, Beverly
Cruz, Patricia E.
Determan, Andrea
Dewart, Jean
Doolen, Marilyn
Emerson, Jessie
Fabryka-Martin, June
Forman, Jill
Frederickson, Rosmarie & Paul
Garimella, Madhavi
Gisler, Susan & Galen
Glass, Nicholas
Havemann Suzie & Scott
Hertzman, Jeri Berger
Hopkins, John
Jacobs, Elaine & Brian
Jacobson, Adelaide
Jones, Lynn & Mark
Jorgensen, Mari
King, Sherry
LePage, Ann
Loncaric, Josip
Lysne, JoAnn
Machen, Judy & Don
Macke, Jennifer
Marcus, Wendy
Mark, Graham
Martin, Craig
Mason, Caroline (Cas)
McCormick, Pat
McFarland, Tracy
McReynolds, Maxine
Mills, Ellen
Mills, Alex
Morris, Don
Mortensen, Jeannette (JJ)
Nickols, Joyce
Nobile, Anne
North, Dave
Olds, Cristina
O'Neill, Maire
Orth, Felicia
Peck, Akkana
Prono, Judy
Redondo, Shelby & Antonio
Reilly, Dorothy
Richardson, Dody & Jack
Rose, Evan
Rose, Harvey
Ryti, Randall
Santiago, Eduardo
Sartor, Charlotte
Sayre, Katie & Richard
Shankland, Rebecca & Thomas
Sherwood, Jane
Skolnik, Richard
Stockton, Margie
Swanson, Wendy
Thomas, Carroll
Thompson, Lois
Trujillo, Janice
Walker, Carrie
Wallstrom, Leslie
Weisbrod, Elizabeth
Weller, Alahna
Wheeler, Kyle & Mike
Whyte, Helena
Williams, Bob
Williams-Hill, Julie
Young, Ginger

LWVLA Budget

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EXPENSE					
A. Administration					
1. President's Funds	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Treasurer	\$200.00	\$256.00	\$200.00	\$256.00	\$256.00
4. Board tools	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Communications					
a. Newsletter	\$300.00	\$118.61	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
b. Website + Domain Name	\$442.34	\$560.86	\$442.34	\$560.86	\$560.86
6. Other Administrative					
a. Travel (unassigned)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Printing (doesn't include voter guide)	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
c. Paypal	\$80.00	\$18.31	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
d. Zoom membership (FY23 & 24)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
e. Miscellaneous (Footnote 1)	\$600.00	\$1,285.33	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Administration	\$2,062.34	\$2,389.11	\$1,662.34	\$1,646.86	\$1,646.86
B. Per Member Payment (PMP)					
1. State (footnote 2)	\$1,131.00	\$1,241.50	\$1,131.00	\$1,242.00	\$1,242.00
2. National (footnote 3)	\$2,784.00	\$3,056.00	\$2,784.00	\$3,056.00	\$3,056.00
Total PMP	\$3,915.00	\$4,297.50	\$3,915.00	\$4,298.00	\$4,298.00
C. Committees					
1. Fundraising	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2. Membership	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Lunch with a Leader	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4. Arrangements	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
a. Other (Publicity)	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Total Committees	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
D. Position Support					
1. National	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. State	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Local (footnote 4)	\$60.00		\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Total Position Support	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
E. League Meetings					
1. National Convention (footnote 5)	\$720.00		\$1,600.00	\$2,670.00	\$0.00
2. State Council	\$40.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. State Convention (footnote 6)	\$0.00		\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
4. LWVLA annual mtg	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total LWV Meetings	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,670.00	\$1,500.00
F. Program					
1. Voter Services (footnote 7)	\$150.00	\$1,786.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,112.00	\$2,671.00
2. Local Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Legislative Preview	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
4. Early Childhood Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Program	\$230.00	\$1,786.00	\$5,080.00	\$7,192.00	\$2,751.00
G. Other					
1. Other Forums (footnote 8)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Other (footnote 9)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,202.34	\$8,472.61	\$14,242.34	\$16,541.86	\$10,930.86

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INCOME					
A. Dues (footnote 10)					
1. Single	\$1,575.00	\$765.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
2. Single Sustaining	\$1,200.00	\$375.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
3. Household	\$910.00	\$140.00	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
4. Household Sustaining	\$1,045.00	\$285.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,235.00	\$1,235.00
5. Student & Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Dues	\$4,730.00	\$1,565.00	\$4,730.00	\$4,845.00	\$4,845.00
B. Contributions (Donations)					
1. Members	\$900.00	\$755.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
2. Non-members	\$1,950.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
3. Businesses	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
4. Non-Profits/Foundations (footnote 11)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$3,600.00	\$2,088.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
C. Miscellaneous					
1. Interest	\$12.00	\$0.47	\$12.00	\$0.47	\$0.50
2. Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Forum Partners	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$12.00	\$0.47	\$12.00	\$0.47	\$0.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,342.00	\$3,653.47	\$8,342.00	\$8,445.47	\$8,445.50
NET OPERATING INCOME (INCOME less EXPENSES)	\$139.66	(\$4,819.14)	(\$5,900.34)	(\$8,096.39)	(\$2,485.36)
CASH POSITION FISCAL YEAR END					
Checking & Savings Account (May 1 - beginning of fiscal year)	\$34,627.62		\$35,676.82	\$29,776.48	\$21,680.09
Net Operating Income	\$139.66	(\$4,819.14)	(\$5,900.34)	(\$8,096.39)	(\$2,485.36)
TOTAL CASH POSITION (Apr 30 - end of fiscal year) (checking + savings accounts)	\$34,767.28	\$35,676.82	\$29,776.48	\$21,680.09	\$19,194.73
Footnotes: EXPENSES					
1 - A.6.e.: FY22 Actual Expenses "Misc." are related to LWV 100 yr gallery exhibit. Proposed funds originally in FY21 budget (didn't happen due to COVID).					
2 - B.1.: FY23&24 Prop. Budg. based on actual FY22 members (108 memb).					
3 - B.2.: FY23&24 Prop. Budg based on 104 members (82 memb types). National PMP: Sing. 51 @ \$32; House 24 @ \$48; life/Hon. 2 @ \$0; Stud 3 @ \$0.					
4 - D.3: FY23, studies carried over from FY21 - Waste Mgt					
5 - E.1.: FY23 National Convention in TBD - Jun, 2022 includes air travel and hotel; (registration fees paid in FY22 - April 2022)					
6 - E.3: FY24 State Convention-Assumption					
7 - F.1: FY 23 will hold 4 candidate forums and print 2 voter guides (primary & general elections)					
8 - G.1.: (Carried over from FY21 due to COVID) - FY22 two add'l forums (Increased LANL pit prod & Loss of obgyn svcs in LA) - venue & advertising					
9 - G.1.: FY22 and FY23 PAC8 Filming of Forums and/or Studies to share on website and Facebook.					
Footnotes: INCOME					
10 - A.1.: FY23&24 Dues 108 members (82 Memb/Types): Sing 40@\$45; SingSust 12@\$75; House 13@\$70; HouseSust 13@\$95; Life/Hon. 1@\$0; Stud 3@\$0)					
11 - B.4.: FY20 \$15,000 Donation from the Delle Foundation					



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ALAMOS

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail to: LWV Los Alamos / P.O. Box 158 / Los Alamos, NM 87544

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ E-mail: _____

___ Check here to receive our Newsletter Update as an electronic file, saving postage and paper.

___ **OR** Check here if you prefer to have a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you.

___ Check here to receive occasional friendly reminders of upcoming events by e-mail.

Membership Categories: all checks for memberships and contributions should be payable to LWV-Los Alamos and all are now tax-deductible. Let us know if you'd like a tax-deduction statement.

___ Single membership: \$45.

___ Household membership (two or more people at the same address): \$70.

___ Single Sustaining membership: \$75.

___ Household Sustaining membership (two or more people at the same address): \$95.

___ Student membership: \$0 (must be 16 or over).

___ Contribution to support League work: \$_____ .

Interests and Ways to Help the League (check as many as apply)

Topics of Interest

- ___ Affordable Housing
- ___ Local Government
- ___ Education
- ___ Elections, Voting Rights
- ___ Water Issues
- ___ Land Use
- ___ Health Care
- ___ Money in Politics
- ___ Sustainability
- ___ Living Wage
- ___ Public Transportation
- ___ Environment
- ___ Other area of interest: _____

Ways to Help with League Activities

- ___ Voter Registration
- ___ Organize/provide refreshments at forums
- ___ Observer Corps: Council, DPU, P&Z, etc.
- ___ Write newsletter articles
- ___ Assist in developing the Voter Guide (editing, developing questions, data entry, etc.)
- ___ Assist with Lunch with a Leader
- ___ Website/Social Media – Technical assistance and content development
- ___ Advocate for League positions – Communicate with local, state, and federal leaders
- ___ Serve on LWV-Los Alamos Board (we need a Treasurer and a Lead for the Voter Guide)
- ___ Other ideas?

(Details for these activities can be found in the [March, 2022 Update](#).)

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