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Calendar

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| November 6 | New Mexico Open Elections Webinar on Redistricting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom |
| November 7 | Election Day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. |
| November 16 | Lunch with a Leader, SF Food Depot, LA Cares, Unitarian Church, noon |
| November 29 | Educational Presentation on Reserve Funds, Legislative Finance Committee Director Charles Saltee, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. |

November Lunch with a Leader: SF Food Depot Deputy Director Jill Dixon and LA Cares President Lyn Haval

The next Lunch with a Leader program will be on Thursday, November 16 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. The speakers will be Jill Dixon from the Santa Fe Food Depot and L.A. Cares Director Lyn Haval.

Jill Dixon is the Deputy Director of the SF Food Depot. She was born in Arizona and came to NM eighteen years ago as a secondary education teacher after four years of working for Teach for America in economically disadvantaged areas. In educational settings, she saw firsthand how a lack of access to food impacted a child's sense of well-being and academic potential. She has now been working for the Food Depot for nearly 12 years, witnessing profound growth and bold innovation in the organization.

Dixon will discuss the urgency of food insecurity and the many ways the hunger-relief network is working together on solutions to create healthy communities.

Lyn Haval (a member of the Los Alamos League) was born and raised in California. After retiring from teaching first graders in San Diego, she came to Los Alamos to become a full-time grandmother. When her granddaughter started school, Haval spent some free time helping out at LA Cares . She started by filling bags with canned goods, answering phone messages, and packing bags of fruit. Soon she was asked to join the board, and when the president retired, she was elected to that position. The Board of Directors is very hands-on. Each member helps with the monthly distribution and spends many hours in between doing support work. LA Cares is a 100% volunteer organization and 100% donation supported.

Haval will talk about how LA Cares operates, what they do with the Food Depot donations, what our population looks like, and the many ways we assist residents of Los Alamos County.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

President's Message: Lunch with a Leader Is Fascinating and Fun!

Members and regular readers know that we gather on the third Thursday of each month during the lunch hour for Lunch with a Leader. Karyl Ann Armbruster, with suggestions from other Board members, consistently finds engaging folks to speak on a topic of community interest while we enjoy box lunches from Pig + Fig. As we have transitioned to gathering in person again, we have been meeting in town at the Unitarian Church Fellowship Hall, with plenty of parking and good air ventilation, and have reconnected with one another and interested people from the community. Although the lunches are not live-streamed, we are making video recordings of the talk and the question-and-answer period; Ed Santiago adds the videos to our YouTube channel, linked to the webpage.

Recent speakers have included Eric Peterson on local trails and open spaces; Dr. Karl Braithwaite, who offered an up-close history of the legislative process resulting in the passage of Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act; Allan Saenz on the current activities and ultimate vision for SALA Event Center; State Senator Leo Jaramillo on legislative issues; and Chief Justice Shannon Bacon on the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Peterson's talk last month about local trails drew a lot of discussion of creatures: in particular, horses, cows, dogs, cougars, bears, birds, and snakes. Feral cows drew the most attention, and Eric described the County's efforts to round them up. I was reminded of a funny moment in a surface water hearing years ago, when a LANL representative was describing the ways the Lab tried to keep feral cows off Lab property, where they were wont to trample areas near water, causing potentially contaminated soil to be carried into streams and then flow into the Rio Grande. A Lab witness stressed that they used "fencing and signs" on their property boundary to try to exclude the cows, leaving an opening for the environmental lawyer who was conducting cross-examination to say "Well, if any cows could read, it would be Los Alamos cows, but...have you reinforced the fence?"

Join us for Lunch with a Leader for talks on fascinating topics by community leaders and fun conversations afterward!

Felicia Orth

Upcoming LWVNM Programs

- Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom – Fair Districts and New Mexico Open Elections will present a Town Hall on Redistricting with an emphasis on incumbency protection, both historical and presently, at the New Mexico Legislature. On the panel will be journalist and author Gwyneth Doland of New Mexico In Depth, Representative Natalie Figueroa, and League of Women Voters redistricting advocate Mary Henrie Smith.
- Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. – Charles Saltee, Director of the Legislative Finance Committee, will explain the state's reserve and revolving funds in a presentation on Zoom.
- Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom – Representative Christine Chandler will discuss potential gun legislation in the 2024 Legislative Session. The Governor has stated that she will put the issue of gun safety on her "call" for the 2024 Legislative Session.

Essay Contest Winner Fung Heads to College

Right before COVID changed the course of history, the LWV in Los Alamos created an essay contest for high school students. The goal was to write about another event that changed history: women's suffrage!

A ninth grader named Philippa Fung won that contest in February 2020 and received \$400 for her winning essay. In May 2023 Philippa graduated with honors from Los Alamos High School. In August she started her freshman year at Arizona State University (ASU) in the Barrett Honors College.

Philippa's essay delved into the topic "What Were the Challenges that Women Faced in Gaining Voting Rights? What Obstacles Do Potential Voters Have Today?" The essay required historical and political research into the suffrage movement and also knowledge of current voting controversies.

Philippa will put her award-winning skills in research and writing to good use in college, since she has decided to major in journalism in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at ASU. The Los Alamos LWV wishes her the best of luck in college!



Philippa Fung, LWV essay contest winner. Courtesy photo.

Leslie Wallstrom

Observer Corps Report – County Council – October 10, 2023

Golf Course Renovation, Community and Economic Development MOU, Urban Trail

The hybrid session was attended by Chair Denise Derkacs, Vice Chair Theresa Cull, and Councilors Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Keith Lepsch, David Reagor, and Randall Ryti . Our observer report is based on discussion during the meeting and documentation provided in the full agenda package.

Golf Course Renovation Project

Council unanimously approved awarding a \$5.6 M contract to Mid-America Golf and Landscape, Inc. for the Golf Course Renovation Project . The project addresses safety and conditions of the entire course, which includes all holes, new restroom facilities, improvements to the cart path system, the driving range, and the practice area. [Note: A separate contract for installation of containment netting around the practice tee area is covered under the next agenda item.]

Construction could begin this fall but is more likely to start next spring. Substantial completion of the project is scheduled for October 31, 2024 with final completion by December 31, 2024.

Eric Martinez, Deputy Public Works Director, summarized the oft-contentious history of this project, which has undergone significant changes since first introduced in 2017 [see observer reports for Council meetings on 1/4/2022, 11/15/2022, and 12/13/2022 in past issues of *LWVLA Update*]. He described how the current design addressed several concerns brought out during the planning process, particularly a reduction in the number of trees to be removed. The current plan is to remove 47 trees, of which 18 are considered undesirable and hence do not require mitigation (replacement) according to the County's 2023 Tree Preservation and Mitigation Policy. Undesirable trees identified

on the golf course include cottonwoods, Siberian elms, Russian olives, and dead trees. Mitigated trees are replaced at a 3:1 ratio. Many of the trees to be planted will help protect people from being hit by balls from the driving range.

Councilor questions

Councilor Ryti pressed the consultants on the number and species of trees to be removed, and asked for clarification about the County's new tree mitigation policy. Noting that the County's policy identified cottonwoods as undesirable trees, he said, "I think people probably know that Los Alamos was named for the cottonwoods in Los Alamos Canyon. I understand that in certain locations they probably aren't appropriate. . . . In general, looking at this tree mitigation policy, maybe that's something to refine, that in some cases, cottonwoods are okay." Forrest Richardson, a golf course architect with Richardson Danner Golf Architects, explained that "cottonwoods are undesirable and are hazardous due to breaking limbs, they don't have a long life-span, and they are an issue on a golf course."

Councilor Ryti pointed out that even though mitigation may not be required, the tree may still be providing some service to a community and should be replaced with a desired species.

Many of the trees are slated for removal due to the redesign of tee boxes at hole 6. Councilor Ryti asked for an explanation as to why the redesign was necessary. Richardson said that moving the tee boxes on hole 6 was a consequence of reversing holes 7 and 8, which is being done to mitigate safety issues on Diamond Drive. "In order to reverse holes 7 and 8, we had to realign holes 6 and 9," he said. "And to do that, to make the golf holes playable, you have to remove trees. Otherwise, trees will reside immediately in front of tees, which is an imminent safety hazard."

Councilor Ryti asked why the Tree Mitigation Plan included some tree species that were non-native to New Mexico. Golf course architect Todd Schoeder (Richardson Danner Golf Architects) explained, "We were given a list through Community Services of approved

trees that we could plant on the golf course. . . . We selected trees based on their size, their spread, whether deciduous or evergreen, to provide the greatest protection without interfering with play across the golf course." Community Service Director Cory Styron added, "We worked on that list with the New Mexico State Cooperative Extension agent office here in town. . . . You will see some trees that are . . . probably one [plant hardiness] zone down . . . There's actually a document out on the new climatology that we're facing. So, we tried to look at that as we were doing some of the tree selection as well ensuring that we had a good diversity of species in our community for bio health."

Public comment

Seven speakers from the local golfing community expressed passionate support for the golf improvement project. Kurt Anast, President of the Los Alamos Golfing Association (LAGA), summarized points made by these speakers, emphasizing that the current version of the golf course renovation project plan reflected consensus reached by the community at-large. "The golf course improvement projects . . . focus on these deferred maintenance and safety issues. The plans have been vetted by the community as well as by the golfers at numerous public meetings . . . We have consensus, and we agree with the content and scope of the work in the bid package."

Council discussion of motion

Council was in full support of proceeding with the Golf Course Renovation Project. Councilor Reagor said, "We are doing what I love to see in the County, which is to take the existing site and make it much better."

Councilor Ryti also supported the motion but noted the need for additional action by the County, saying that there are some parcels directly adjacent to the golf course on the north side and the south side that are currently zoned for residential use. He added, "I'd like to see Council come back with a rezoning to make those open space so that they can't be

developed and we actually can preserve those trees."

Golf Course Driving Range Containment Netting

Council approved (6–1, Councilor Ryti in opposition) awarding a \$1.9 M contract to Ecker Netting Inc. (DBA Judge Netting Mountain West) for the Golf Course Practice Range Netting Project . . . The scope involves installation of poles and netting to address safety at the golf course driving range and practice area. Substantial completion of that project is also scheduled for October 31, 2024 with final completion on December 31, 2024.

Eric Martinez summarized details of the layout of the proposed containment netting. The current poles and netting for the driving range vary in height from about 37 to 85 feet. The height of the proposed new poles and netting ranges from 135 to 165 feet at its highest point. The design was developed through recent ball trajectory analysis that considers the topography and the new practice area improvements.

Martinez showed a graphic of those improvements of the driving range and practice area as well as a dramatic photo showing a drone flying at the height of proposed netting at the end of the driving range. To provide other points of comparison for the proposed netting height, Martinez added, "We are informed that the tallest poles at Topgolf Albuquerque [visible along I-25] are 165 ft tall. For comparison, the water tower along North Mesa Road near the Middle School is also 165 ft tall."

Councilor questions

Questions from Council focused on the implementation of administrative controls that could negate the need for such tall netting, characterizing the safety hazards, and estimating the extent to which the netting might impact viewscapes.

Councilor Havemann asked, "Have we had any accidents? Have we had anybody hit with a ball in the last ten years?" Golf Course Manager Mike Lippiatt replied, "Yes, we have. We have tried to curtail the situation obviously,

but I don't think we can through administrative controls. . . . In 2021, we had six incidents reported that were all filed with our risk department of people that were hit. In 2022, I think that was down to about three or four. ... We did extensive research last year on range balls that were going over the netting before we placed administrative controls. ... So this year we have placed signage on maximum distances. It has helped. We're very fortunate that our golfing community has done a really good job of adhering to that for the most part. I have also done spot checks. We have had days when we have found no range balls over the net, and I have found days where we have found 30, 40 or 50 balls over the net."

Councilor Havemann followed up, asking if they had tried posting a staffer to enforce the administrative controls. Lippiatt replied, "Right now we are having a hard time even staffing just our basic needs. There's no chance at this point in time, nor has there been in the last three years, to be able to provide a casual staff member that actually would be called a range marshal, so to speak."

Councilor Ryti was concerned that recently created visualizations had not had been reviewed by the community. Martinez responded that the only visualizations provided were those included in the presentation for the prior agenda item, the Golf Course Renovation Project. He said that the versions of the netting shown at tonight's Council meeting are brand new and haven't been put out for public review.

Chair Derkacs asked if the netting would be visible from Diamond Drive. Martinez replied that the top of the netting would be about 115 ft above Diamond Drive. Derkacs also asked about safety. "If a ball is hit over the net, and it hits someone ... in the head, could it result in a fatality?" Lippiatt answered, "Yes it can." Project Manager Anthony Strain did a quick search on Google and added, "The most recent studies say that there were 40,000 ball strikes in the USA from driving ranges that aren't properly protected, and 7 deaths."

Councilor Havemann expressed concern over the lack of public input given the new visualizations presented at the meeting but

was also concerned about liability if the project were delayed. "I think that the community as a whole might want to have some say on this, and I think the image that you showed this evening, with the additional benefit of the drone input data, it's striking, ... it feels big, it feels massive. And I'm a little queasy about that." Martinez replied, "In the short term, staff would have to continue with administrative controls at the driving range, so those would be maintained, essentially. ... If we proceeded later, we would have to repackage and readvertise and push out the date."

Public comments

Speaking as a lawyer, Phil Gursky said, "The owners of golf courses are not inherently responsible for everything that happens on the golf course; that belongs to the golfers. But if you're aware of a situation that is dangerous, and you choose an alternative that does not alleviate the dangerous situation, or you defer it, or you choose to take the consideration of visible appearance over safety, then I think both the extent of the liability and the amount of awards would be likely much larger. ... I think for the safety and for the liability of the County, the choice should be the safe one and it should be now."

LAGA President Kurt Anast commented, "From a golfer's perspective, there's only maybe about 10% that really are impacted by the low fence. But there are 10% that would like to use all of the clubs in their bag and enjoy hitting balls on the driving range. I think the solution that you're pretty much assured will work is putting up a fence. Even when you use administrative controls, ... I don't think they can effectively assure you that you're not going to have a problem. ... So, if there's funding available, maybe this is an opportune time to put this behind us. ... Maybe you get it done, and you're done with it, and you don't have to deal with the golf course anymore."

Local golfer Cliff Fortgang was greatly concerned about the lack of public input, given the visual impact of the high netting. "This fencing should be vetted. ... To go ahead with this project without the community being versed in what this means for our skyline, I

think would be a big mistake. ... I think it's very unfair to the community to go ahead with something that could impact thousands of people."

Council discussion of motion to approve

Discussion from Council focused on the responsibility to ensure public safety, the value placed by the community on viewsapes, and the adequacy of opportunities for the public to vet the proposed containment netting project.

Councilor Hand said "In my opinion, safety is first. ... I know that visual impacts are also important but I don't think that we need to ignore something that we have been discussing for a while. ... I think the community is aware of this discussion and I don't think that delaying it is a smart option for us right now." Councilor Cull agreed.

Councilor Ryti justified the basis for his opposition. "Yes, we've been discussing all this for a long time, but the netting was never this tall when we were talking about reconfiguring [holes] 1 through 3.... So, I'm not going to support this at this time. I wish that we could take a little bit of time to actually get better information to the community."

Safety was also the convincing argument for Chair Derkacs. "My perspective is that once we have been told that there is a safety liability at the course, it is up to us then to take precautions to address that liability and protect the public. Human life is far more valuable than aesthetics, and I think it's extremely important that we address this issue. This will be an effective measure and I think it's our responsibility to do this."

MOU with Rio Arriba County to Cooperate on Community and Economic Development Projects

Council voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Los Alamos County and Rio Arriba County to partner on regional economic development projects.

Los Alamos County Economic Development Administrator Daniel Ungerleider

emphasized that the MOU does not include any specific project or fiscal obligation by either party. Specific projects will be defined in appendices to the MOU, and any fiscal impacts resulting from a specific project or program will require separate approvals from Council. At this time, the MOU is merely intended to acknowledge the potential and willingness of both entities to work together when mutually beneficial opportunities for community and economic development initiatives.

Councilor Hand asked about the types of projects the County envisioned pursuing under this MOU. Ungerleider said that discussions on possible collaborative projects are still in the early stages but, as one example, he pointed to the existing collaboration among Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties on a program called Community of Excellence to work on workforce development initiatives. They might also jointly apply for funding for infrastructure in one of the communities. Ungerleider said, "We've been always told that joint applications do better than individual ones. ... We're stronger, we're smarter, when we work together."

Councilor Reagor asked if any specific projects were being considered. Ungerleider replied that there was recognition of the need to provide more housing for trades. "If you're going to bring in a population to build homes but there's no place for them to live, it sends you off into a circle that you can't get out of," he said.

Councilor discussion

In introducing the motion to approve the MOU, Councilor Hand said, "I think that this move towards more collaboration with our neighboring communities is something that will make us all more successful with the intense growth that the Laboratory is going through right now....We need to look at other areas where we can expand to support the growth of the Laboratory and also support the longevity of our community, such as having housing for small businesses, trade, etc. This is something that is affecting more than Los Alamos County. ..."

Councilor Ryti suggested that County staff look at additional areas for joint projects, such as mental and social services.

Urban Trail Phases I and II

Council unanimously approved awarding two contracts totalling \$5.4M to Hasses Contracting Company, Inc. for construction of Urban Trail Phases I and II. Construction is expected to start in or before November 2023, with completion by November 27, 2024.

An overview of the Urban Trail project was provided by Juan Rael, Public Works Director, and Keith Wilson, Project Manager in the Engineering Division of Public Works. Wilson explained that the project was split into two phases, primarily because its construction is being funded by two different federal funding pots.

With a total trail length of about 0.9 miles, the Urban Trail will be a 10-ft wide multi-use cement trail for pedestrians and bicyclists. Work will also include installation of 370 linear feet of precast boardwalk. The trail will be ADA-compliant, with a grade less than 5% throughout.

The trail route starts at Trinity Drive & 20th Street, crosses the grounds of Fuller Lodge to the intersection of Ponderosa Street and Spruce Street, passes through the wooded area by the Canyon Road Tennis Courts and terminates at the Aquatic Center.

Wilson also briefly updated the Council on the status of the County's plans to extend the Canyon Rim trail from its current terminus at the Smith's Marketplace parking lot to 20th Street. "The Canyon Rim Trail Phase III is a separate project," he said. "We are currently working on the remaining easement acquisitions and final design."

Local news coverage:

Los Alamos Daily Post, October 12, 2023, Video : Councilor Melanee Hand Shares Meeting Highlights.

<https://ladailypost.com/video-councilor-melanee-hand-shares-meeting-highlights/>

Los Alamos Daily Post, October 19, 2023, Kirsten Laskey: "Council Greenlights Improvement Projects For Golf Course".
<https://ladailypost.com/council-greenlights-improvement-projects-for-golf-course/>

Los Alamos Daily Post, November 2, 2023, Kirsten Laskey: "Turning Trash into Energy? County explores possibility".
<https://ladailypost.com/turning-trash-into-energy-county-explores-possibility/>

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Report – County Council – October 17, 2023

Part 1: Housing and Transportation

The hybrid session was attended by Chair Denise Derkacs, Vice Chair Theresa Cull, and Councilors Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Keith Lepsch, David Reagor, and Randall Ryti . Our observer report is based on discussion during the meeting and documentation provided in the full agenda package.

Regional Strategy for Meeting Operational Challenges at LANL

David Teter, LANL Associate Laboratory Director for Infrastructure and Capital Projects, and Bret Simpkins, Associate Laboratory Director for Facility and Operations, provided Council with an overview of LANL's strategy for meeting the burgeoning infrastructure needs created by its rapid growth.

This topic had also been addressed in the regional strategy presentation that Kelly Beierschmitt provided to Council in August (see observer report for 7/18/23 work session in August LWVLA Update). However, the tone of tonight's talk was much different, in that LANL management was requesting assistance

from the County and its neighbors. Teter said, "We are clearly in this together . We can't do it all by ourselves on the other side of the bridge."

LANL workforce characteristics

Teter began with a broad-brush overview of LANL's current workforce. At present, employment at the Laboratory exceeds 17,000 people, including contract workers, 1,850 students and 462 post-docs. About 2,100 new employees were hired in FY22, and LANL plans to hire about the same number in FY23 and FY24.

The vast majority of these new workers are in the younger age group, ages 35 and less . Most starting salaries (83% of new hires) were \$60,000 - \$150,000, consistent with early-career, entry-level type positions . About 61% of the 2,075 new hires last year were from New Mexico.

Housing needs for new hires

LANL recently conducted a survey of the employees it had hired over the past five years (5,400 workers, with a 50% survey response rate) to understand their housing needs and projections for the future . There is roughly a 50-50 split between owning and renting, and almost all workers who are currently renting would like to buy a single-family home. "Today, with the hires that we already have on the books, there is a demand for 1,600 to 1,700 single-family homes," said Teter. "The vast majority are looking for homes less than 2,500 sq ft." The survey also showed that the workforce would be interested in spending a market price of \$500,000 or less on a new home.

Teter highlighted the consequences faced by new hires because of the extremely limited housing availability in Los Alamos County, and the high listing prices for the few homes on the market . He showed some statistics providing a snapshot of the number of homes available and the median asking price in June 2023:

- Los Alamos—44 homes at a median price of \$695K

- Española—74 homes at a median price of \$362K
- Santa Fe—1,258 homes at a median price of \$822K
- Albuquerque—1,945 homes at a median price of \$380K
- Rio Rancho—1,695 homes at a median price of \$415K

The high cost of housing in the County puts it out of the range of nearly all new employees. The nearest reasonably priced housing is in Rio Rancho and Española. As a result, said Teter, a condition of employment for new employees is an undesirable commute, e.g., 90 minutes each way from Rio Rancho.

Short-term housing strategies

Teter said that LANL was looking at a number of initiatives to try to solve two types of housing needs: long-term permanent housing for its regular new hires, and temporary or short-term housing for construction workers.

Teter projected a need for an additional 300 to 500 construction trade workers to support the continued increase in construction activity at the Laboratory. He said that there are not enough local workers available, so the subcontractors are having to bring in workers from elsewhere to get the job done. Some of those workers are unable to find temporary housing locally and must commute from Albuquerque.

The Laboratory is taking a two-pronged approach to try to help contractors address the housing problem. It is connecting subcontractors with hotels and other lodging facilities to maximize use of existing capacity. It is looking at expanding the capacity, for instance by establishing Operating Service Agreements with longer-term lodging providers in the region.

Long-term permanent housing strategies

LANL also has a two-part strategy to help address the long-term permanent housing need . One initiative has been to try to be more specific and quantitative about the growth of the regular workforce. Sharing hiring

demographics and housing preferences with developers helps them obtain financing for housing developments. Secondly, LANL is working with regional communities to help them obtain state and federal support for base infrastructure to support new housing developments.

Teter said several cases have arisen where there was developable land but the property lacked what he called the "horizontal" infrastructure—such as electrical power, water or sewer. Although providing such infrastructure is not something that LANL or NNSA could directly fund, they can try to do “matchmaking” and help people make connections to potential state or federal funding opportunities. One example given by Teter was the DOE's energy infrastructure initiatives for communities.

Although an offsite campus might reduce some of the housing demand in the County, Teter said that there's always going to be a very high demand for housing here because many workers prefer to live in Los Alamos.

Workforce commuting headaches

Getting to work can be frustrating for many in LANL's commuting workforce due to long commuting distances, traffic congestion and inadequate onsite parking. About 63% of the Laboratory's onsite employees live outside Los Alamos County, and this proportion continues to grow. The largest fraction of these (4,400) commute from the Santa Fe-Española region, for distances of 40 to 70 miles. About 1,400 onsite employees live between 70 and 120 miles from Los Alamos, mostly along the I-25 South Corridor extending as far as Belen.

Transportation strategies

A traditional approach would be to build more parking structures, but LANL's goal instead is to focus on reducing the number of employee vehicles arriving onsite. Simpkins listed the wide range of different transit solutions, lease agreements, and new infrastructure initiatives that the Laboratory is undertaking to increase the transit capacity, not

just at the Laboratory itself but also in the broader communities.

- Park and Ride/Shuttle initiatives to create off-hill parking hubs and use express buses, shuttles, and rideshares to transport staff to the Laboratory. A pilot project has been set up at Pojoaque and discussion is underway for doing so at other sites south of Los Alamos.
- Expand on-site shuttle services at the Laboratory,
- Promote vanpools and carpools, such as providing dedicated parking,
- Build new transit centers in Los Alamos County and surrounding regions,
- Encourage Park and Ride, biking, walking and other means to arrive without a car.

Bicycle infrastructure

Teter added that LANL was interested in partnerships with the County to improve the local bicycle infrastructure, to make sure that it's as safe as possible for people to get from their homes to the site. He has heard that people are hesitant to ride their bikes to work because they feel it's unsafe."

Councilor questions

Councilor Ryti asked what challenges prevent developers from launching or constructing local or regional housing projects. Teter replied that three recurring issues arise in his conversations with individual developers:

- They lack quantitative data demonstrating the housing demand, which is needed to help obtain financing. LANL's housing survey has largely met this need.
- There is insufficient workforce in the craft construction trades. "It's a national challenge," he said.
- Some potential development parcels lack horizontal infrastructure.

Councilor Hand said that a primary take-home point from Teter's presentation was that the highest need is for single-family housing, and that the high-density housing is not necessarily what people are looking for.

Teter replied that building high-density housing had merits for closing the gap for workforce housing. The need to build more single-family homes could be offset by a strategy of targeting high-density housing for older residents who might prefer a higher-end apartment condo-type style of living. If it were available, it would free up single family homes. In addition, he said that high-density rental housing provides a housing solution close to the Laboratory where workers can get established and start a career at the Laboratory while looking for a more desirable home. However, "We're going to have a problem with retention if we're not able to solve that longer-term homeownership option," he said.

In response to a question from Councilor Havemann, Teter said that an attrition rate of about 1,000 employees per year was normal for LANL. About half of those are retirements. However, the attrition does not necessarily create housing capacity because many retirees do not leave the County.

Teter summarized his perspective on the housing shortage by saying, "I don't think it's possible for Los Alamos County to serve all of our housing needs. And so maybe you all shouldn't be thinking of it in that manner. It really is going to be a full regional solution to provide this housing demand."

Councilor Ryti commented that Triad's policy on renting commercial space in downtown areas has created problems for local businesses. Teter replied that NNSA views leases as short-term solutions and requires LANL to show an exit strategy. "Often that exit strategy is hinging on NNSA providing funding for that permanent building someday. When that funding doesn't arrive, leases go longer." He suggested that having an offsite campus might allow the Laboratory to consider moving offices that it is leasing in Los Alamos out of town.

Councilor Derkacs wanted to know how long there would be an enhanced need for housing for construction workers. Teter said that he anticipated that the construction is going to last for the next 5-7 years, possibly a decade. "We're building roughly the equivalent

of a small national Laboratory. ... I'm responsible for building five large office buildings, three fire stations, parking garages, security pro-force facilities, the list goes on."

Teter also noted that the Strategic Posture Commission Report issued by Congress this month (October 2023) includes a very strong recommendation to continue revitalizing and modernizing the entire nuclear security enterprise. It could take 20-30 years to modernize and replace all of our aging facilities. "Seventy percent of our buildings were built in the 1950s and 60s.... They've reached their end of life. It's really going to come down to, is the funding available? And how long will that funding be available?"

Local News Coverage

Los Alamos Daily Post, October 19, 2023,
Video: Councilor Suzie Havemann Recaps
Oct. 17 Meeting.

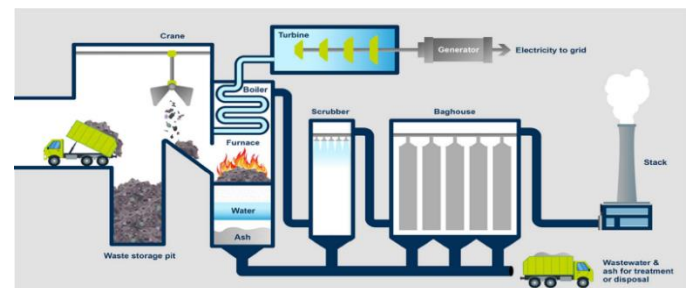
<https://ladailypost.com/video-councilor-suzie-havemann-recaps-oct-17-meeting/>

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Part 2: Waste-to-Energy Production, 20th St. Visioning Process

Continuation of the October 17 hybrid session

Waste-to-Energy Production



Armando Gabaldon, Environmental Services Manager, provided an overview of Waste to Energy (WtE) processes and facilities and identified considerations affecting its feasibility for Los Alamos. Gabaldon defined WtE as a technology that diverts waste from landfills and uses it instead to generate energy by incinerating combustible solid waste. Any

solid waste that remains after recycling is burned and the heat is used to power a turbine generator that provides electricity to the grid.

The confined and controlled burning greatly decreases the volume of solid waste destined for landfills. Ash generated in the incinerator is collected as bottom ash and pollutants in the exhaust gas are removed by the exhaust gas treatment system and collected as fly ash. The ashes are then hauled to a permitted landfill.

There are about 75 WtE facilities in the United States, mostly in large cities and regions. A small facility has a capacity of 40,000 tons of solid waste per year and requires an investment of about \$41M (in 2018-2019 dollars).

Gabaldon said that, for comparison, "in Los Alamos County, we are currently collecting 10,000 tons of municipal solid waste a year." He added that this is just the refuse, not the recycling. Overall waste from all programs—refuse, recycling, brush collection, or anything under the sun is about 18,000 tons annually.

In Gabaldon's opinion, it would be difficult for a WtE facility to produce sufficient energy to recapture the capital, maintenance, and operation costs based on the amounts of the waste that Los Alamos generates. Because New Mexico has a below-average recycling rate (participation rate <30%), enhancing measures to reduce, divert, and reuse waste would be a much more cost-effective alternative for the County. "However, that is something that would need more thought and analysis," he said. He said, "From my discussion with NMED, there have been no facilities of this type proposed in New Mexico thus far."

Councilor questions

Councilor Reagor asked whether a regional WtE facility might be feasible. "Actually, that's a good point," responded Eric Martinez, Deputy Public Works Director. He noted that, because of the sophistication and their demand for fuel, these types of projects are generally geared towards a regional effort. "Given the viability of a small-scale type of facility, the financial

sustainability of a larger facility really makes more sense."

20th Street Visioning Process

Sobia Sayeda, Senior Planner with the Community Development Department (CDD), presented redevelopment concepts for the County's 20th Street parcels south of Trinity Drive. The project site is located in the Downtown Los Alamos (DTLA) Zone District, which permits mixed-use and multi-family residential, office, commercial, and civic uses. CDD was requesting feedback from Council before the County property was put up for solicitation for sale and development.

Common themes from existing goals, policies, public participation, and survey

The visioning process was guided by four adopted County documents: the Downtown Master Plan, Economic Vitality Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Housing Market Needs Analysis. These documents were used to enumerate key goals and policies for development on the 20th Street property. Extensive public outreach, including feedback from an online survey, was used to refine the goals.

1. *Create Community Amenities and Enhance Connectivity Among Existing Downtown Amenities* – This goal envisions an expansion of community amenities in Downtown Los Alamos as one of the community's central gathering places. Improved vehicular and pedestrian access throughout Downtown Los Alamos to existing local businesses as well as to key destinations like Ashley Pond is to be achieved in part through connecting the Urban and Canyon Rim Trails. Providing new public spaces, such as public access to the edge of Los Alamos Canyon, could create another desired community amenity.
2. *Support Small Businesses* – Residents and visitors would benefit from a greater variety of businesses. However, among the key needs of local small businesses is affordable space. Development here could address this need by providing flexible

commercial space along a high-traffic corridor.

3. *Provide Variety of Housing & Lodging Options* – To serve a wide range of needs – including those of long-term residents, short-term LANL contractors, and tourists – the County should support an increase in a variety of housing and lodging options . The current options available in the County are limited in supply and are expensive . Development here could include construction of new multifamily housing and provide hundreds of housing and lodging units.

Development schemes

Working with Wilson & Co. Consultants, CDD staff developed three high-level concept plans for development that would address the three goals listed above . The challenge, said Sayeda, was "how do we create a place that provides open space, views, gathering spaces, and also small-scale and large-scale retail, and some type of lodging/residential hub?"

All three schemes include a mix of commercial and residential uses, and make efficient use of the vacant lots by increasing building heights and minimizing setbacks, as permitted by the new Development Code. The new Code restricts development to a 54-ft maximum building height within 150 ft of the Los Alamos Canyon edge. Outside that area, the building height limit is 86 ft. All three schemes also include connections between Urban and Canyon Rim trails and access to the Los Alamos Canyon edge.

Development Scheme I showed what the maximum footprint of possible development could be on the 20th Street parcels if the development plan included adjacent parcels. They include that slated for development by Pet Pangaea, property south of CenturyLink, and property owned by LA Public Schools. Although the County has no jurisdiction over these properties, Sayeda suggested that there might be some way to establish partnerships or gauge the interest from the property owners to see if they can utilize their spaces to provide more residential and commercial spaces. The

goal would be to transform the cul-de-sac at 20th Street into a community amenity like that at Ashley Pond, "which is essentially our community's backyard," she said. She thought it would be possible to create around 700 residential lodging units with this scheme.

To put this number into perspective, Sayeda said that "our Housing Needs Study identified that we're missing about 1,500 housing units." Currently there are around 600-700 units in the pipeline, including The Hills Apartments.

Development Scheme II focused only on the two County-owned parcels. If development is maximized based on the new code, slightly under 600 residential and lodging units could be built. However, the scheme still maximizes open space and trail connectivity from east to west and into the cul-de-sac.

In the report accompanying this agenda item, implementation of Scheme II was highly recommended. "This scheme proposes the highest and best use of County-owned parcels and adjacent right-of-way while considering opportunities for trails and open space connectivity, providing local small business support, and creating a variety of housing options."

Development Scheme III was provided in response to the concern that the community may not be as interested in apartment buildings or condos as it is in single-family homes . In this scheme, the County's parcel facing the canyon provides single-family attached homes that could be three-stories high . Under this scenario, the number of residential units is under 500.

Councilor questions

Following up on the discussion on building more affordable housing, Councilor Ryti noted that condos might be a more affordable housing option for those seeking to own a single-family residence. He said that he had heard that condo projects are not really fundable at the moment and asked if this were true. Sayeda replied that building condos is feasible but in her experience developers traditionally stay away from it because they

want to build something that they can be confident they can sell. According to guidelines from FNMA (Fannie Mae), condos are not considered to be warrantable unless at least 51% of the units are owner-occupied, i.e., less than 50% can be rental units. This guideline makes it challenging for some would-be buyers to obtain financing. "Townhouses don't have that issue," observed Councilor Ryti.

Councilor Ryti asked how the affordability of commercial spaces could be made part of the specifications for solicitations. CDD Director Paul Andrus replied that many businesses in town have spaces that are way bigger than they need and their rents are based on square footage. So, the solicitation would be looking for the developer to do an analysis, and find out what sizes are needed. "The idea is to have something that works for the actual individual business person, to be able to have their space but not have any excess space that they're paying for as well," said Andrus. Sayeda added that shared amenities such as parking would also help bring the cost down.

Councilor Havemann urged for action sooner rather than later. She asked whether the County desired to have just one developer bid on the whole thing or if it would be accepting bids from multiple developers who pick up little pieces of it? Sayeda replied that the County was open to whoever comes and meets with the County's vision and our goals. "But people have come to us, ... people are interested in teaming up and are interested in looking at the smaller pieces," she said. Andrus added, "Project feasibility and financial feasibility are going to factor really highly. So, everything's on the table, as long as it's quality, it's looking at the vision, but it needs to be financially viable."

Councilor Havemann added that, "my final little seed I wanted to plant is ... my hope is that any new construction that takes place on this parcel will be built to our new Climate Action Plan objectives for low carbon footprint, good mobility, ... and EV charging infrastructure, etc.."

Councilor Derkacs expressed curiosity about the route of the extended Canyon Rim Trail. The plans depict the trail as starting at

15th Street and proceeding directly to 20th Street, no longer along the canyon edge. Public Works Director Juan Rael explained that there were grade issues with the topography closer to the canyon edge, so the trail is routed to ensure that it stays ADA-accessible.

Councilor Derkacs suggested that the County consider putting a footpath along the canyon rim to allow public access. Councilor Ryti followed up on her suggestion to advocate for two canyon edge trails, with only one being ADA-accessible. "That's something I've seen in other communities, where you have [a] designated path for certain users and then there's another path that allows people that can [do so] to enjoy the amenities. I think that can be very beneficial."

Sayeda noted that "The Council asked us a few months ago to look at some easement or some protection standards for canyon edge access, and that is something that the Planning Division and CDD is going to be working on This is the discussion that we'll be having with this developer and with future developers along that edge."

Local news coverage:

Los Alamos Daily Post, October 19, 2023, Video: Councilor Suzie Havemann Recaps Oct. 17 Meeting.

<https://ladailypost.com/video-councilor-suzie-havemann-recaps-oct-17-meeting/>

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Report - County Council – October 24, 2023

NNSA Update, P&Z Work Plan, Energy Policy Proposals

The hybrid work session was attended by Chair Denise Derkacs, Vice Chair Theresa Cull, and Councilors Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Keith Lepsch, David Reagor, and Randall Ryti. Our observer report is based on

discussion during the meeting and documentation provided in the full agenda package.

Update from NNSA Los Alamos Field Office

Council received an update from Ted Wyka, NNSA Los Alamos Field Office Manager, on recent activities of his office. He began by addressing the Federal Continuing Resolution which was signed by the President on 9/30/23. It will end on 11/17/24. If another Continuing Resolution is passed, LANL would continue to operate at the current 2024 funding level. If the federal government is shut down, LANL has about 6-8 weeks of funding that it could use to continue to operate.

Wyka moved on to other operational challenges facing the Laboratory including housing (see Observer Report for October 17). He also discussed initiatives to reduce vehicle traffic in Los Alamos such as park-and-ride buses from neighboring communities, working from home, and creating off-site campuses in other communities. He said work at the intersection of East Jemez Road and NM 4 should be completed by the end of 2023.

Wyka reported that the draft LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS), which assesses the environmental impacts of potential new or expanded operations at LANL that have not previously been analyzed, is expected to be completed by the end of 2023 or early in 2024.

Also in the works is a third electric transmission line that would service the County as well as the Laboratory. "This is needed because the capacity of existing lines will be exceeded by 2026," Wyka said. Tribal governments, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service are being consulted to solicit feedback on the proposed route. The draft Environmental Impact Statement should be completed in November 2023.

Wyka reported that, since 2018, about 25% of LANL's legacy TRU waste has been shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) with the remainder being stored on-site at LANL.

Finally, he described LANL's wildland fire program, which includes hazard tree removal operations in several areas to address community concerns. Removal of trees was governed by the LANL Hazard Tree Management Policy. Work on DOE land in the canyon below the Ridge Park Condominiums involved the removal of about 26 tons of biomass. He previously spoke to Council on these and other issues at its work sessions on 6/21/22 and 3/14/23. [see observer reports in the August 2022 and April 2023 LWVLA Updates.]

Planning and Zoning Commission Work Plan

Rachel Adler, Chair of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission, summarized this year's top accomplishments. The Commission's primary work activities for 2024 are cleanup of language in the Development Code (Chapter 16) and continuing discussions with CDD on a proposed ordinance for short-term rentals and parking requirements.

Adler asked how the P&Z and Council could improve communication and requested the Council to more clearly define what they would like the Commission to look at. Councilor Havemann asked, "How much leeway is there in the P&Z agenda to nudge behavior and to be proactive instead of reactive on issues?" Adler and Planner Sobia Sayeda answered that room on the P&Z agenda is not a limiting factor, noting that P&Z has only met half of the time in 2023 due to the lack of applications.

Considering potential P&Z initiatives, Adler observed that the current Development Code does not include any requirements for sustainability practices. Although some developers have incorporated such practices on their own, P&Z could develop strategies on sustainability, such as eliminating natural gas or defining LEED standards.

Councilor Ryti asked CDD and P&Z to address canyon edge protection and rezoning that had been deferred for a later time when the Code was approved. Sayeda noted that these items are on their list.

Energy Policy Proposals to the National Association of Counties (NACo)

At the request of Councilor Ryti, Council unanimously approved submission of four specific energy policy proposals to the National Association of Counties (NACo) for consideration. The organization serves 3,069 County governments and County employees by providing a united front to advocate for county priorities in federal policymaking. They develop annual policies for which the organization and its members advocate. Councilor Ryti serves on the Energy Subcommittee of NACo's Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee, which is recommending that NACo adopt these changes to its current energy policies. If adopted, these policies would be presented to federal legislative committees.

The policies would support the goals of the County. If approved by the membership of NACo, they would be supported by the advocacy staff of NACo.

The four energy policy proposals are to:

- adopt federal legislation that expands economic incentives for clean energy development.
- adopt consent-based siting of future waste facilities so that a site is not forced on a community. This would avoid the situation encountered with the Yucca Mountain facility. Ryti said the DOE has a proposed

consent-based siting process and a policy has been put in place but it is not a law.

- suggest that DOE evaluate recycling/reprocessing of spent fuels. Ryti explained, "Reprocessing is already being done in other countries although there are many differences in spent fuel characteristics. Technology is available although controversial, e.g., due to generating additional hazardous and radioactive waste and material for weapons." On the plus side, Ryti said reprocessing spent fuel would improve national security.
- encourage DOE to establish pilot programs to assist communities that are affected by the presence of DOE facilities for items such as schools, infrastructure, housing, and traffic.

Councilor Ryti cautioned that NACo could choose not to adopt some or any of these policies if not considered applicable to many counties or if controversial.

Local news coverage:

Los Alamos Daily Post, October 26, 2023, Video: Councilor Lepsch Recaps Oct. 24 Work Session.

<https://ladailypost.com/video-councilor-lepsch-recaps-oct-24-work-session/>

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LWVLA Members Entertained by Jody Benson at October 20 Party

At the membership party for League members on October 20, board member Jody Benson entertained the group with a description of her experiences in Korea in 1971 when she signed up to be a "Donut Dollie" to raise the morale of the troops.

Ellen Mills introduces Jody to the group as Cynthia Biddlecomb; Andy Fraser, and Marguerite McClay look on. Photo by Barbara Calef.



October Lunch with a Leader: Eric Peterson

Eric Peterson has held the position of Open Space Specialist in Los Alamos County for nine years. He is responsible for 65 miles of trails over 4000 acres of open space. In all there are 120 miles of trails on undeveloped land in the County, with the remainder controlled by the Forest Service and Department of Energy. At Lunch with a Leader he reported on the various open space projects currently progressing.

Arborcare has been hired to undertake three projects. The company will begin repairing Gonzalez Road at the end of November. Later they will work on the Kwage Mesa and Bayo Canyon Trails. Meanwhile, Natural Channel Design (out of Flagstaff) and Keystone have been awarded a four-year contract to carry out canyon restoration. Their pilot program was Graduation Canyon, where they diverted water to create wetlands. Ponds in the canyon now offer a home to frogs and other aquatic creatures. In the spring they will work to restore Walnut Canyon.

Peterson spoke at length about the effort to remove feral cattle from the County. They cross over multiple jurisdictions, negatively impacting the natural environment, threatening people, and causing road accidents. A contractor has caught over 125 cattle, of which only five were branded. He said there may still be 100-200 roaming in the area. When the cows are caught in the County, they cannot be slaughtered, but must be transferred to the NM Livestock Board. However, San Ildefonso Pueblo opened a hunting season for tribal members.

Since April, Peterson has organized one volunteer event a month. In addition, a crew of fifteen youth were trained to perform trail maintenance and fence building. He is seeking funding and grants for projects such as fixing the kiosks and building a paved trail in Kinnikinnick Park to make it ADA accessible.

When Peterson finished speaking, there were many questions. In response to one about creating a new trail into Barrancas Canyon, he was willing to consider it, but pointed out that new trails must be maintained. Also, before building one, he must consider whether it would impact any endangered species or cultural sites. A suggestion that the County resume 8th grade field trips for open space work projects elicited a request for the names of teachers who might be interested in setting up such a program.

The high level of interest in this topic and large number of questions made it clear that open space is highly valued by the community.

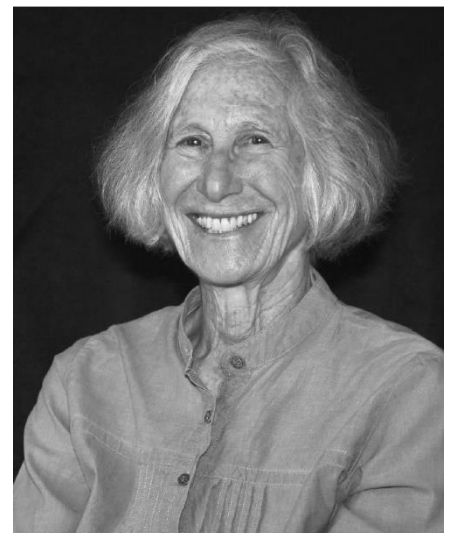
Barbara Calef

Barbara Calef Elected to Living Treasures for 2023

Our long-serving president Barbara Calef has been honored as a Living Treasure of Los Alamos in a ceremony at Fuller Lodge on September 10. Anyone who knows Barbara's tireless League work for both the local and the state Leagues knows how richly she deserves this award. Congratulations, Barbara!

For the rest of the article, see:

<https://losalamosreporter.com/2023/08/24/2023-living-treasures-of-los-alamos-are-joyce-nickols-don-cobb-and-barbara-calef/>



Barbara Calef. Photo by Jim O'Donnell

Tickler Report – Tentative Council Agenda Items

Tickler Report Tentative Council Agenda Items as of October 17, 2023

This is a partial list of tentative Council agenda items. All of the items are subject to change.

- Permitting, Process Development, and Business Updates
 - Briefing at 11/14/23 meeting
- Strategic Planning follow up
 - Briefing and possible action at 11/14/23 meeting
- Ordinance on Minimum Wage
 - Introduction at 11/14/23 meeting
- Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Plan update
 - Briefing at 11/14/23 meeting
- Resolution of Support for a Bee City Certification
 - Briefing and possible action at 11/14/23 meeting
- Ordinance on Wildlife Feeding
 - Introduction at 11/28/23 meeting
- Rendija Canyon update
 - Briefing and possible action at 11/28/23 meeting

Tickler Report – County BCC Vacancies

County BCC Vacancies as of October 31, 2023

Los Alamos County has 12 standing Boards and Commissions (BCCs). Generally, the purpose of a board is to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Council, but some have statutory responsibilities as well.

All BCCs and current vacancies are below.

Upcoming vacancies are in **yellow** text. Changes from last report have a **magenta** highlight.

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| • Art in Public Places Board | 1* |
| ○ 2 terms ending Mar 24, 2024 | |
| • Board of Public Utilities | 0 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • County Health Council | 4* |
| ○ 5 terms ending Jan 6, 2024 | |
| • Environmental Sustainability Board | 0 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • Historic Preservation Advisory Board | 2 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • Labor Management Relations Board | 0 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • Library Board | 0 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board | 0 |
| ○ No terms ending soon | |
| • Parks and Recreation Board | 0 |
| ○ 3 terms ending Nov 30, 2023 | |
| • Personnel Board | 1 |
| ○ 1 term ending Mar 31, 2024 | |
| • Planning and Zoning Commission | 0 |
| ○ 3 terms ending Mar 31, 2024 | |
| • Transportation Board | 0 |
| ○ 3 terms ending Feb 28, 2024 | |

Los Alamos County residents may submit an online application by visiting the County's Boards and Commissions webpage and selecting "apply."

https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/boards__commissions

* The Los Alamos County Code stipulates that "No board or commission shall have more than a simple majority of members registered in the same political party." Consequently, registered Democrats are ineligible for these vacancies. (Note: this qualification does not apply to the Board of Public Utilities.)

LWVLA Board of Directors 2023-2024



The new League board after our first in-person meeting, left to right: Rebecca Chaiken, Amy Birnbaum, Jean Dewart, Akkana Peck, Barbara Calef, Felicia Orth, Addie Jacobson, Lynn Jones, Ellen Mills, Becky Shankland, Karyl Ann Armbruster, Jody Benson. Missing from photo: Bob Williams. Photo by Susanna Marshland.

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- 1st Vice-President: [open]
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- Past President: Barbara Calef
- Secretary: Rebecca Chaiken
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- Voter Services: Lynn Jones

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Membership Categories: All checks for memberships and contributions should be payable to LWV-Los Alamos and all are tax-deductible. Let us know if you'd like a tax-deduction statement. A substantial portion of Single and Household membership dues support state and national League of Women Voters work. The additional funds from Single Sustaining or Household Sustaining memberships support Los Alamos LWV initiatives such as the Voter Guide, candidate forums, etc.

_____ Single membership: \$45.

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

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_____ Student membership: Free (must be 16 or over).

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_____ _____ Voter Registration at events such as the Farmers Market. Training by the County Clerk's office.

_____ _____ Organize/provide refreshments at forums when we meet in person.

_____ _____ Observer Corps: Watch Council, DPU, P&Z meetings etc. and write a short summary to publish in our newsletter. (All meetings are recorded, so you can watch them later.)

_____ _____ Write newsletter articles on a local issue or League activity.

_____ _____ Assist in developing the Voter Guide: edit, develop questions, enter data onto League database, work with news publications to get the information printed, etc.

_____ _____ Assist with Lunch with a Leader: assist in inviting leaders to give presentations; order/deliver lunches when we meet in person, help set up tables, etc.

_____ _____ Website/social media: technical assistance and content development.

_____ _____ Advocate for League positions: communicate with local, state, and federal leaders.

_____ _____ Serve on the LWV-Los Alamos Board.

_____ _____ Other: _____

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