

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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I. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:45 p.m. by Chair Anna Hansen in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Vicki Trujillo and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hamilton, Vice Chair
Commissioner Robert A. Anaya [early departure]
Commissioner Ed Moreno
Commissioner Henry Roybal

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adriana Vigil, the State Pledge by Eric Lujan and the Moment of Reflection by Lori Armijo of the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Hansen and Commissioner Anaya recognized the passing of Priscilla Hoback, long-time community member and potter.

I. F. Approval of Agenda

1. Amendments

2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Madam Chair, on page 3 of your agenda, under Matters from the County Commissioners, under paragraph VI. D. 1, we added a proclamation, and that is the only item that has been added to the agenda or

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amended or tabled or withdrawn since we posted the original agenda one week ago, but the amended agenda was posted on September 21st at 11:50 am.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I would ask that item VI. A. 1 be moved up after approval of the Consent Agenda. I'd appreciate that.

CHAIR HANSEN: VI. A. 1? Presentation and Information?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Correct, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. No problem. With those changes, could I please have a motion to approve the agenda?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So moved.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion by Commissioner Roybal, second by Commissioner Moreno.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

I. G. Approval of Minutes
1. Approval of August 28, 2018, Board of County Commission Meeting Minutes

CHAIR HANSEN: Does anyone have any changes to the minutes? Besides me? Okay, on page 2, last line, I believe that – it starts well established relationship with community members. I think that should be a period. And then Robert has been able to build trust.

And then on page 3, fourth paragraph down, one of the reasons I came to Santa Fe County in 2000 – it needs another zero on that, instead of 200.

On page 4, under Chair Hansen, two-thirds of the page down it says thank you for sending me to him – I'm adding me to. Then on page 25, last paragraph, and then – there is an o where it should be on. And then on Saturday instead of just the o. And that's all the changes I have. With that could I please have a motion to approve the minutes with the changes?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Move for approval with amendments, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion by Commissioner Anaya, second by Commissioner Roybal.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

I. H. Recognitions

1. Recognition of Years of Service for Santa Fe County Employees

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, in your packet is a list of employees. At the end of each month we recognize those employees who hit a five-year milestone, whether it'd five, ten, fifteen years of consecutive service with Santa Fe County, and we just do this to recognize the value of employee retention and how much we appreciate that employees stay with Santa Fe County and keep their experience and expertise here for the community. So in the County Manager's Office, our IT Director, Daniel Sanchez has been with us for five years, Chrisann Romero in Land Use, five years. Jose Talache from the Sheriff's Office, five years, and Maria Lohmann in Planning has also been with us for five years as of today.

And then in the Bureau of Elections, Phillip Salazar, started working with the County on September 15, 2008, so he's been with us ten years. Veronica Duran is another one in the Clerk's Office in Reporting and Recording; she's been with us for ten years. Alex Grant in Solid Waste also has been with us for ten years.

Then in the Manager's Office, our two – the first two constituent services liaisons, Lisa Katonak and Jennifer Labar have been with us for 15 years. And then Melanie Ramirez in Finance, also 15 years. Robert Sandoval in Project Development, and in the Sheriff's Office, Michael Delgado and Mark Esparsen have been with the County for 15 years.

So I just want to congratulate them and thank them for their service to Santa Fe County.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller. Thank you to all the employees that are in the chambers and that are out there working. We are grateful for your service to Santa Fe County. I think from my experience being here for the last 19 months, Santa Fe County is a great place to work. Employees are valued and we are lucky to have the people who work here do such a fantastic job.

I. H. 2. Introduction of New Santa Fe County Employees

MS. MILLER: Yes, Madam Chair, Commissioners. There's two – one of them is on this list and one of them started on I think the first week in September, but they're both here. They're in our Legal Department and I wanted to turn it over to Bruce to introduce them because I'm sure you will have opportunity, if you haven't met them yet, you will have opportunity to work with both of them.

BRUCE FREDERICK (County Attorney): So Madam Chair, we have two new lawyers. We have Eric Ames and Rick Word. Although they both look incredibly young they bring about, combined, maybe 50 years of experience or so, so we're lucky to have them and they hit the ground running and we're fully staffed now. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Since I've had the pleasure of working with both of them I am really happy to have them here. Welcome, both Eric and Rick. It is wonderful to have them here. Thank you.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, the other employees, and if I mention any that are here, I wasn't told that any of the additional employees on the list would be here but if I do mention your name please stand up and be recognized so that the Board can recognize you if they see you. In Purchasing, we have a Procurement Specialist Senior, Coralie Whitmore, and in the Assessor's Office, Dominic Martinez as a Clerical Assistant. In the Clerk's Office, Recording Clerk, Christina Ortiz is also new to the County.

In Community Services we have three new employees that started with us in August, and that's Amber Prada, a Secretary Senior, Candice Trujillo, a Secretary, and Christopher Valdez, who is our Nutrition Inventory Specialist. You met Eric from the Legal Department, and then Erick Avila Salazar, Reynalda Rivera, and Daniel Salcido in Corrections; those are three new detention officers. In the Fire Department we have two new forestry techs with Cody King and Kade Young, and then RECC, a new emergency communications specialist trainee, Krysten Bullock, and then in the Sheriff's Office, Secretary Senior, Mari Ramirez.

So I'd just like to welcome them to Santa Fe County. They've all been here now about a month, maybe even close to two months, so welcome to Santa Fe County and we're glad they joined the team.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. I wanted to express my appreciation and congratulations to all of those tenured employees that made the five-year, ten-year and 15-year mark. It demonstrates how good the County is and a good place to work and how we're truly a family. And welcome those new members to the Santa Fe County family as well. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you so much, Commissioner Anaya. I also want to welcome all of the new employees. Welcome to Santa Fe County. We all look forward to meeting you and just a heads-up: Halloween is a big deal in Santa Fe County for all new employees, so get ready. Just a reminder. It's a very important thing that happens here, so be ready for the costume contest and it's a lot of fun.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also want to take the opportunity just to say congratulations to all of our new employees and also just to say that we're honored to have you start here as a new employee and also recognize our employees who have been for many years and thank you for choosing to make Santa Fe County your career. And I'm glad to see that Bruce is fully staffed now. It was only last year that he's been our attorney. He was more pepper when he started and now he's a little bit more salt than pepper. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous

1. **Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$44,315.99 (Community Services Department/Kyra Ochoa)**
2. **Request Approval of an Indefinite Quantity Price Agreement No. 2018-0153-PW/MM Between Santa Fe County and ACME Leasing to Lease and/or Lease to Purchase Electric Vehicles for County Use; Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Orders (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
3. **Request Approval of a Water Delivery Agreement No. 2019-0072-PW Between Santa Fe County and Browncastle Ranch/Santa Fe Skies RV Park of 0.8 Acre-Foot of Water to Meet Anticipated Future Demand (Public Works Department/John Dupuis)**
4. **Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 2018-0077-IT/IC Between Santa Fe County and Superior, LLC, Extending the Term an Additional Year and Increasing the Compensation by \$191,868.42 for a Total Contract Sum of \$332,347.63 and Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**

B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution No. 2018-98, a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Negotiate and Execute all Documents Necessary for the Acquisition of Real Property Interests Necessary for Construction of the County Road 54 Drainage Improvement Project (Public Works Department/Terry Lease)**
2. **Resolution No. 2018-99, a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2014- 143 to Increase the County Manager's Signatory Authority to Approve and Sign Grant Applications, Grant Agreements and Other Grant Documents (County Manager's Office/Tony Flores)**
3. **Resolution No. 2018-100, a Resolution Requesting the Increase to the Budget in the Economic Development Fund (224) for the LEADS Grant Awarded by the State Economic Development Department in the Amount of \$8,000 (Finance Division/Stephanie Schardin Clarke)**

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I just have – I don't think we need to pull it for a lengthy discussion. I just have a quick question on Consent Agenda – it's going to be II. A. 4. If I could ask a quick question on that.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, please go ahead.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Taylor, could you just talk about what the extended term on additional year in increasing compensation, \$191,868 got Superior.

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Could you just put on the record what that is and what we're actually doing?

BILL TAYLOR (Procurement Director): Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I think it's more to the program and I would rather defer to Daniel to respond to that. Because I guess it's just the increase on the procurement.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That's fine. It's a large sum of money and I just want it to be on the record.

MR. TAYLOR: Right. I understand.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you. No problem.

DANIEL SANCHEZ (IT Director): Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, it is actually the extension of our financial systems and ERP in Santa Fe County, so we're just extending out the term.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: For our financial operating system? Is that essentially what it is?

MR. SANCHEZ: HR and Procurement.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Awesome. Thank you, Daniel. Appreciate that. Thank you, Madam Chair. That's all I had.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Hamilton, you have a question?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I similarly had two questions. I don't think they need to be pulled but for two of the items on Consent. One was A. 2 on the electric vehicles. Is this actually going in for an amount, or can somebody –

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I can answer that for you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So my question on this one, on the electric vehicles, is this just opening the process so that subsequent decisions are made about whether they are leases or purchases or lease-purchases? Because some of the amounts were pretty high and it's pretty variable.

MR. TAYLOR: Madam Chair and Commissioner Hamilton, it is a price agreement, so we have the opportunity to procure electric vehicles with the prices that we're provided, that you see in your packet. It is a lease-purchase so for 12 months, you would lease the vehicle for 12 months and then we have the option to purchase. As far as the cost, I would again defer to Claudia to maybe respond to any concerns you may have on that. But the procurement – it's an open price agreement for use by anyone in the County, our agencies.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Claudia, can you give a little insight into that? I'd really appreciate it.

CLAUDIA BORCHERT (Sustainability Manager): Madam Chair, members of the Commission, yes. The way that these table can be read is that for example, the first line on page 1 in the bid sheets, the Nissan Leaf for the 2019 model, for the first year we'd pay \$9,504, and then to buy the vehicle after year one, we would add another \$14,000 onto that. So the total price of that 2019 Nissan Leaf with the tax credit option would be \$23,592, which by my estimation is a pretty fair price. So I'm not sure – it may be confusing to know which numbers to add to get to the price, but when you look at it just as you pay the owner fee, times the number of years that the lease is, plus the buy-out price that's in the last column. That equals the price for that vehicle.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay.

MS. BORCHERT: Does that make sense?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. Thanks.

CHAIR HANSEN: On the same topic, I am extremely happy that we are moving forward with electric vehicles. I think it shows our commitment to renewable energy and getting more solar charging stations also in the County. So thank you, Claudia. One more?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: A question. Is John Dupuis here? I think it's A. 3 on the water agreement. Is that amount – it's a small amount, and it appears, from what I read that it's within expectations of increased usage and what not. But I wondered if you had any concerns about that. Is that appropriate?

JOHN DUPUIS (Utilities Director): Would you mind repeating the question?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: For the increase in water deliveries planned to Santa Fe Skies RV Park, did we have a pre-existing agreement with them? Is that increase within your expectations? It seemed like it was the way it was presented here, but I wanted to know if you – if that projection was what you expected.

MR. DUPUIS: It is what we expected and there were previous agreements, and it is just a continuation of that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay, great. Thanks.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a question also on that. Is that the new rate, the \$16,000?

MR. DUPUIS: It is the new rate. Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. So they're paying the old rate and the new rate. Is that correct? Their previous agreement and then we're adding –

MR. DUPUIS: Madam Chair, for the portion that's added being the new rate.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Yes. That's what I thought.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: And what district is this in? It doesn't have a location so I was just wondering, what location – where this was. Is this off of Highway 14?

MS. MILLER: It's off of Highway 14. And it's on the east side, so I believe it's in Commissioner Moreno's district.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Yes, it is.

CHAIR HANSEN: It's in District 5. And is this the RV park with all the solar panels? It is. Okay. That's great. Thank you. This RV park is completely supported by renewable energy.

MR. DUPUIS: Good to know.

CHAIR HANSEN: I just wanted to make sure it was the same one. Okay, with that can I have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion by Commissioner Anaya, a second by Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

[Deputy Clerk Trujillo provided the resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A. Presentations

1. **Presentation and Information on the Upcoming NMHU Foundation Painter's Exhibit** [*Exhibit 1: Brochure and Postcard*]

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Before I turn the microphone over to the expert, and our awesome guest today, Ms. Buchanan, I wanted to say that this next item is a continuation of Santa Fe County's commitment to the preservation of the arts. Just by looking at our fresco and our commitment to the film industry in this chambers and our commitment to the youth art exhibitions that we've had in the County in the past, and other art that's displayed throughout Santa Fe County. We've had a long-standing commitment to the arts.

Dr. Law and Ms. Salman and Ms. Buchanan, along with Dr. Bell, who is a very integral part of our foundation came and we're looking for an opportunity to engage and bring art to Santa Fe and Highlands University and the foundation. So I want to thank you in advance of your presentation, for your efforts on a daily basis and the good work that you do, and I also want to express a sincere thank you to Mr. Barela, my liaison, and Mr. Flores back there on his phone for working collectively with the internal team, with the manager and everyone else involved to get this to fruition and hopefully this is something that will continue to advance. I appreciate my colleagues and their support for the arts and the prior Commissioners who've had a dedication to the arts, Commissioner Chavez in particular that had a high interest in doing more viewing of artwork and shows and other stuff within our County facility. So with that, Madam Chair, I thank you for advancing the presentation as you have. Ms. Buchanan, the floor is yours.

RENEE BUCHANAN: Hello, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. First off, I just want to make sure you all have – you should have brochures from this year's Painter's Exhibition. This is currently what is up at our Highlands Foundation, and it is the fifth annual New Mexico Painter's Exhibition, which is an invitational survey of contemporary northern New Mexico painting that was established by Dr. Robert Bell, who is an ophthalmologist here in Santa Fe, along with Jim Mann, Eric Thompson and Frank Croft of Argos Gallery.

Basically their purpose was they wanted to fill the void left when the Museum of New Mexico stopped hosting its biennial here in Santa Fe. The exhibition began at Highlands, as Dr. Bell has been a generous art donor to the university foundation and we have over 4,000 works of art in our collection, including 19th century prints and paintings by northern New Mexico artists, and the Highlands University Foundation also has an art gallery at Kennedy Hall that displays these works and also hosts the New Mexico Painter's Exhibition, which is currently on display through October 3rd and then we'll be coming here. So for the past five years this exhibition has provided an enriching experience for our student community and northern New Mexico communities that are traditionally underserved in arts and cultural resources.

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However, Dr. Bell and the cofounders of this exhibition originally envisioned that it would travel biennially in order to broaden the number of artists and viewers that participate and are exposed to the exhibition, and they hoped that first it would travel to Santa Fe. So thanks to the work of County Commissioner Robert Anaya, Deputy County Manager Tony Flores and constituent services liaison Chris Barela we will be hosting the New Mexico Painter's Exhibition here with an opening reception on October 14th. This exhibition, the curators choose based on traditional painting standards but we are otherwise open in terms of style from representational to abstract styles accepted. We chose painting as a standard for this exhibition due to its long tradition in the northern New Mexico region.

Overall, the exhibition's primary goal is to present a survey of the state of the art of painting in the region. We currently have 48 artists participating in this year's show and that includes some of the students at Highlands University as the exhibit is also meant to support emerging artists as well as established artists. And we will have an excellent opening reception here October 14th. We're very excited about that. Some of the art will be in this very room as well as the hallway outside and we will have the show here until November 8th. Do you have any questions?

CHAIR HANSEN: Any questions from the Board? If not, I have my masters degree in art. I have served as a curator. My work is in the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Albuquerque and I am a wholehearted supporter of the arts and I have just recently been appointed to NACo's Art and Cultural Commission because of my dedication to poetry in this chambers. So I believe in art. It is one of the more important things that can happen for our children, for our culture, to persist and stay alive. So thank you very much for bringing it to the chambers. I'm sure it will look beautiful here and I look forward to seeing it here. So thank you so much.

MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Renee. We look forward to the project. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: We'll see you on October 14th. What time is the opening?

MS. BUCHANAN: The opening is open to the public from 5:00 to 7:00, but that's one thing I want to mention as well. There's a VIP reception to which you are all invited. It will begin here at 4:00.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much and we'll see you on the 14th.

MS. BUCHANAN: Excellent.

III. ACTION ITEMS

B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution No. 2018-101, A Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Community Services Department's Indigent Fund (223) in the Amount of \$500,162**

STEPHANIE SCHARDIN CLARKE (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Commissioners, Madam Chair. I have a budget adjustment request before you today in the amount of \$500,162. This is an increase to the indigent fund and basically what's

happening is we're requesting to rebudget amounts that fell to cash at the end of 18 for multi-year contracts in the Community Services indigent fund. With that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: So with that, can I have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion by Commissioner Anaya, multiple seconds by Commissioner Roybal and Moreno. Before we go to the vote I want to recognize Kyra Ochoa for her service to Santa Fe County. We are sorry that you are moving away to our sister City and friend but we know you will be continuing to work with us and working with Rachel and that Rachel will have a partner at the City and I think that is a great opportunity for us. So even though we love having you here we also love where you're going, because we know that the partnership will only deepen and develop between the County and the City. So thank you so much for your service to the County. We are grateful for all your work. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Do we need a vote?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

IV. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR HANSEN: Is there anybody from the public who would like to speak? Okay, seeing none, I'm going to Matters from the County Manager.

V. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

A. Miscellaneous Updates

1. Update on Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) and Santa Fe County Fire Impact Fees

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, this is an update on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and the County fire impact fees. At our last BCC meeting the Board appointed members to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and they have held two meetings, the most recent last night. And so Paul and Tony are here to give you an update. We wanted to make sure that we keep you apprised since we are moving forward rather quickly in trying to get the fire impact fee renewal done before the end of the year.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Paul, Welcome.

PAUL OLAFSON (Planner): Thank you. Just a brief update. We have had two meetings for the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and we met last night. The committee did make a recommendation that we will be bringing forward to the Board at the next meeting on October 9th, and that is a recommendation to renew the current fire impact fees with no changes until such time as we are able to address broader, countywide impact fees, and that was part of the planning retreat, some of the items discussed in the planning retreat this summer and so we are moving forward with that

study. Due to the timing of the state statutes and the renewal for the current fire impact fee we've worked with this committee to recommend a renewal until we've had more time to complete the other study and do a broader examination of impact fees countywide. I stand for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much. This is just an update. Any questions from the Commission? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I don't really have a question but just to be clear, so we do have a timeframe, right? For moving forward with having to renew the impact fees. But it doesn't preclude us from doing the somewhat broader study. Is that what you're suggesting?

MR. OLAFSON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes. We will recommend renewing the impact fees in the short term and in the longer term looking at the broader, long-range study.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's great. Thank you.

MR. OLAFSON: Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Anything else from the Commission? Do you have anything else, Manager Miller?

MS. MILLER: No, Madam Chair. That's it.

VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A. Presentations

2. **Presentation by the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) Regarding the Upcoming Election on November 8, 2018, Requesting Reauthorization of the County Transit Gross Receipts Tax [Exhibit 2: Supporting Material]**

PETER DWYER: Thank you. My name's Peter Dwyer. I'm the attorney for the NCRTD and I think most of you know me. I will try to keep this very brief. It's an important issue for us at the RTD because what the issue is we have a ballot question on for November 6th. You've been of great assistance in making that move forward. The ballot question will be at the end of the ballot on November 6th. The issue is whether to continue an existing tax that pays for regional transit. The tax is set to expire in 2024 and if the voters approve the ballot issue it will no longer expire in 2024 and the NCRTD, which people generally know as the Blue Bus will be able to continue to run transit service throughout northern New Mexico.

So what we've done is we've provided you each with a packet here with a number of informational items that you can use in addressing many issues or concerns that come up in the community. There's a very simple business card at the front which summarizes the issue quite succinctly. The authorized transit funding taxes won't increase. Ride the Blue Bus.

So that's our basic message. After that there's a fact sheet that has all the more detailed facts about the RTD and about specifically the tax – how it was imposed, when it was imposed, how it's divvied up and what it's used for. Many of the uses are here in Santa Fe County and Santa Fe County has had expanded service in the recent past.

Also in the packet for you is the district's most recent progress briefing, which we

do biannually so you can sort of see where we're at. The district is making a lot of progress with these revenues. We're building a new maintenance facility. We're expanding services that could result in getting a lot of federal grants and even getting some recent awards.

Your designee to the board, Commissioner Moreno, could, I'm sure share those pictures of you. And in the back of the packet there's also what we call a rack card, which is a way to present the information to voters so that they can understand what the issue is. And last but not least is some quick facts which is a summary of factual information about the district in general. I think a lot of people who ride the Blue Bus know about the Blue Bus and value it. I'm not sure that all the people in Santa Fe County that don't ride the bus know what we do and what our services are, where our money goes.

The tax does go not only for direct service by the NCRTD but also to help assist in payments for the Rail Runner. Also for Santa Fe Trails and for Atomic City Transit Systems. And there's pie charts in there that will show you exactly how the money is divvied up and how it's utilized. We did do advanced polling. It showed very positive results. We received generally positive results. We generally about an 80 percent support level from your community, so we think it's something that's important to the voters already. But it's obviously very important to us going forward if we're going to continue to exist as an entity this is our core revenue stream.

So with that I'll stop and if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Excellent fact sheet. It's an awesome service that's provided to the public, not an increase in tax, but a necessity for northern New Mexico to maintain connectivity to every community in the region. I'm very much appreciative of the work and the linkages from Edgewood all the way to Santa Fe and Madrid area to Santa Fe. I know we're working on still expanding to the La Cienega area. That's still very much on my list of things I'd like to see, and then the work associated with Glorieta in Commissioner Hamilton's district. If we get to those two areas we will have covered every quadrant and corner of the county with access to those greatly needed transit services for people, whether they're into the community to work or whether they're just accessing for appointments, for medical needs or facilitating student transportation which the NCRTD does a lot as well.

So I appreciate the information, your coming out today, and I just encourage those listening to get out and vote and continue to support public transit and the NCRTD and the tax that's sunseting that we need to re-enact to keep these services intact and in place. In addition, it also keeps intact the Rail Runner funding as well. So it's those two very important facets and needs that we have for public transportation in northern New Mexico. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm the representative from Santa Fe County to the RTD board and it's a multi-faceted organization. Almost every jurisdiction, tribe, and cities, towns, and all depend on

connectivity as we all know. In my experience in having served in this capacity I haven't seen a better run organization than the North Central Regional service. I also serve on the subcommittee on finance and have been given a very good exposure as to how to run an organization that does so much for the people there. Talking to the employees over there, they like their jobs and I think we're on a good track with this. So far, so good. I think there's a lot of support for that. We'll be there for you.

MR. DWYER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. I too, I think that all of the Commission districts are really served by the RTD, especially our tribal partners in the northern part of the county. I know that they depend on it. San Ildefonso, Tesuque, Nambe and Pojoaque are extremely grateful for the service that the RTD provides to them. So I just wanted to mention that. I think all the people throughout Santa Fe County are grateful for the service of having free transportation which is really an amazing thing to be able to offer to people. So this Board obviously is in full support of that as being one of the largest contributors to the RTD I really encourage everyone to vote for this. So with that, thank you, Mr. Dwyer and we will move on.

MR. DWYER: Thank you.

VI. A. 3. Presentation on the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities
[Exhibit 3: Supporting Material]

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Chair Hansen. Today we have Mr. Eric Vasquez. He's the new director for the Regional Coalition of Los Alamos Communities, and I'll go ahead and let him do his presentation.

ERIC VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, thank you for having me. My name is Eric Vasquez. I am the recently appointed executive director of the Regional Coalition of Los Alamos Communities, and in your packet I believe you have both a little booklet and a page that will look like this, probably stuck right inside the booklet.

Madam Chair, members of the Commission, the Regional Coalition of Los Alamos Communities, I'm wondering if any of you have ever heard of it? Because it doesn't get in the news that often, but it is an organization that is basically charged with being your voice on issues regarding the National Lab and DOE issues that affect northern New Mexico. The Regional Coalition operations under a JPA, a joint powers agreement, with all communities who have become signators to that agreement. Each member shares a common goal and a common objective of promoting economic development, cultural and education activities, and environmental protection for all our citizens and regions of our communities throughout the area.

We are made up of nine communities including four counties, three municipalities and two tribal entities. As you know, the Regional Coalition started six years ago. It is an organization that was originally thought of to try to promote local issues at the lab for communities. One of the reasons for this is a lot of the time our communities do not have the bandwidth or the capacity to take on some of these issues that do affect them, whether they know it or not. And so the Regional Coalition offers a joint voice for the

organization to do the research, the background, inform the local communities about what is happening and the local communities then, through RCLC can jointly decide on what objectives they want to take. What issues do they want to pursue? What areas to they want to draw attention to and promote? That is the stated objective; that is what it does, and it has been successful over the last few years in doing so.

Similar organizations like this exist throughout the country. The oldest one is actually 24 years old, in Hanford. It's an interesting organization because they started out very similar to us. They only have six members, however, and over the years they have slowly built up and grown and have been able to demonstrate how effective in their communities the organization has been in drawing the attention of DOE to issues that are important to them, primarily cleanup. And if you go through the numbers you can actually see the effect this has. And we're starting to see that same effect here.

So in the paper that you have before you, which is basically a summary of RCLC activities, we have a brief introduction to it and then a list of compliance. And that is put in there because you know the RCLC has had some issues with compliance on financial practices recently. And so I just wanted to let you know that the new team has recently adopted a two-level review process for all accounting procedures and tracking of expenditures, both internal to our organization where we have an accounting being done in our office here in Santa Fe, a second layer within our corporate oversight is actually done in Phoenix, and then all that accounting then goes to the board for approval and to the fiscal agent as well. So technically we now have four layers of accounting. We're in the process of issuing an RFP for an outside third-party accountant that will then be reviewing all fiscal issues as they come up for approval.

Let's see. What else? I was talking about successes. The RCLC is six years old. It has in that time gone through – I will be the fourth executive director for the organization. Every time there's a new director or every time we seat a new board there's a growth period, time for learning how things work, but as time goes on, it has shown more and more success. If you look at the chart on increased cleanup funding you can actually see a demonstrated success where over the last two years an additional more than \$20 million each year has been appropriated above what was originally budgeted. If you look at that chart and go back to previous years, you see that was not the case.

A lot of the time as you've talked with people in DC or our congressional delegation they would say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, but a lot of time it is making sure that your communities are all on the same page. If you are someone who is listening to a dozen different communities it's hard to give anyone any attention. But when these communities come together and say these are our priorities: cleanup funding. This is what we want. We want you to increase cleanup funding. That makes it much easier to add that extra \$20 million every year or increase it even beyond that, and our goal is to increase it beyond that.

If you go through the document, and I don't want to bore you too much, but this is a list of some accomplishments that the RCLC before my tenure honestly did accomplish: securing research funding for non-weapons-related research or basically research that is actually led by or directed by the scientists at the lab; a community commitment plan that you may be familiar with is the provision within DOE's contract with the prime contractor that a percentage of their revenue has to be reinvested in the community for

education, economic development and community development.

Last year when DOE announced that they were going to be rebidding the prime contract and the current directors were going to be going way, they issued a draft RFP. It was the RCLC that discovered that the community commitment plan had been removed from the contract. That funnels millions of dollars every year into our communities. They found that, alerted the public, alerted our community members, and then organized the push with our congressional delegation and DOE to reinstitute it. And thank goodness it was, because we really need that.

So the current Triad which just won the bid is currently out there doing – knocking on doors and talking to community leaders such as yourself to figure out what you want in that community commitment plan and we are monitoring it.

On local economic development one of the strongest things that I personally feel the RCLC has done is help local business actually do business at the lab. There are many – there's almost 10,000 people who worked at LANL for LANL, but what a lot of people don't think about is that there's about 2,000 to 3,000 other people who work up the hill who don't work for LANL but they work for subcontractors. And those subcontractors are in a different realm. And many of those subcontractors are local businesses or people who work for local businesses.

A few years ago DOE instituted a new procurement system where they were trying to streamline and save money so they went to a system called Supply Chain Management Corporation based out of Kansas City. The SCMC was designed so all procurement was supposed to start to be funneled through this entity where they would have contractors that they had already preapproved for commodity sales and then for services. Great. But not, because what it was doing, it was subtly shifting business from our local businesses in Española, in Rio Arriba, in Santa Fe, away from these communities to contractors in Abilene and elsewhere. And suddenly we were losing a lot of that investment that had traditionally come here was not being spent here.

So the RCLC joined with the subcontractors in researching and alerting people to this issue and it has been a slog. It has been a push. And I was involved in that from the other side of this issue so I'm pretty familiar with it. But we have been able to get DOE at the table. We have been able to get the SCMC to come into New Mexico and agree to allow New Mexico contractors to actually compete to be SCMC vendors. We've had one succeed thus far and we're working with the others to train them and build up their capacity because it is – it's a heavy lift to be a standard vendor for all DOE facilities. But the great thing about this is as we get them up and get them working, they don't only have an opportunity to work at LANL. They have the opportunity to start doing jobs at every DOE facility in the nation. So that's something that the RCLC honestly deserves a lot of credit for.

Funding for infrastructure projects – helped in pushing to make sure that any fines levied against LANL were actually spent in our communities rather than just being sent away. And so you see a lot of infrastructure construction, road construction happening in northern New Mexico, that's primarily based off of that.

So the RCLC has really performed some great things for our communities. Jointly for the region, on a consensus basis, we're working together to agree on what we're going to pursue and then go after that. But, it's time to start looking for next steps as well.

So over the next few months the RCLC is planning on visiting with community leaders and community members to talk about what are our next steps and revision where we go into the future – what is it that we actually need to be doing jointly to provide that strong voice with DOE, with state government, with local governments, jointly saying this is what is important to our region of the state when it regards LANL.

We're here to make sure that what happens at LANL is sustainable for both the economy and for the environment, that no new pollution occurs, and that what occurs there is for the best interest for all communities. All communities in our region. So I'm happy to take any questions if you like.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, are there any questions from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I can wait if you guys want to go.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, you go ahead and start.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. I know that you're representing the Regional Coalition but I wanted to see if you had any information on safeguards that Los Alamos County is taking to ensure future expenditures are in accordance with all the laws, regulations and policies and procedures.

MR. VASQUEZ: Yes. So on August 7th of this year the Office of the State Auditor released their findings from the audit that they conducted on the RCLC and our fiscal agent which is Los Alamos County. In it there were 18 findings. Not an insignificant number. Within the report was also the response from both the RCLC and from the fiscal agent regarding all of these findings and in every single one, both the RCLC and the fiscal agent concurred with the recommendations. So we are adopting all the procedures that they recommended, including going out for bid for a third-party accountant, going out for bid for an auditor, which we're in the process of doing right now, going out and creating separate bank accounts for our funds to keep them from mixing with the fiscal agent's funds to avoid any mistakes like happened in the past.

And also to ensure that we have separate bank accounts for each color of money to ensure that other mistakes do not happen again. So we're working on that right now. The fiscal agent has in the response agreed to all those points and that's where we're moving.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. So that answers my question on comingling as well. Go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

CHAIR HANSEN: So what we spoke about in our meeting a month ago was that Los Alamos County would come here and speak to us about their finances and what they are doing. So I'm wondering, did they get invited to come to this meeting?

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, I did have the opportunity to speak with Los Alamos County employees last night and they confirmed this morning and apparently they were not aware that the meeting was happening today. But they might be willing to come. I did not ask if they would definitely show up next time but I can make that inquiry.

CHAIR HANSEN: Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, there's a reason that I'd really prefer not to discuss here as to why they didn't come.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I did want to also ask, what can you do as the director to ensure that the RCLC is compliant with all the requirements?

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, we are instituting a number of provisions within the RCLC with multiple layers of financial reviews and checkpoints. But we are also going to be working on a training for all members of the RCLC board and staff members and contractors who are going to be working on these issues to learn the appropriate procedures and policies and the law regarding the RCLC. Part of the issue that occurred last time, or one of the issues that occurred last time was the fiscal agent was a different class of county than anyone else is and there was misunderstanding of what was actually required. So we are going to be training. The fiscal agent is a Class H county. No other county in New Mexico is that.

CHAIR HANSEN: Los Alamos County is a Class H county?

MR. VASQUEZ: That's correct. Home rule. And because of that some of the rules and regulations regarding a home rule county are different than a Class A, B, or C county. And so that was one of the underlying issues.

CHAIR HANSEN: I've never seen any governmental agency that allowed spending on alcohol in my entire time, living in Santa Fe.

MR. VASQUEZ: That's state regulation right there.

CHAIR HANSEN: So how could it be that somebody was so uninformed that that was an allowable expense.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair, one thing that I will say, and that has been said in the paper, but receipts asking for reimbursement that were being turned in were turned in unitemized. So I don't think the county had any knowledge of alcohol being on these receipts. So that's one thing. But I'll let –

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, I believe – I cannot speak for the previous contractor who had this position. I believe there was some oversight in the way some receipts were handled. I do know that also in meetings and when finances were being discussed or approval for reimbursements were being discussed, questions were being asked by members of the board to fiscal agent staff and in the findings from the State Auditor that sometimes the responses were inadequate or not necessarily correct for that classification of entity, which we go back to the Class H issue again.

And so a lot of times the proper training was not in place. The proper understanding of what was actually required was not in place. You can understand – it's an organization with a relatively small budget and so sometimes organizations with small budgets get loosey goosey. And so that's something that we cannot obviously ever allow to happen again.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Do you have anything else? I still do.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have more things but I'll let you finish.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: One thing I wanted to ask is we've heard that Los Alamos County is considering stepping down as the fiscal agent. Have you heard anything else?

MR. VASQUEZ: I've communicated with both staff and elected officials who sit on the RCLC board. They are – the statement right now is that they are going to

remain the fiscal agent, at least for the immediate to mid-term future, but their objective or long-term goal would be to suggest that the RCLC build up capacity to ask as its own fiscal agent.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. In comment to that, the JPA does require Los Alamos County to be the –

MR. VASQUEZ: That is correct. Any change like that would require amendments to the JPA. But they are remaining our fiscal agent for now.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are you done, Commissioner Roybal?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I have some more, but go ahead.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton has a question.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Because it's a little bit along those lines, but could you just tell me what – you mentioned it's a pretty small budget. Can you tell me what the RCLC budget is and what the approximate or relative contributions of the members are to that budget?

MR. VASQUEZ: Absolutely. Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I'd happy to do that. Just one moment. Let me make sure I get the exact right numbers. Here we go. Okay, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, the adopted budget for fiscal year FY 19 is \$197,274. The contributions by members: City of Española contributes \$5,000. Los Alamos County contributes \$60,000. Pueblo of Ohkay Ohwingeh is \$5,000. Rio Arriba County is \$10,000. City of Santa Fe is \$10,000. Santa Fe County is \$10,000. Taos County is \$3,500. Town of Taos is \$3,500, and Jemez Pueblo is \$2,500.

In addition, the RCLC is the recipient of a DOE-EM grant that is issued to community organizations such as this in the amount of just a little shy of \$100,000.

CHAIR HANSEN: So for that budget, do you consider the lobbying to do environmental cleanup is the biggest economic impact on the region?

MR. VASQUEZ: I'm sorry. The biggest positive impact on the region?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. VASQUEZ: In dollar amounts, yes. In dollar amounts, yes. The effect of advocating for more cleanup for the LANL site has generated the biggest economic direct funding increases to the region. In number of jobs, I would say it is advocating for the subcontractors.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. Go ahead.

CHAIR HANSEN: I want to go back to advocating for cleanup, because I know that there are numerous strong environmental groups that advocate for cleanup on a regular basis.

MR. VASQUEZ: Yes. That's correct.

CHAIR HANSEN: There is ACA, governmental accountability, there's Nuke Watch, there's CCNS here. There are a lot of governmental and non-profit agencies that advocate on a regular basis for money for cleanup. And so it's not just the RCLC that is the one advocating for cleanup because without the citizens groups and without the non-profit groups I don't believe that we would be getting the amount of money that we're getting, and one thing that does disturb me about the cleanup is what are we really getting cleanup for? Like are we getting cleanup for the chromium plume? Are we getting cleanup for Area 55? Are we getting cleanup for – like where is the cleanup money actually going at the moment? So what are we advocating for? And myself, as an elected

official, I believe I have as much weight in going and asking for cleanup of our congressional delegation as you do. I think that we really, as elected officials we have weight going and advocating for cleanup.

MR. VASQUEZ: Absolutely. That's what this organization is about.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay.

MR. VASQUEZ: So I think what you're saying is where is the value?

CHAIR HANSEN: Well, I'm wondering, if that's possible.

MR. VASQUEZ: So, yes, I believe I can demonstrate the value. An organization like the RCLC, like has been found in other communities in the nation, the value comes from a united voice. When you have the City of Santa Fe advocating for cleanup at Site A in this manner, and another community advocating for cleanup at Site A in this other manner. Or not cleanup there but to do something else entirely. It becomes much harder for the congressional delegation to direct DOE on the issues that are priorities for our communities. It is having elected voices such as yourself speaking in a joint fashion with all the communities in your region jointly saying this is our priority that we can agree upon on consensus. This is the number one priority. That's where the power is. It's singing in chorus rather than separately and that is a powerful tool. And the RCLC also – one of the other strengths that the RCLC brings to communities to help you spread your message or your desires is that the RCLC provides a lot of the research and footwork necessary to even understand what is happening at DOE, NNSA, EM, LANL, to understand what's even going on there, for our local communities.

It provides a single clearinghouse for that information for our local electeds. It's much easier for EM to provide a briefing to all nine communities and joint information through one source rather than trying to do it and getting different requests at multiple different points. It's a clearinghouse of information and focusing point to increase the strength of your voice.

CHAIR HANSEN: I'm going to just add one other thing though with that, what is concerning though to me is that none of the pueblos in northern Santa Fe County are members of the Regional Coalition.

MR. VASQUEZ: That is currently true.

CHAIR HANSEN: Tesuque, Nambe, San Ildefonso and Pojoaque, who are heavily impacted.

MR. VASQUEZ: Yes.

CHAIR HANSEN: By the destruction that LANL has perpetrated on our land and the fact that a huge amount of this waste is above our water system. And so there is a deep concern, and I think that it's great that they come and LANL tells you what they're doing, but there are five elected officials here and four of them never get any information about that. I mean, I have not had one report until you have come here about what is happening at LANL and that concerns me.

MR. VASQUEZ: Excuse me, Madam Chair. I do believe we will try to be addressing that and speak more often with all our member communities. Part of the issue there is that the organization has been a bit chaotic over the last six to eight months. And so we've been on the job for about a month and a half now. Also, to your point of pueblo representation from northern Santa Fe County. Absolutely, absolutely true. In particular San Ildefonso Pueblo, no community is more impacted by what has happened at LANL

than them and they are not a member.

One of our proposals in my organization as bid for taking on this contract is we will be bringing on a tribal liaison to specifically work with our pueblo partners, whether they're members or not. Because quite frankly, some of the pueblos do have an understandable history of skepticism. And so whether they are members or not we will be reaching out to them and working with them through a tribal liaison dedicated to that role.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair, to add to that, the previous executive director had gone to meetings with San Ildefonso and the former governor, James Mountain, he tried to convince the council to join the coalition but they were unsuccessful with the council at that point. So San Ildefonso did try and join the RCLC at one point.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: To be honest, you went largely in the direction I intended, which was to ask about does RCLC see as part of its mandate to communicate back to the communities on what they find out and what they know about operations and what's happening at LANL and the direction of cleanup. So in part you answered that but I'm not sure that the further connection links again to something Commissioner Hansen brought up which is where the priorities for cleanup are established and is that something that people that sit on the RCLC board just sort of gin up in meetings or is there some continuity throughout the communities in terms of communication to identify priorities?

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, to answer the first part of that question, first. It is our responsibility as the – in this role, to provide the information that we are gathering from DOE, from the federal delegation, from LANL, to our member communities. We are working right now, as I mentioned before discussing having a basically a review of our methods of completing our mission and figuring out what's the best way, what works best for our communities, and we will be revisiting that. We're planning on a work session in October actually to start looking into that in more depth.

To the second part – I'm sorry, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton – what was the second part?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It was like communicating information back and forth with the partners and the process for setting priorities.

MR. VASQUEZ: Oh, yes. The cleanup priorities or whatever. The RCLC operates on a consensus basis, so when the organization was first formed six years ago I do not need to tell you or anyone in this room that historically, relations between our communities off the hill and Los Alamos have not always been completely open or understanding each other. So one of the reasons the RCLC was put together originally was to try to start to bridge those misunderstandings and try to understand each other better.

So when they first came together everything was thrown on the table to discuss what we wanted. A lot of things they could not reach consensus on but certain things they could.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: RCLC members couldn't come to

consensus.

MR. VASQUEZ: RCLC communities and their representatives sat down for a period of months fleshing out what the objectives were going to be going forward. And that's why our focus is on cleanup funding, economic development and community development.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Along those lines, can you talk a little bit about what your interactions and relationship with the labs themselves are, and in part with respect to setting priorities and what sorts of things you, the RCLC and the labs lobby for in DC in terms of money?

MR. VASQUEZ: So you're referring to the RCLC in general, their communication with the lab?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. VASQUEZ: Or me and my organization in particular?

CHAIR HANSEN: Personally, I would like to know what your organization is lobbying for.

MR. VASQUEZ: My organization is actually – I work with Chicanos por la Causa, which is – Chicanos por la Causa New Mexico, which is a branch of the larger Chicanos por la Causa which is in three states, based out of Arizona – also in Nevada and New Mexico. It is a community organizing non-profit which focuses on communities of color and poverty to try to grow economic development and also community services there. They are now in New Mexico as well, and we decided jointly to pursue this because this is something that is important for our region's communities. That's CPLC. They do not lobby – CPLC does not lobby Washington for anything regarding LANL. CPLC does work in Washington on issues for childcare, healthcare, agricultural issues and other – I think there are over 42 programs now that the CPLC administers.

But to the other point – LANL.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. RCLC and LANL. Common purposes.

MR. VASQUEZ: Our relationship historically, and again, I'm new to the game but I've been watching this from the outside for several years now, has been one in which initially there was suspicion. Can I just describe to you briefly. The Los Alamos National Laboratory is administered by a contractor, which currently is LANS. They're a conglomeration of different businesses that bid on the contract to be the M&O manager at Los Alamos National Laboratory. So they are the employee of DOE-NNSA Division, which actually runs the laboratory.

After the incident at WIPP with the barrel that went boom, the cleanup activities at the laboratory were split and taken away from DOE-NNSA and handed over to DOE-EM, or environmental management. And so now there's technically two different entities at the lab running the lab. One of them is doing all the science and mission work. Another one is doing the cleanup. The RCLC's relationship varies between these organizations. We currently, because of our mandate from our communities, work most closely with EM, the environmental management side, because that's really what our communities are most concerned about right now. But we also monitor what's going on with the NNSA side or the traditional lab work, and so we do have some communications with them. As a matter of fact the current contractor is going to be doing a presentation at our next

meeting on October 19th in Los Alamos to give us an update of some of the activities they've been doing.

The laboratory itself is one of several national laboratories in the DOE complex. Like many things in the federal government it's a labyrinth of confusion. But it's one of several laboratories in the DOE complex governed by NNSA Division, as I said before. And within EM, within NNSA, there are different silos of authority. And with some of those silos, RCLC has relationships, with others we don't. With some of those silos I can say probably they like what we're doing and other ones don't. It's complicated.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Part of what I'm trying to get is a statement from you, maybe it's just your current understanding, of the RCLC – your perception of the RCLC mission and how that's distinct from existing lobbying efforts.

MR. VASQUEZ: The RCLC's mission is to educate our local elected officials and governments on issues that are going on at the laboratory and DOE and anything that affects them in that realm, and then the local elected officials through the RCLC select policy and objectives for the RCLC to pursue. We pursue what you tell us to pursue.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. So how does that translate into activities that you participate in in Washington?

MR. VASQUEZ: Pursuing cleanup funds for example. The RCLC in the past has spent a lot of time in Washington doing research, working with people in DOE-EM and the congressional offices and different entities in Washington about what's happening in the cleanup world. Because if you look at a breakdown of how environmental management funds in DOE are spent you will see that certain communities or certain sites get a lot more attention than other sites. And there's – some of it makes a lot of sense. Like there are certain areas that are higher priority because of just the danger that is involved. And sometimes there's politics involved as well. And so the RCLC is working with our communities to make sure that we are not forgotten, because we have been forgotten in the past when it comes to cleanup funds.

Cleanup is one – we also talk to people in DC historically about other issues that aren't even necessarily related to specific DOE policy. Do you remember last year, or in January/February legislative session of this year, which was the last of the year, I guess, there was a push to pass legislation that would require that any DOE site in New Mexico pay gross receipts tax to the state and local community. The bill passed; the governor vetoed it. The RCLC worked on that issue, both in the Roundhouse but also in communicating with what was the reaction to this push in Washington and how it would be perceived there. So that's another issue that was discussed.

And I'm sorry, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I'm sorry if I'm being vague, it's just these issues are – I don't want to say squishy but they are complicated.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have an appreciation for complicated issues, and so I'm trying to get a sense directly from the horse. That's why I'm interested in speaking directly for what some specifics of the role are. There have been issues about what RCLC does, what it's intended to do and whether it crosses over into things that aren't – like lobbying, what its relationship with LANL and what it does for the communities. I'm just trying to get a handle on it.

MR. VASQUEZ: So Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, advocacy by

our local communities in DC could be called lobbying, could be called advocacy – whatever term, but it is not in its own sense something that is prohibited under RCLC procedures. It is not prohibited under DOE procedures. They just want to make sure that we are not using the wrong color of money to pursue it. But they do understand that when they fund organizations like the RCLC and other organizations receive similar funding in New Mexico and other states that part of the reason is so that the local communities will have the understanding and then be able to speak their voice, because it makes it a lot easier for them also if they don't have to traipse to every little townhall across the country to explain everything when there's organizations like this that can help.

CHAIR HANSEN: I personally think that they should come out to every single little townhall that is affected by LANL. I think that more education and more information to all the communities affected by LANL is incredibly important. And I happen to actually know from sitting in Senator Udall's office that the RCLC has a long ways to go to restore its reputation, because at the moment they are not really up to snuff. Having Senator Udall say to me what is going on in New Mexico with this organization? And I know that you are a new person and it is a new day, but at the same time you have now a new reputation to create and an old reputation to clean up. We have the *Rio Grande Sun*, the *Albuquerque Journal*, the *New Mexican*, all saying that your organization is not necessary, that somebody like myself as an elected official can go to Washington and be equally effective.

And I do agree with you on one area where it is possible a collective voice is a good thing. I know that from being involved in the National Association of Counties. NACo is a powerful lobbying unit, because it is a united voice of all the counties throughout the nation, but not all counties throughout the nation have the kind of waste sites that we have. We are a unique specimen in the fact that this waste site with the chromium plume and legacy waste from the 1930s and 1940s is above our water system. And to me that is a primary concern, that it is completely cleaned up. There is no cap and cover, because of our water system.

When I came to New Mexico 45 years ago I was told that there would never be any waste in the Rio Grande for over 600 years. That was the science 45 years ago. Within 45 years we have detected springs with tritium in it, with beryllium in it, with numerous toxic chemicals and radionuclides that are now in the Rio Grande, plus plutonium. So the science is better today than it was 45 years ago, and we know that cleanup is primary. It is the primary thing that we need to have happen at LANL.

MR. VASQUEZ: Commissioner Hansen, on that note, I have had the same conversation with Senator Udall. I was in his office last week. We talked about that. But I will also say that I'm not sure when you met with him but I do know that there has been action in the last month regarding the RCLC's grant with DOE. Just today I submitted a report that EM had requested from us, detailing the changes that would be going in with their decision whether to renew the grant or not. I am cautiously optimistic that the grant is going to be renewed. I am also thankful for Senator Udall, Senator Heinrich and our entire congressional delegation for their assistance on that because they do – I have been told also by them that they value the concise messages that the RCLC has been able to provide them in pursuing these efforts in DC, and as mentioned before, it is very possible for every one of our communities to travel to Washington, DC and to pursue this on an

individual basis, but I do not think it is nearly as fiscally possible as it is this way.

Currently the RCLC runs a pretty tight ship. Our budget is actually going to be tighter than the previous ED team because if you break it down into what we're actually spending item by item we're spending less. But the investments for Santa Fe County at \$10,000 for these services that are conducted on an annual basis, Española for \$5,000, even Los Alamos who provides \$60,000, that's a smaller investment for what you're getting then what they could do individually. And again, the united voice that you said.

And regarding cap and cover – absolutely. That's an issue that was brought up when the RCLC back six years ago was first debating their approach. They could not come to consensus about that so they decided to pursue cleanup funds in general for cleanup activities in general. So cap and cover could be an issue that is discussed by the RCLC again and I invite the Commissioners of every county and every municipality who wants to join in this conversation, let's have that conversation what are we going to be talking about next? What are going to be our priorities next? So we can talk about that.

CHAIR HANSEN: And so, since you will not be spending money on sending elected officials to Washington, how will that be happening? How will the voices of this community be heard?

MR. VASQUEZ: So, Madam Chair, that is going to be an issue for some of our poorer communities. There are communities that have budgets that are a pittance of what Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, or Los Alamos' budget is. And so for those communities what we've been encouraging them to do is to join in a national organization called the ECA, which we partner with – Energy Communities Alliance – that can help with reimbursement for travel for elected officials to two conferences a year, ECA conferences. This isn't everything the RCLC usually does but that does help. It allows for two elected officials to travel to DC or where their conference is going to be held twice a year. So we're promoting that.

And just on that note, I had a very interesting conversation last week with some individuals from DOE talking about – when we were going over the changes that we're making on our procedures and our financial policy, and as Ms. Cages was saying the will make no recommendation for how the RCLC or our local governments conduct our business; that is up to us. They do not want to suggest that we should do one thing or another. But they stated that one of the reasons for the funding is to provide – is to ensure that our local officials from poor communities have equal access to DC and these decision makers as wealthier communities. So that is a decision for our RCLC board and our communities to decide, but I was taken aback by that because I was basically hearing that travel is one of the reasons that the funding is in there.

CHAIR HANSEN: Any other questions from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I have some still. Mine are pretty easy and I'm going to circle back around to sort of the policies, and I wanted to see, you may have kind of gone over this already, but what are your plans to set up training so that we can bring all the new board members up to speed and make sure they understand the travel policies and what the reimbursement policies are. I know there's not going to be any more reimbursements, but anything else pertinent to the JPA – what are your plans for that training?

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, one of our

agreements with the State Auditor and with DOE-EM when we were talking about the grant was that we would be establishing, in collaboration with our fiscal agent a training policy for new board members and a training policy for all board members and staff who are dealing with financial aspects of the RCLC. We are still in the process of figuring out exactly what different components will be in there but it is being worked on. It is going to be implemented, I'm hoping that we'll have something formally in place for the board approval before the end of the year.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Vasquez. One other thing that I do want to express to my colleagues and mention is that it's going to be my suggestion – we haven't paid our dues for the FY 19, or our contributions yet, and I think that it's imperative that a lot of these controls are in place and we do have a commitment from Los Alamos County saying that they will be the fiscal agent. And also, to make sure that we ensure in the future that there's not any misappropriations or commingling of funds and make sure that all these controls are in place before we move forward with contributing to the RCLC. That would be a recommendation to my colleagues at this point because I want to make sure that all these controls are in place so I know that we haven't – and I think Manager Miller might be able to reaffirm, but I believe that we haven't made this contribution yet and I'd like to wait until these are in place. Manager Miller, do you have -

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, no, I do not believe that we have made FY 19 payment to the coalition. So we've held that payment today. I don't know that we've been invoiced yet but I know that we have not disbursed payment yet. And if you would like to wait and make sure that Los Alamos County is committed to staying the fiscal agent per the JPA, and make sure that they have controls in place before we would disburse any additional funds I don't think there's any problem with that.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So I know that there's not an action item but that's just a suggestion from me to the Board. And that's all I had.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Any other questions from anyone. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Vasquez. I know this is difficult and we appreciate you coming and talking to us, but we are very concerned and want as many safeguards in place as possible. So with that, thank you once again.

MR. VASQUEZ: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, thank you, and anytime you want us to present we'll be happy to do so.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you so much.

VI. B. Miscellaneous

- 1. Request Approval of a Letter of Support for the Suspension of the Implementation of Order 140.1 to allow the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), Congress, Affected State and Local Governments, and the Public Sufficient Time to Review and Comment on Order 140.1 [Exhibit 4: Corrected Letter]**

CHAIR HANSEN: With that, I put the corrected letter on the dais, and

there's also supposed to be the letter from Senators Udall and Heinrich that the entire delegation sent in support of this. I don't see that here, but I would like, on behalf of colleagues, if you would feel comfortable for me to read this order, to read the letter into the record.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. So the letter is to the Honorable Rick Perry, Secretary US Department of Defense, Re: Call for suspension of Order 140.1.

Dear Secretary Perry: On behalf of the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County I write to express strong support for and agreement with Senators Udall and Heinrich's September 5, 2018 letter to you regarding the Department of Energy new Order 140.1. We join in Senators Udall and Heinrich's call to suspend the implementation of Order 140.1 to allow the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Congress, affected states and local governments, and the public sufficient time to review and comment on Order 140.1.

Given that Santa Fe County borders Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to the east and southeast, and the fact that many county residents work at or near LANL the ability of the DNFSB to perform its statutory duty to ensure the safety of communities and workers at nuclear facility labs and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, WIPP, is of paramount importance to Santa Fe County and its residents. We echo Senators Udall and Heinrich's strong support for the mission of the DNFSB and share their concerns about DNFSB staff's difficulties in accessing information regarding recent safety issues at LANL. We unreservedly stand with our Senators in opposition to any action by DOE that would weaken or restrict the DNFSB's statutory authority to help protect our residents.

We join our Senators in urging you to suspend Order 140.1 and to receive and give due consideration to the comments and suggestions from members of the DNFSB and Congress, as well as to concerns expressed by the public at public hearings at DOE facilities located across the country. We support the public's request that DOE hold three public hearings in New Mexico – near WIPP, Sandia National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Therefore we request that you reissue a revised order that does not in any way impinge upon the DNFSB's statutory authority to perform its critical mission of helping ensure the health and safety of Santa Fe County residents and all New Mexicans who live near or work at the federal nuclear facilities in our state.

Sincerely, Anna Hansen, Chair, Board of the County Commission.

So there is a letter attached here that is from the ranking members of the committee on armed forces, but there's also a Senator Udall and Heinrich letter that we had. But this letter is basically in support of that. So with that, I would ask if there's any questions or changes to the letter or could I please have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: First, I'd like to actually thank you for staying aware of this and bringing this forward. It's actually a really important issue. Although it's happening at the national level it's something that if we can add our voice to it I think it's well done. And so I would like to make a motion – what are – are we wanting –

CHAIR HANSEN: Just to approve the letter.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: To approve the letter and sending it. I so move.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Also, as someone who has testified in front of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board many times I recognize how important this board is. They are the only protection we have, and so I feel that it is imperative that we have their protection in this community. So with that, I have a motion by Commissioner Hamilton, a second by Commissioner Roybal.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much. We will get this letter processed and sent immediately because the deadline is in a couple days. So with that, thank you very much.

VI C. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2018-102, a Resolution Opposing the Addition of a Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Madam Chair. This proclamation – resolution – with the census coming up in 2020, the census requires for people fill out a form and declare that you are who you are, and this resolution directs that the last question on the census form – there is an item for: are you a citizen? And this resolution would allow Santa Fe County to not require marking that item.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have any questions? Were you going to want to read this into the record, Commissioner, or do we want to just approve it? So I'll make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second. Am I allowed to second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Actually, I'm going to take my motion back because I think that Commissioner Moreno should make the motion.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Okay, Madam Chair. I move approval of this resolution.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Is there any further discussion while we dither? I'm actually dithering a little because I actually think this is something important to everyone and since Commissioner Hansen is coming back, that way she can participate in the vote.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I also wanted to let the Board know that Commissioner Anaya had to be excused, so he will not be back.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm sorry, he had to –

MS. MILLER: He needed to be excused. He had to leave.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm sure it was important to him as well. We have a motion and a second to approve Commissioner Moreno's resolution.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

VI. C. 2. Resolution No. 2018-103, a Resolution in the Interest of Protecting Our Lives, Land and Water From Radioactive Waste Risks [Exhibit 5: Letter from Congressional Office]

CHAIR HANSEN: I brought this forward, and this is also – there was also a letter from the congressional delegation in support of opposition to Holtec, and I don't know if we have that on the dais also. I know there is a lot of stuff I gave you after. So there is a letter from the congressional office – it's a two-page – VI. C.2, and it is a letter from Senators Udall and Heinrich opposing Holtec, and then we also have a letter from Senator Jeff Steinborn, in support of what he said. So that is why I am bringing this resolution forward, to prohibit high level radioactive waste. High level. This does not affect any waste being moved off of the hill. It only affects high level fuel rods, high level waste that is not normally transported in New Mexico. I'm trying to be very clear about that so that everyone knows what the resolution says and you've all had a copy of the resolution. So do I have any questions from the Commission? With that, what is the pleasure of the Commission?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

CHAIR HANSEN: We will also get this resolution out to the community and to the appropriate people that need copies of this.

VI. C. 3. Resolution No. 2018-104, a Resolution Urging Full Funding and Permanent Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Prior to September 30, 2018

CHAIR HANSEN: I'm bringing this resolution forward because Secretary of Interior, Stewart Udall, is in my humble opinion, one of the true environmental champions of our lifetime and he was the person who brought this forward in Congress in 1964, and this is an extremely important fund that helps protect our public lands throughout the United States, and New Mexico and Santa Fe County have a great amount of public lands that we receive PILT funding from and this is connected to the PILT funding. So with that, this is a resolution and I would like to know if there's any questions from the Board, or what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I would move approval.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was

not present for this action.]

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much. We will get that out right away also, since there's another deadline with that.

VI. C. 4. Resolution No. 2018-105, a Resolution Acknowledging Santa Fe County Historical and Cultural Events

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay, I brought this resolution forward just to ensure that – I know this last Fiesta Council that came to visit the courthouse there was Commissioners that weren't in attendance and I think in years past there were a lot of times our meetings fell on those days, so it made it a little bit easier to attend. So I'm submitting this resolution just so that we do have some support on some of the different events that we have. So I'm just going to go through the actual resolution. It says:

Santa Fe County is steeped in rich history and culture that makes it one of the most diverse and interesting places to live and visit. There are numerous events throughout the county including but not limited to the County Fair, Fiesta de Santa Fe, Wildlife West Days, and the Renaissance Fair, to name a few that have become part of the county's fabric. To make sure that these events are showcased and highlighted, the purpose of this resolution is to allow, as part of the development of the Board of County Commission meeting calendar a list of events to ensure that this an opportunity for the Board to recognize the events at regularly scheduled Board meetings and if necessary develop a mechanism for special Board meetings for such recognition.

And again, that's so we can have participation of all the Commission, or at least as much as we can. So are there any questions from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can you explain a little about potential for special Board meetings? So I understand that there used to be a lot more – something special around Fiesta, but the intent of the focus of that really has been expanded to be more inclusive of everybody and to not emphasize things that were considered offensive by some groups, and that sort of thing. It sounds like this is to look at all sorts of Santa Fe events. Which events would qualify for special Board meetings and that kind of thing? I don't object or not object. I'm not clear about what's being asked.

TONY FLORES (Deputy County Manager): Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, so what we're planning on doing so we're not exclusive of certain activities, as part of the development of the Board's regular meeting schedule we've asked for a listing of all countywide events that in the past have approached the Board for either an update on their activities, schedules, etc. and try to look at when those activities occur and plan them out on the 2019 calendar as much as possible to determine if there's times that we can actually include those special events, regardless of the nature.

For instance, the fair. We try to get the fair here before the fair starts. Timing on that is – I know the Tuesday right before it starts or two weeks earlier. So that would be one event. We're trying to get that calendar done so we can bring forward the meeting calendar to the Board. We can have a listing of those events that we anticipate would occur in 2019 where Santa Fe County has acknowledged those activities of either something we support through lodgers' tax, for instance, or some other type of

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community event. And that would be looked at to determine if those dates are – if there's sufficient time to get notice for meetings.

The issue that we have with some events is we don't necessarily receive notice in advance of the event, and that puts us at a disadvantage of trying to make we comply with the Open Meetings Act. So we do our best effort on those types of things and try to schedule them. The special meeting was in the event of we have something that pops up on a calendar that we were not aware of, and we can still get it within that timeframe. We could notice the meeting, not necessarily have a special Board meeting but notice it so that we can have more than one elected official at that meeting and indicate there's no action to be taken. So we're looking at different options for 2019.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I appreciate the information. I just wasn't clear.

CHAIR HANSEN: I just wanted to make note that for the last two years I have been in attendance when the Fiesta Council has arrived in the chambers and I of course would appreciate to have some of my other Commissioners in attendance when that happens but I also recognize that they're not always timely. Sometimes they say they're going to be here at 2:00 and sometimes they don't get here until 4:00. So things are variable. So I appreciate the fact that we could notice something like that because I think that that would be an appropriate use of this resolution to be able to notice the fact that the Fiesta Council is coming and recognize them, because it's a very fun event. And I want to just acknowledge that it sounds like it's raining. So, yay. We're always happy for rain. That is a special event these days.

With that, what is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to move approval.

CHAIR HANSEN: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

VI. D. Proclamations

1. Presentation and Approval of a Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe [Exhibit 6: Staff Report and Proclamation Text]

CHAIR HANSEN: I know that we had a resolution last year and Commissioner Moreno and I have brought forward this resolution again with a few edits and additions. What would be the pleasure of the Board? I don't believe you have copies of this, so we could pass it around. I will pass the resolution around. It's a proclamation; I'm sorry.

So Santa Fe County Proclamation, a proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County. Whereas, in September 2017 the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County adopted a proclamation declaring the second Monday of each year Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County; and

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Whereas, Santa Fe County, the County, has within its boundaries seven sovereign Pueblo nations and recognizes that Indigenous People have inhabited the America long before they became known as the Americas; and

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1997 by a delegation of Native Nations in the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Whereas, the County has a long history of supporting our Pueblo nations and their citizens' advancement with the county and celebrating the thriving culture and value that our indigenous nations add to the county and the country; and

CHAIR HANSEN: Whereas, Santa Fe County values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' art, agricultural skills, technology, science, philosophy and deep cultural contributions that have considerably shaped the character of Santa Fe County; and

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Whereas, we acknowledge the indigenous roots we have in the county and in New Mexico, and the cultural and familiar ties that connect us all; and

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, Indigenous Peoples' Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People of this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous People add to the county; and

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Whereas, the County has benefited in collaborating with tribal councils on intergovernmental matters, among such: transportation networks, beneficial use of nature resources such as water, law enforcement, fire safety, and open space management; and

CHAIR HANSEN: Whereas, the County encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Now, therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does hereby proclaim from this day forward that the second Monday in October is Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County.

Yay. So on October 8th I hope that some of my other County Commissioners will be able to join me on the plaza to read this proclamation with the City. So with that, do I have a motion to approve this proclamation?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion by Commissioner Hamilton, a second by Commissioner Moreno.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

VI. E. Commissioner Issues and Comments

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. So I just wanted to mention an issue that I've actually brought up earlier when it sort of first came to light. This has to do with Amtrak's intention to not only close the Lamy Amtrak station but to discontinue service of the Southwest Chief Amtrak route. So this is something – Commissioner Anaya had to leave earlier but I've discussed it with him and have been working as well with Tony Flores on this matter.

One of the things I wanted to bring up is what the Commission has done in the past with regard to this issue, and I bring it up now because there's an activist, non-governmental organization, a committee, that is holding what will be a public meeting October 7th. It's not clear which of us – I'm going to actually be out of town. I know Commissioner Hansen is aware of this as well. And so leading up to that meeting, I wanted to get some of your inputs on the possibility of maybe actually even re-specifying the earlier resolutions that were done by previous Commissions.

So there's one resolution, 2012-60, that is a resolution endorsing efforts to maintain the Amtrak Southwest Chief passenger service through Lamy, Santa Fe, New Mexico. And a second one that was done in 2014, Resolution 2014-105, to support the New Mexico Association of Counties resolution to maintain the Southwest Chief Amtrak service. I could read that second resolution into the record if you guys would find it useful and not have to go look it up yourselves to read it, but essentially, the County, along with several other municipalities and counties and states joined together to take actions to help get funding that would address infrastructure issues and other issues that would encourage Amtrak to keep this particular service open.

I think my constituents in Lamy, and frankly more broadly than that, and Commissioner Anaya's constituents in the proximity, and frankly, all of Santa Fe City as well, are concerned with this train service closing. A few months ago when we first talked about it I had some of the statistics on how many trips there are a year that just are serviced through Lamy. It's on the order of 3,000 people trips. I recognize that 3,000 people aren't all coming just to go see Lamy. As wonderful as Lamy is, many of those people are traveling by train because maybe it's a preferred method of travel, etc., etc. but they're coming to Santa Fe and they're doing things in the entire county and the city.

It would, I think be a big loss to lose that service and given that the County has made these prior efforts, I think it would be beneficial, depending on how my fellow Commissioners feel about it, to be on record supporting this prior to the October 7th meeting. Actually if we did a resolution it wouldn't be until after that, because our meeting is on the 9th, but I actually don't think that's a particular problem. We can work around that. We can indicate that we're going forward with that. So if you guys have inputs I'd be very appreciative.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I just want to say on the record that I would be more than happy to support that. I was here before when we did pass this prior and so I think that it's really important and it's a really valuable service, so I would definitely support this. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I support it.

CHAIR HANSEN: I also. Commissioner Hamilton, thank you for

bringing this forward. I consider this part of economic development, an economic driver of our community, especially with the Winslow Art Foundation coming into Lamy and buying and restoring the Legal Tender and the museum. It is extraordinarily important that we provide as much support as possible. I will be happy to attend the meeting on the 7th and express your regrets at not being there, but also bring forward these resolutions that we've already passed and that we are in support of keeping this leg of the Superchief open and in business and not via bus but via keeping the rail safe conditions and that if we have to get an exemption from positive control train rules for the moment then possibly we can get some suspension of that so that money can be raised to improve the tracks, because that is what needs to be – that is what is the stumbling block. So the more we can find ways to get money to, and encourage our federal delegation to spend money there and also our state delegation to spend money there as economic development, especially between Las Vegas and Lamy, which I consider a really important leg of the train, but also going all the way to Kansas City. It's really important.

And the train is always full. These days it is very difficult to get a seat and I'm somebody who has traveled by train over the years and I know that some of the time you can't even get a sleeper. There isn't a sleeper available and you're lucky if you get a seat. So it's a really important section, so I really appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I very much appreciate that, and I might, in addition throw in that Commissioner Anaya mentioned those aspects of economic development and its importance regionally to us, and also, in terms of planning for the future, that this is a linkage to rail transport which includes the Rail Runner and there's some history and future possibilities that we really need to consider. So thank you very much for that and thank you for being willing to attend. I really appreciate it.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, then, with that, are there any other issues from the Commissioners? Okay, I have a few. Last Saturday I was invited by the Presbyterian Party in the Park to say a few words about Santa Fe County and the new opening. It was a very fun event with a tremendous amount of people there. All of our congressional delegation had representatives present and it's an amazing facility that we will have, especially since Santa Fe County is a sole source and all our employees are Presbyterian members. It's really exciting to have a whole new wing and hospital available to us here locally. So that was a wonderful opportunity to speak about Santa Fe County and the benefits that we have to Presbyterian and in the community.

I also want to mention that I attended the Airport Advisory Committee for the City and spoke about District 3 and District 2, which is fairly impacted by low flying aircraft, so that was noted, and the Airport Advisory Committee of the City is now chaired by Councilor Harris, so it was a good meeting and I am glad that I went there to express the concerns of constituents in District 2 and 3.

And then this morning was the opening of Kaune's Pre-K at the Kaune's School off of Monterey and they had their first class there of these wonderful, adorable children singing, and for all of us and there was probably over around 100, 150 people there to celebrate the opening of the pre-K school here in Santa Fe which was very exciting. And that is all I have.

VII. MATTERS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Elected Officials Issues and Comments

CHAIR HANSEN: Seeing none, I will go on.

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Do we have something else that I missed?

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair, if you could indulge me for a second. We do have staff reports n the agenda. If you had any questions before we go into executive session.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Community Services Department Monthly Report**
- B. Growth Management Department Monthly Report**
- C. Public Safety Department Monthly Report**
- D. Public Works Department Monthly Report**
- E. Finance Division Monthly Report**
- F. Human Resources Division Monthly Report**

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, I have a few questions before we go to executive session. I believe there's some event happening on the open space soon. Is there some meetings?

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair, if you're referring to the 20th anniversary of the open space program, that's listed in the Growth Management. There are some activities that are starting this Friday through next month while we're doing the recognition of the open space. That was a presentation that was provided a meeting ago.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes. So I just want to remind people about those activities that are happening. I was happy to see the Mid-Regional Transportation Planning Organization is talking about the Volkswagen settlement funds and that our Sustainability Office will be pursuing some of those funds. Right?

MR. FLORES: So, Madam Chair, yes. At the last meeting we had a resolution authorizing the submission of those grant applications and to accept whatever resulting awards we have. So that was at the last meeting.

CHAIR HANSEN: I forgot also, I wanted to mention that the North Central Economic Development District is having a meeting on Friday and I have requested that the letter from the auditors be added to the agenda because they were not on the agenda, and I feel that it is really imperative that the audit that was done on the North Central which had 17 or 18 findings needs to be talked about. So that will be happening this Friday afternoon. Katherine, would you like to say anything about that?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Fine. Go ahead

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I had one more item.

MR. FLORES: So, Madam Chair, I apologize. I didn't get up here quick enough. Commissioner Moreno has placed on the dais a letter of support for NCRTD's grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Program, the TAP program. That's the one that says VI. E. 1 Supporting NCRTD. [Exhibit 7] What we're asking for is

NCRTD has requested a letter of support from Santa Fe County for their application for a bus stop, ADA compliance. It's a multiphase project. This would be for the federal fiscal year 2020/21 TAP funds, which would be used for design and construction, construction management and capital. And they anticipate applying for about \$900,000 in funds.

So this is a letter of support. Although it wasn't captioned for action, if the Board takes any action today, you can bring it back at the next BCC meeting to actually ratify any decision from the Board. NCRTD has indicated they're under a time constraint to what we are under. On the October 9th meeting we'll be bringing forward our TAP projects for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners so we can submit an application. So this wasn't captioned, however, they're asking for a letter of support and as custom and practice with the Board, letters of support are placed on the agenda for Board consideration, acted upon and then sent off. In this case we'd be asking for consideration and action that would be ratified at the October 9th meeting. Did I capture that correctly?

MR. FREDERICK: Good.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have a question.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Obviously, this is a good, well needed project. I get that. Can you tell us very briefly what we're applying for for TAP and what kind of strategic or otherwise conflict there might be for us to give them a letter from the Board and also apply ourselves?

MR. FLORES: Maybe we can ask them for a letter of support on ours. So the Planning Division and Mr. Olafson through Open Space were planning to bring forward the segments of the Arroyo Hondo Trail that sits in Commission District 5. Not Arroyo Hondo out by you. So that will be one we're anticipating applying for if the Board directs us to apply for that grant. The potential conflict is this, and this is the dilemma we deal with with any of these types of transportation alternative programs or grant applications as we do at the legislature. There's only one pot of money, and we all compete against each other for that pot of money. And it may not necessarily be a conflict but I think the Board has to be aware that while we're submitting a support letter for another application that will be in the same pool of applications that we'll be applying for. So that's the dilemma. We're supporting an application that we'll be competing against when we submit our application.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: This is a situation where they probably fund more than one application. True?

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, there have been many programs are funded under the TAP during the funding cycle, but it is a competitive process.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. But it's not a one-off.

MR. FLORES: No, it's not a one-off, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, but we will be in competition with others.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Right. Thank you.

MR. FLORES: So we humbly request just approval on this letter of support with the understanding that we would come back for ratification by the Board on October 9th. And I stand for any further questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: What is the pleasure of the Board?
COMMISSIONER MORENO: I would move approval.
CHAIR HANSEN: Do I have a second?
COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote with Commissioner Hamilton abstaining. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm abstaining. I just feel like I need to abstain because I think it's an incredibly important project, and I'm just not clear on what that strategic conflict is and I want to get some clarity before. And since we'll be taking action next time I feel like there's the time to do that.

CHAIR HANSEN: I appreciate your comments, Commissioner Hamilton. I also would look forward to having this brought forward so that we can have a full explanation but in the meantime, and since we are under certain deadlines, I appreciate that the Board could move this forward because the North Central RTD is an important element in our community. So with that the letter has been approved and will be brought back next month.

Any other comments from Commissioners about the reports in Growth Management. Thank you everybody. Thank you all the directors for the reports. I appreciate them. I appreciate the updates and I'm grateful that you take the time to write them. And thank you, Katherine, also for making sure we get updates. I appreciate that.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Public Hearing(s) on the Agenda, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(8) NMSA 1978**
- 1. Aamodt Settlement/Pojoaque Basin Regional Water Authority**

MR. FREDERICK: Madam Chair, just a motion to go into executive session to discuss the matters, including the matters included in agenda item VIII, pursuant to the authorities listed in the same agenda item.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to move that we go into executive session for the issues summarized by County Attorney Bruce Frederick.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: We have a motion by Commissioner Roybal, a second

by Commissioner Hamilton. Now a roll call.

The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (2, 3, 6, 7 and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Anaya	Not Present
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

[The Commission met in closed session from 5:13 to 6:00.]

Commissioner Hamilton moved to come out of executive session, having discussed only those items listed on the agenda. Commissioner Roybal seconded and the motion carried by 4-0 voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

- X. **CONCLUDING BUSINESS**
 - A. **Announcements**
 - B. **Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hansen declared this meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Approved by:

Anna Hansen

 Board of County Commissioners
 Anna Hansen, Chair



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5th Annual

New Mexico Painter's Exhibition

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Santa Fe || October 14 - November 8,

Santa Fe County Administration Building



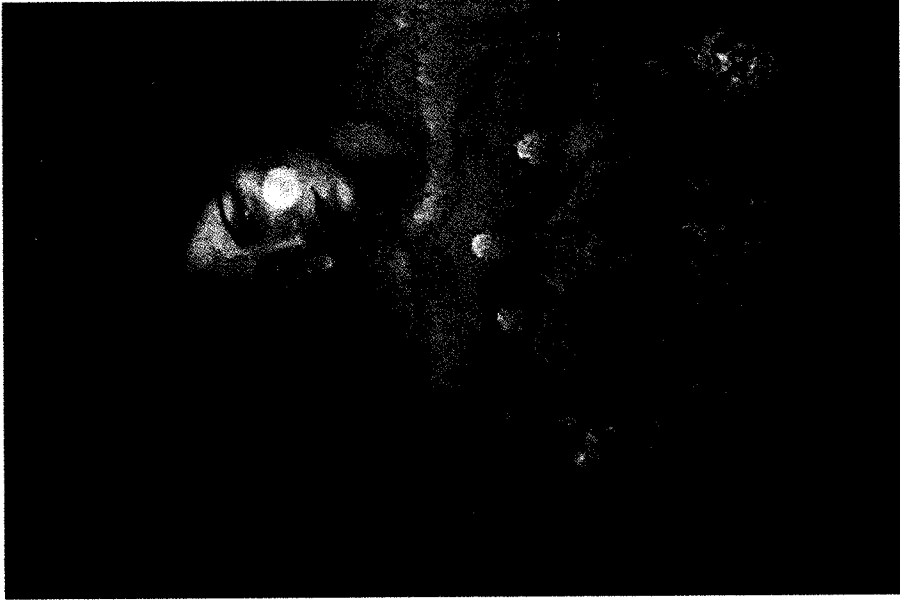


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Welcome!

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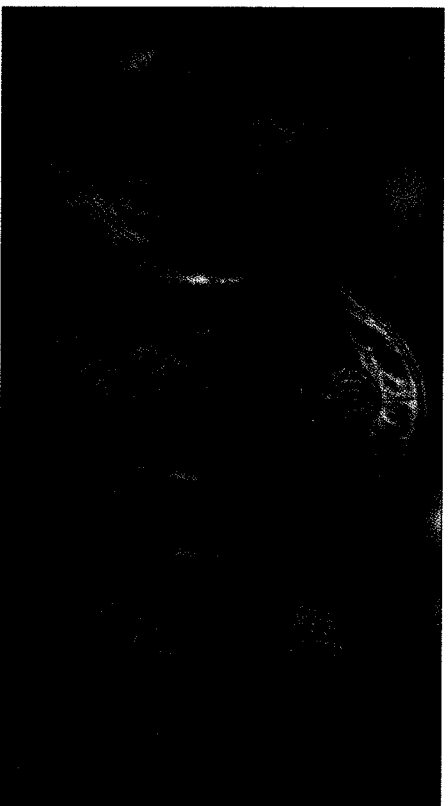
Rite at El Perenn by Collin Lamban

This is the fifth annual invitational exhibition NMHU has organized, and it is useful on this occasion to review its origins and its history. The annual derives its substance and its spirit from the NMHU Foundation's Robert Bell Collection of two hundred paintings donated by Dr. Bell in 2013, and promptly supplemented by the donation of one hundred paintings from the collection of Eli Levin. That year an ample selection of this joint collection was first exhibited in NMHU's Kennedy Hall as part of the university's Homecoming celebration. Many of the artists represented in the Bell Collection have participated in this annual invitational in subsequent years, including the present exhibition.

The great preponderance of the work both in the Collection and in these exhibitions has depicted recognizable imagery. However, the range of styles and subject matter in these works has been without limit, from the most loosely expressionistic to the most finely detailed perceptual

abstraction. Neither is abstraction programmatically excluded if it is

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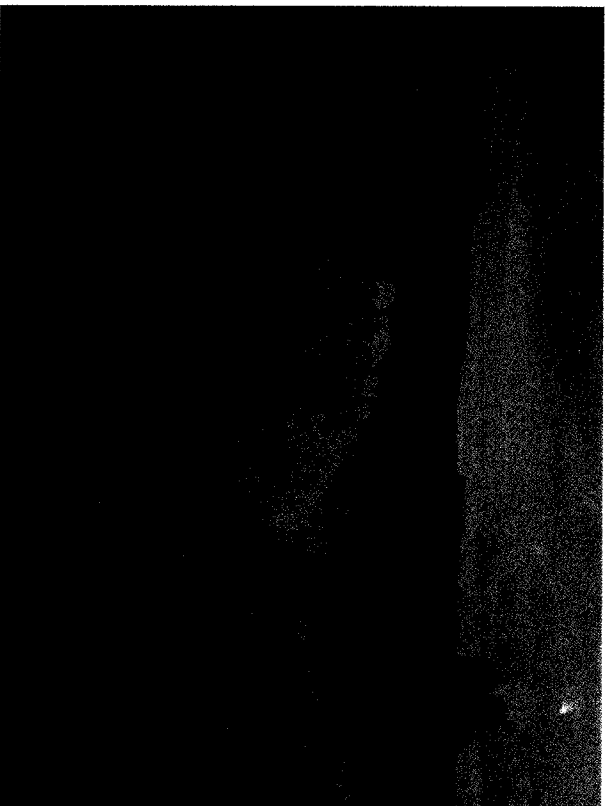
Big Hall, Salt by Geoffrey Laurence

innovative, a difficult accomplishment at today's juncture in the history of the visual arts. Whereas the course of the 20th century gradually yet completely dismantled the art of painting, inevitably the 21st century is witness to painting's reconstruction by the innovative recovery of the previously lost and abandoned technical and expressive resources of the art form. Foremost among these collectively redeployed resources is figuration itself. As already remarked, this advance in art history is of course abundantly present in the work selected for the current exhibition, just as it was in the previous NMHU exhibitions, selection very much in keeping with the establishing precedent of the permanent Robert Bell Collection.

To illustrate the 20th century's process of the dismantlement of the art of painting, the famous drip paintings of Jackson Pollock are among the best-known examples. In these works Pollock uses diverging line—the essential tool of drawing and painting used to define contours and outlines of figures, objects, and nature—from the historical art of painting; Pollock removed line from any descriptive function. The lines of paint dripped onto the canvases serve only as a record of the movement of the artist's hand. The deposit of paint left behind is mere physical evidence of an action that has taken place, and the dripped lines have no further interpretational purpose, not even accidental. The imagery of subject matter is completely eliminated.

If the art of painting is to go forward beyond the 20th century's dismantlement of it, it cannot do other than to reconstitute itself innovatively. The resemblance of any of this new art to the former artistic tradition is both inevitable and inconsequential. The circumstance could not be otherwise. One cannot recover figuration, obviously, without employing figuration. Clearly the recovery of a significant amount of lost and abandoned technique and subject is unavoidable if an artist wishes to have sufficient means of expression for original composition itself. One cannot mine veins of gold with bare hands. An artist cannot participate in the emergent reconstitution of the art of painting without all past artistic resources being once again available for such use as the artist sees fit to make.

To describe the loading, transport, delivery, and installation of an array of art such as that which makes up the almost one hundred paintings in the present fifth annual

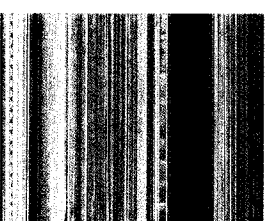


Together Again by Paul Stone

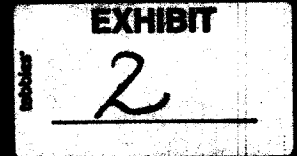
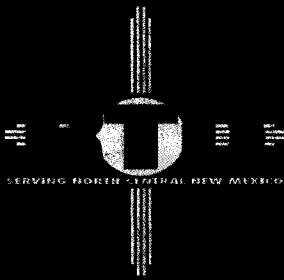
NMHU exhibition, I have written the following poem, which I hereby dedicate to all the artists included in the exhibition:

The paintings are loaded in like shelves of books,
Each of their separate worlds completely closed,
Like pages that fall of vapo or bubbling brooks,
Until unpacked, the pictures are exposed.
Attention turns to what a picture means,
Whether an artist pleases or appalls,
Imagination reopens, and the scenes
Like spurs come back to life on blank walls.

—James Mann, Ph.D.



Clear Earth and Sky by Joan Watson



North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) Reauthorization Ballot Issue Fact Sheet

On the November 6th ballot will be a question asking voters whether they are for or against the County Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax Reauthorization (RTGRT). Registered voters will be voting to reauthorize the existing County Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax of 1/8% that is used to finance the operational costs and capital expenditures and removing the 2024 Sunset provision.

Voting for Reauthorization **will not** increase taxes.

Will voting "yes" increase taxes?

Voting for Reauthorization **will not** increase taxes.

Why is this an issue now?

When the North Central Regional Transit District was initially established in 2004 there was no source of funding other than membership contributions and matching federal funds. In order to establish a reliable funding source in addition to the federal funding and to enhance and expand transit service, the Board requested that a 1/8% Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax be presented to the voters to fund the NCRTD. This election occurred in November 2008 and was approved by the voters. The ordinance that was adopted by the Counties contained a sunset provision, which required that the tax be rescinded in January 2024 or presented to the voters for reauthorization.

What is the current tax?

The Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax is 1/8th of a cent or 2.5 cents on \$20.

How much does the tax fund of the NCRTD's operation?

Currently approximately 68%. The remainder is made up through federal grants and various revenues. Of that RTGRT collected, approximately 60% totaling \$4.7 million is shared with Santa Fe Trails (SF Trails), Los Alamos Atomic City Transit (LAC) and NM Rail Runner Express (RR Exp) to fund regional services they provide.

How much is given specifically to SF Trails, LAC Atomic City and RR Express?

What does it fund?

For 2019 the following is allocated to each entity:

- SF Trails, \$1,026,620 (Santa Fe pickup, Folk Art Market, Spanish Market, Indian Market, Zozobra, Farolito Walk and Route 22, 2 and 4)
- LAC, \$1,466,600 (Route 2, 11, 3 and 4, enhanced services and various capital needs)
- RR Exp, \$2,250,000 (operations)

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What is the NCRTD service area?

The NCRTD covers more than 10,000 square miles with 55 buses, 68 bus passenger shelters, 468 bus stops and 79 employees. 14 (18%) of these employees are in administrative positions and 65 (82%) are in operations.

NCRTD provides fare-free and premium fare-based bus transit connecting more than 70 communities, Pueblos and Tribal Nation throughout the counties of:

- **Santa Fe**
- **Taos**
- **Los Alamos**
- **Rio Arriba**

And the Pueblos and Nation of:

- **Pojoaque**
- **Nambé**
- **Tesuque**
- **San Ildefonso**
- **Santa Clara**
- **Ohkay Owingeh**
- **Picuris**
- **Taos**
- **Jicarilla Apache Nation**

In 2008 the RTD had 10 routes and one Demand Response. Over the years, due to RTGRT and federal funds, the NCRTD has expanded service and now provides 25 fixed and flex routes, one Demand Response service area, one Dial-a-Ride service and complementary paratransit service in the Taos area. The RTD Blue Buses also connect to the NM Rail Runner Express, Los Alamos Atomic City Transit, Santa Fe Trails, NMDOT Park & Ride, and Red River Miner's Transit.

Who benefits from the NCRTD's services?

- **Commuters**
- **Students**
- **Seniors, Retirees & Care Givers**
- **Veterans**
- **People with disabilities**
- **People without cars (56% of transit riders don't own a car)**
- **Visitors and Tourists**
- **Everyone. Reduced carbon footprints benefit us all.**
- **Everyone. Less wear and tear on the highways saves money on road repair.**
- **Everyone. Less cars on the road means fewer accidents.**
- **Everyone. NCRTD assists people getting to and from work and school and positively impacts economic development.**

How has ridership been doing?

In FY2018, there were more than 784,946 passenger trips provided by the RTGRT; and a total of 7.3 million trips since 2008. This includes routes operated by NCRTD and those funded by NCRTD and operated by Santa Fe Trails, NM Rail Runner Express (southbound only) and Los Alamos Atomic City Transit. 2018 also saw an increase in ridership on NCRTD-operated routes with a 1.8% increase, bucking the national trend of a 5.7% decrease.

What are some highlights of the Blue Bus?

- Installed and launched an Intelligent Transportation System providing real time bus information;
- Established permanent year-round RTD Mountain Trail route to the Santa Fe National Forest and Ski Santa Fe;
- Launched a customer friendly trip planning feature, in partnership with Google Maps, that offers convenience and ease in planning a trip utilizing any of the transit district's RTD "Blue Buses," as well as connecting transit services;
- The NCRTD has received top honors from the Government Finance Officers Association for each of the past three years for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and the past two years for its annual budget;
- Received the 2014 Federal Transit Administration award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Transportation.

Why do we need continued funding?

- The Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax provides 68% of our revenue, without the continuation of this funding source the NCRTD will not be able to continue to operate the existing services it provides today and will need to provide in the future;
- Federal funding sources for transit have been declining therefore the RTGRT fills the funding gap that has been created due to this declining revenue source;
- The fleet is aging. Because of reduced funding, we are forced to maintain existing fleets longer until we have enough funding to purchase new vehicles;
- The need for transit is growing. Continued funding allows us the opportunity to add more routes and services.

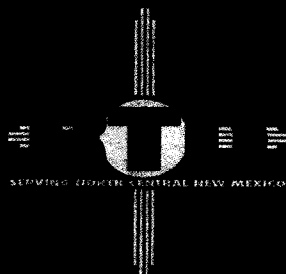
What happens if the tax is not reauthorized?

Without a secure stream of ongoing funding, the NCRTD will cease to exist.

But you still have federal funds?

Federal funding provides approximately 26% of the annual operating costs and is contingent upon having a matching source of non-federal dollars. These matches range from 50/50 (operations) to 80/20 (administration & capital). Therefore, without a corresponding non-federal match, the federal funds will not be available.

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RideTheBlueBus.com

RTD 'BLUE BUS' CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY TRIP PLANNER NOW OFFERED ON GOOGLE MAPS

The North Central Regional Transit District is now offering a customer-friendly trip planning feature, in partnership with Google Maps, that will offer convenience and ease in planning a trip utilizing any of the transit district's RTD "Blue Buses."

In Google Maps you can access transit directions and departure times, and have your trip planned for you. It also provides seamless information for connecting from RTD routes to the NM Rail Runner Express for trips into Albuquerque and connecting to Rio Metro Regional Transit District Buses and ABQ Ride, as well as NMDOT Park and Ride. Users can access the feature through the NCRTD website, www.RidetheBlueBus.com

The Google Maps transit interface is now included within the NCRTD suite of technology-based features under the Blue Bus Tracker which currently provides customers with the ability to track their bus in real-time and know the precise time at which it will arrive at their stop.

Among the many features that riders, visitors and the public in general can enjoy:

- **Customize your route:** Riders don't have to sort through timetables and schedule brochures — one can simply enter the date and time that they need to arrive at their destination (or depart for the trip) and the trip planner will provide the most convenient options.
- **Walking directions:** Google Maps can provide walking directions, so you can find out exactly how to get to the nearest transit stop, and how to get to your destination once you exit the bus.
- **Data rich integration:** The online mapping service will also provide other useful information, such as real imagery, business listings, user reviews, and street-level views. It gives users a thorough understanding of the neighborhood before they set foot on it.
- **Information accessible by mobile device:** Google Maps for Mobile makes transit trip planning available on mobile phones and smart devices so users can access information from wherever they are.
- **Using business names or place names instead of addresses:** With integrated local search results, you can search by landmark or business name — or even type of food ("pizza"); in the "to" and "from" fields, you can enter a business name ("Century Bank") or category ("medical center") even if you don't know the address.
- **Street View imagery of locations:** Google Maps offers Street View ground-level images in hundreds of cities and towns across the country; this allows riders to preview a transit center or bus stop, to see things such as whether there is a covered shelter or bench, where exactly the stop is located, how far it is from a business, and other practical uses.
- **Support for over 40 languages:** Google Maps provides support in multiple languages which makes it very convenient for foreign language riders, whether residents or international tourists, to find directions and information in their spoken language.

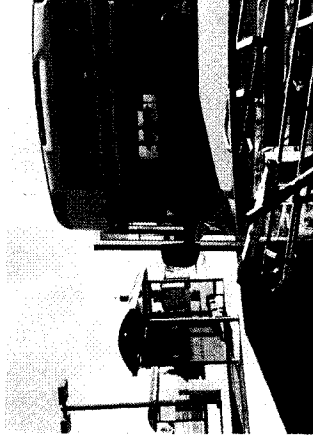
The availability of NCRTD transit information on Google Maps now makes trip planning easy for everyone from transit novices to seasoned travelers alike. The ability to connect data with neighboring transit agencies will greatly improve inter-agency connectivity and improve transit options to residents as well as visitors to the region.

RTD TAOS BUS SHELTERS GET A NEW COAT – OF PAINT



Realizing that the RTD bus shelters in Taos were in need of a fresh coat of paint, residents of the Town were given an opportunity to vote on what color to use to help beautify the streets. One option was to keep the green and red that were on the current shelters or painting them RTD blue -- a color reminiscent of the iconic Taos blue.

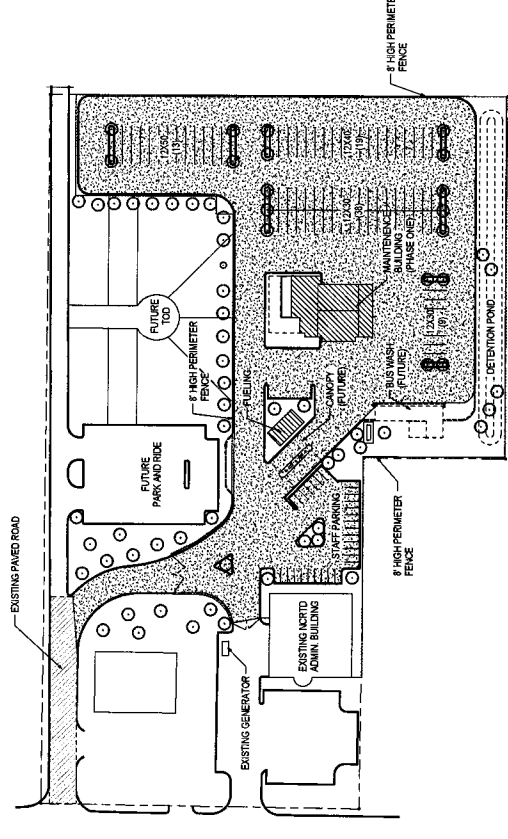
In the end there were 64 responses with 55 (85.94%) voting for the blue, and 9 (14.06%) voting for the red and green -- the transformation is now well underway!



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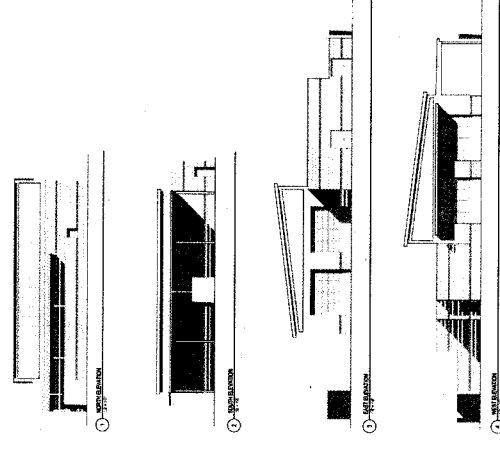
NCRTD TO RECEIVE \$3.6 MILLION FTA GRANT TO CONSTRUCT NEW MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT ESPAÑOLA HEADQUARTERS



The North Central Regional Transit District will be the recipient of \$3.6 million as part of a US Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant "to modernize and improve America's bus infrastructure" and construct a new 12,000 sq. ft maintenance facility at the District's Española headquarters. The facility will be constructed to service the District's fleet of 65 vehicles and include a fueling station and separate building to house vehicle washing bays. The facility will fulfill current vehicle maintenance and upkeep needs and accommodate future operations and fleet expansion.

At a total cost of \$6.1 million, the District will be responsible for covering the difference of \$2.5 million. In April of 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced approximately \$264 million in project selections to improve the safety and

reliability of America's bus systems and enhance mobility for transit riders across the country. A total of 139 projects in 52 states and territories will receive funding from FTAs Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.



Welcome and thank you for taking a look at the initial North Central Regional Transit District midyear Progress Briefing for June 2018. We are pleased to share with you many of the exciting things that have been going on with the District since the release of the FY2017 Annual Report. Due to a conservative management approach, the District financial report at midyear has placed us on track to close out the year in a stable and healthy financial state. A budget for FY2019 has now been ratified and we are looking forward to the November 6 General Election and the vote to reauthorize the funding of the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax. Please join us in our reflection on the progress of the District towards achieving our mission "to provide safe, secure and effective public transportation within North Central New Mexico in order to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing mobility options and economic opportunities throughout the region."

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Sincerely,

Daniel R. Barrone,
Chair and Mayor of the
Town of Taos

Anthony J. Mortillaro,
Executive Director

FY 2018 MIDYEAR FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

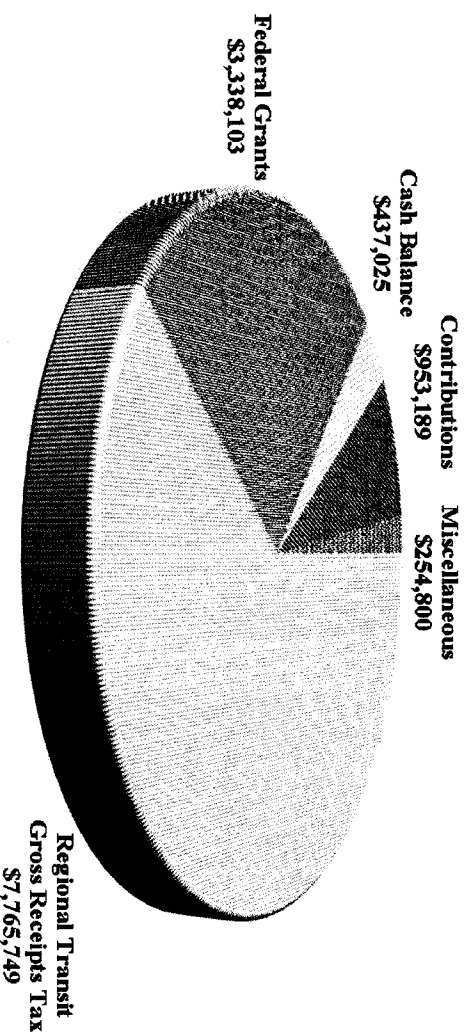
The North Central Regional Transit District fiscal year 2018 runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Before each fiscal year, the district submits and presents a budget request to the Board of Directors for its approval. Midway through the fiscal year, the staff will brief the Board on the status of the budget and propose any adjustments that might be required. This report reflects the completion of the first six months of financial activity ending December 31, 2017. The projections are based on expenditure patterns and probable revenue flows derived from expense and revenue data available from 50% of FY2018 completed. At midyear, the NCRTD anticipates an 8.4% surplus in Gross Receipt Tax (GRT) revenue and for expenditures to underperform the budget. The intent of this review is to project what might be expected from FY2018 in relation to actual budgetary performance to date and projected budgetary performance for the remaining time before engaging in the FY2019 budget.

Financial Facts and Projections

Revenue

The District is anticipating reduction of \$405,508 in budgeted revenue for FY2018. This reduction is due to a decrease in the amount of the budgeted use of fund balance due to better than anticipated GRT collections. The difference could result in utilizing only \$437,025 of the \$1,096,306 that was budgeted in the Fund Balance.

NCRTD 2018 Operating Revenues



Gross Receipt Tax (GRT): This revenue surplus is due to conservative estimates for GRT during the FY2018 budget preparation. As of November 2017, three of the four counties were above their GRT projections, so an overall surplus is conservatively projected for GRT revenues in the amount of \$450,309. The counties projected GRT is as follows:

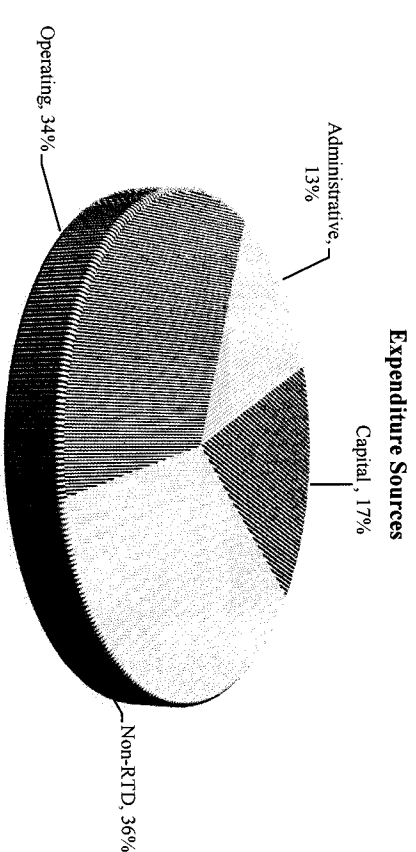
- Rio Arriba County – \$529,508 this is a projected decrease of \$45,492 (8%)
- Santa Fe County – \$4,709,627 this is a projected increase of \$309,627 (7%)
- Taos County – \$926,769 this is a projected increase of \$34,219 (4%)
- Los Alamos County – \$1,599,845 this is a projected increase of \$244,845 (18%)

Grants: No changes in grant revenues are projected at this time.

Miscellaneous Revenues: NCRTD anticipates receiving \$254,800 in proceeds from transit fares, bank interest, investments and insurance proceeds. The projected amount is under the budget amount due to less than anticipated insurance proceeds, advertising and auctioned vehicles but more in investments.

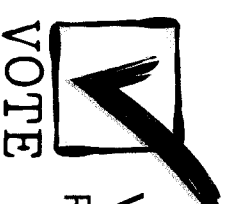
The budget also contains funding to continue the District's emphasis on "Service Excellence." The program focuses on serving the District's residents and visitors and represents the values that the District embraces in all interactions with its customers and with each other.

The FY2019 budget reflects compliance with the Finance Policies, direction provided to staff on an ongoing basis by the Board, the Long Term Financial and Strategic Plan (LTFP), Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) and the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). This budget prioritizes investments and allocates resources in a manner aligned with the future direction of the District and as described in the Long Range Strategic Plan. As funding permits, these strategic initiatives have been targeted for implementation for the upcoming fiscal year.



To view a complete copy of the FY2019 Budget, please visit: <http://ncrtd.org/Reports.aspx>

SUNSET BALLOT QUESTION TO GO TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER



VOTE - to reauthorize existing funding for North Central Regional Transit District (RTD Blue Bus) No Increase In Taxes!

At the time the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax (RTGRT) was enacted, on January 1, 2024 sunset of the tax was imposed by the four counties which would require the NCRTD to go back to the voters to extend the tax beyond that date. The sunset was never part of the voter referendum and was not voted on by the public.

The NCRTD 2015 Long Range Strategic Plan, prepared for the District and ratified by the NCRTD Board, recommended that the NCRTD seek to repeal the sunset provision, by ballot question, as early as the November 6, 2018 general election, rather than wait until 2022 general election or a 2023 special election prior to the January 2024 sunset. This will allow multiple opportunities to go before the voters again in general elections, or by special election to remove the sunset and allow for continuation of the RTGRT.

In preparing for the 2018 election, the NCRTD contracted Research and Polling, Inc. to conduct voter/public opinion research in the four-county area and assess community support for a repeal of the sunset. Specifically, to better understand constituent opinion, assess the likelihood of success of different approaches and ensure voters are accurately informed and understand the outcome of their vote associated with an election to repeal the sunset.

Telephone surveys have now been conducted among a random sample of 850 registered voters living in the counties of Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Taos. All telephone surveys were conducted using a combination of random digit dialing of cell phone numbers and landlines.

The results were encouraging showing that 81% support reauthorizing the existing 1/8 of a percent tax, while only 9% were either somewhat opposed or strongly opposed. The research also showed that support for public transit, throughout the four counties was very high. Visit www.ncrtd.org to view a complete copy of the results.

Additionally, a public education campaign spearheaded by Griffin & Associates, is now underway in the four-county area to educate and inform the public on who the NCRTD is, what services it provides, its vision and mission, provide overall background on the District and its contribution to furthering community and benefiting the society at large. With this, the District desires to create greater awareness amongst constituents and stakeholders to ensure that voters are better informed and understand what the upcoming ballot question is all about. The program will also educate voters on the fact that this is not a new tax, but simply a reauthorization to keep the current one in place.

NCRTD BOARD APPROVES FY2019 BUDGET

At its June 1 monthly Board meeting, the District's Board of Directors approved the FY2019 budget which will now be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. A proposed budget was opened up to a public hearing at the May 6, 2018 Board meeting and received preliminary approval from the Board.

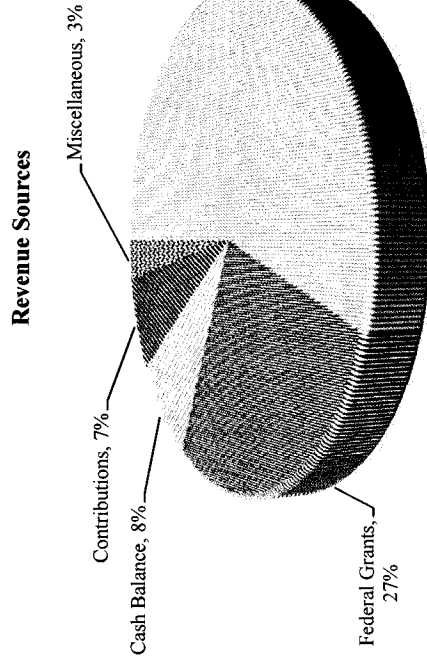
The budget serves as the District's financial and spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, and the adoption of the budget is undoubtedly the single most important action taken by the District's Board of Directors each year. The budget will authorize resources and establish the direction of District programs and services for the coming year.

The FY2019 budget is focused on maintaining existing services and continuing to provide exceptional service to the 289,292 residents we serve in Santa Fe, Taos, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Counties, and the Cities of Farmington and Bloomfield.

Revenues

The Transit Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) revenue source comprises approximately fifty-five percent (55%) of the District's overall revenues in FY2019. The balance of the District's revenues are derived from federal allocations at twenty-six percent (26%), local contributions six percent (6%) and miscellaneous revenues three percent (3%). The cash balance contribution represents ten percent (10%) of the composition of FY2019 revenues. This year's budget proposes to utilize cash balance in accordance with the District's budgetary and reserve policies to provide funding for operations, capital investment acquisitions not fully covered by federal funds as well as the ongoing conversion of trial routes to non-trial status.

The following chart illustrates the revenue percentages expected to be received listed by source:



Due to the concern regarding the award of the Operating Contract for LANL, and the implications upon the revenue generated from the Regional Transit GRT in Los Alamos County this budget incorporates constrained spending of non-federal capital investments and Regional GRT allocation commencing January 2019. Details on possible mid-year adjustments is elaborated on in the complete budget which can be found at: <http://ncrtd.org/Reports.aspx>

Expenses

The District has decreased operational spending by .08% despite various operational cost increases to non-RTD expenses, maintenance and support increases related to new software acquisitions as well as compensation and benefit adjustments for represented and non-represented employees. Overall the budget is balanced for FY19. Expenditures for FY19 total \$13,175,907. In comparison, the budget as amended for FY18 totaled \$13,021,717. The FY19 budget represents an increase of \$154,190 or (.118%) above the FY18 amended budget. The bulk of this increase can be attributed to capital investment spending.

The budget provides for the continued implementation of non-trial routes, capital investment and the continuation of existing service levels. As approved by the Board 36% or \$4,743,220 of the total operating budget, is allocated to the Rio Metro Rail Runner Express, Los Alamos Atomic City Transit and Santa Fe Trails to fund the regional transit services that they provide.

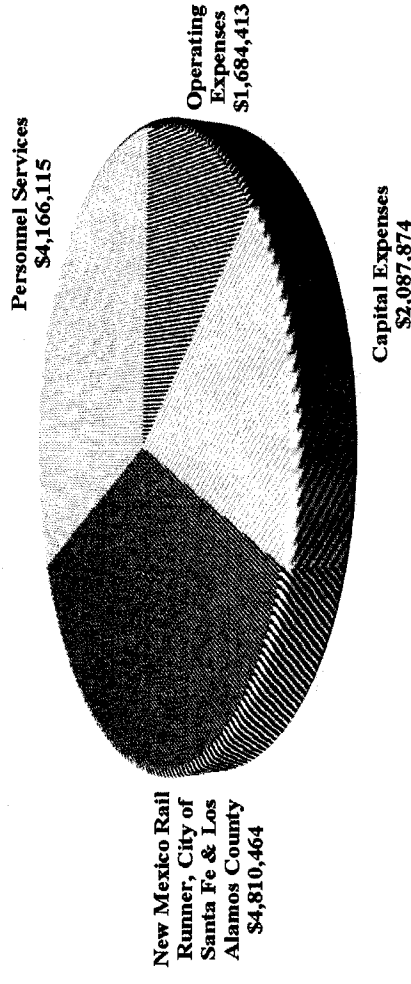
The FY19 budget anticipates continued capital investment to replace fleet that has met its useful life, and which will provide for the replacement of six (6) buses and one (1) new bus for the Tesuque route.

Personnel and staffing levels are proposed to decline slightly due to the addition of a Transit Operations Manager position in October 2019. This position will allow the Operations section to enhance operational oversight. The position costs are offset with the elimination of two extra board Transit Driver positions which are currently vacant. In addition, there has been discussion related to implementing and staffing a Safety and Security Division, the budget will allow the District to pilot this initiative through the retention of a contractual security firm whose services will be utilized on an as needed basis during FY19.

Expenditures

The breakdown of expenditure savings/deficits vs. budget are as follows:

NCRTD 2018 Operating Expenses

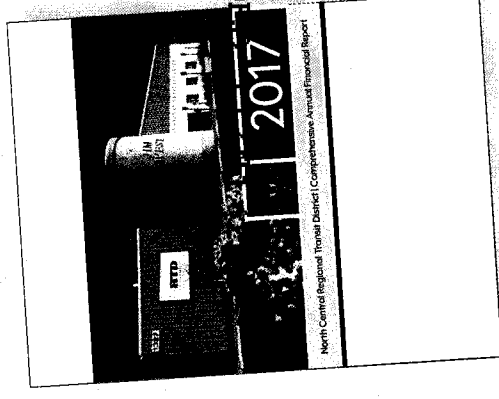


- Projecting an excess of \$102,953 in overtime that will be offset from a surplus in salaries of \$125,163 and Benefits of \$170,712.
- Vehicle Maintenance surplus of \$85,917 due to newer vehicles that were purchased last fiscal year.
- Non-RTD partner payments to Rio Metro RTD/NM Rail Runner will be higher than budgeted due to the contractual arrangement of sharing 50% the Santa Fe County Transit GRT revenue surplus of \$309,627 or an additional \$154,814 for the year.
- Capital Outlay is projected to have budget savings of \$275,776. NCRTD presented to the Board in the January meeting that it would decrease its budget by \$250,776 in TAP federal funding for ADA shelters.
- The total projected savings from expenditure is \$405,508.

Overall summary: Overall revenues and expenditures will be lower than budgeted. The projected revenues of \$12,311,841 (less use of Fund Balance) will be less than projected expenditures of \$12,748,866 by \$437,025 for FY2018.

Impact on Fund Balance: The District budgeted \$1,096,306 in Fund Balance and is projected to use \$437,025, a difference of \$659,281.

NCRTD RECEIVES UNMODIFIED OPINION WITH NO FINDINGS IN FY2017 AUDIT REPORT: SUBMITS FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE GFOA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING



The NCRTD received an unmodified opinion with no findings and no carryovers for the fourth consecutive year as reported in its Fiscal Year 2017 Independent Auditor's Report. As a result, the District has submitted for its third consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award is given each year by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

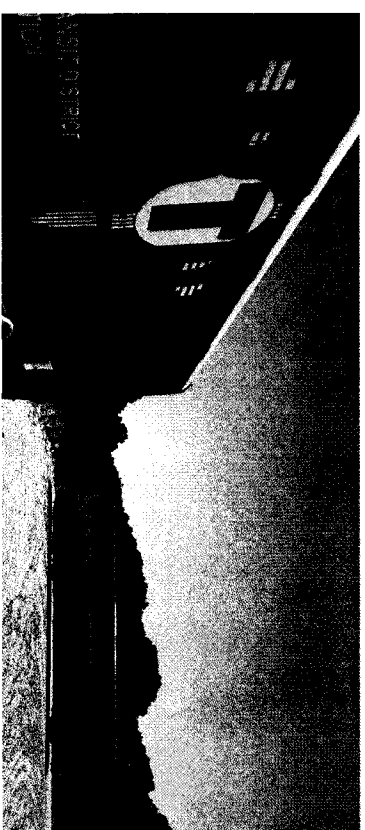
If awarded, this would mark the third time the District has received this honor. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and represents a significant achievement by an organization.

In September of 2017, the department received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 budget by the GFOA. That was the second consecutive year that the NCRTD Finance Department has received this designation.

FOSTERING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE REGION

The NCRTD continues to be grateful to its local members and their enthusiasm to create collaborative partnerships that support the District to benefit riders.

Just this month the **Town of Edgewood**, turned over the keys for a parking bay at the former Edgewood Volunteer Fire Station to allow for the bus to park indoors overnight. Not only will this provide greater security for the vehicle, but in the winter time, with nights dropping into the teens and single digits, the bus will be warmed up and ready to hit the road when it begins its route at 5:45 AM.



The launch of the Jicarilla route in October of 2017, brought about the need for four vehicles to be stored in Chama. **The Village of Chama** was quick to provide a space at its public works maintenance yard in the heart of the Village for the storage of four RTD vehicles to service the Chama and Jicarilla routes, as well as use of the building's restrooms. In appreciation, the NCRTD has gravelled the parking lot at the facility, shares in the maintenance cost of the electric gate to the property and helped to offset the cost of installing surveillance cameras around the property.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) through All Aboard America, operator of the NMDOT Park & Ride, continues to support the NCRTD's Santa Fe County operation by allowing for the storage of four vehicles at the All Aboard America yard off Rodeo Road. Additionally, NMDOT houses two Mountain Trail buses at its main facility at the South Capitol Station. In turn, the District houses four NMDOT Park & Ride vehicles in the yard at its Española headquarters.

Taos County works with NCRTD to allow for the storing of the Peñasco bus at the County maintenance yard in Peñasco. The District then covered 50% of the cost for the installation of video surveillance cameras around the facility.

The **City of Española** continues to partner with the NCRTD and the NMDOT by providing the space for the Española Transit Center, which is a great hub of activity for passengers and riders of RTD and NMDOT Park & Ride.

The RTD 255 Mountain Trail route from downtown Santa Fe to the Santa Fe National Forest and Ski Santa Fe would not have been possible without our partners. **Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Rio Metro RTD and Ski Santa Fe** have contributed money each year to help ensure the success of that route.

We also would like to acknowledge **Los Alamos County**. The County's regional Progress Through Partnering program, which commenced in 2007, continues to provide funding to the NCRTD each year. In FY2018, that amount totaled \$350,000 and to date it has contributed \$79 million to the District. As part of the funds the NCRTD collects through the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax, the District has provided \$11.8 million to Los Alamos County and its Atomic City Transit for regional services it provides in the County.

NCRTD Takes 1st and 2nd Place at State Bus Rodeo Competition

NCRTD is proud to congratulate Keith Dalrymple, Fleet Mechanic, and Mark Lopez, Transit Vehicle Electronics Technician, from the RTD who took first and second place, respectively, in the New Mexico State Rodeo paratransit, small bus cut-away category. Keith will represent the State of New Mexico at the national competition held during the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) national conference in Pittsburgh, June 9 and 10!



Always a highlight of the Annual New Mexico Transit Association Conference, the Rodeo is a fun and friendly challenge among transit drivers from across the State. What might look like a maze of randomly placed orange cones to the untrained eye, the expert drivers know exactly what they need to do to maneuver the course with precision. The timed course contains obstacles that test every phase a bus operator encounters under normal driving conditions. In addition to driving skills, participants are also tested on ADA wheelchair securement standards and pre-trip vehicle inspection.

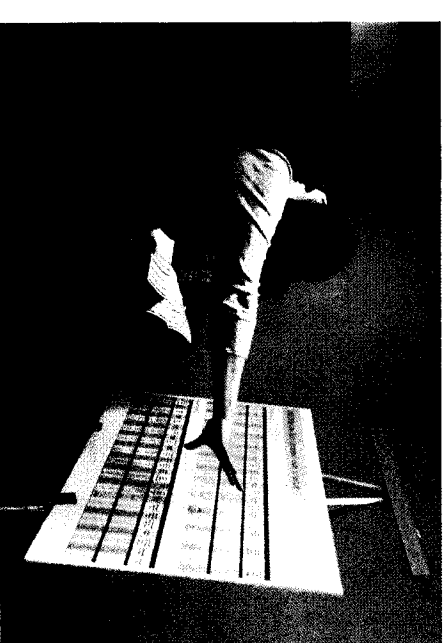
The competition is a showcase of vehicle operator skills and promotes safety, professionalism and excellence in transit operations.

SERIES OF ROUTE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED APRIL 9 THE FIRST TO USE NEW REMIX ROUTE PLANNING AND SCHEDULING SOFTWARE

In an effort to run routes at their most efficient, a series of route modifications were implemented on April 9. The routes included the 100 Riverside, 110 Westside, 160 Santa Clara, 200 Santa Fe, 220 Tesuque, 270 Turquoise Trail, 330 Peñasco, 340 Chile Line Red, 360 Tres Piedros and 400 Los Alamos.

While many of the modifications were minor, some under-utilized stops were eliminated, some requested stops were added and some bus stop times had slight time changes to tighten up running times along the route.

This is the first series of modifications utilizing the new Remix route planning and scheduling software that allows us to create routes and schedules to operate at their most time efficient and effective. Remix software is user-friendly and supports the goal of creating a transit system that meets the needs specific to the communities we serve while also creating an improved workplace for Drivers and Operations Staff.



- The Remix Planning component automatically looks at proposed route modifications - a new bus stop or a routing change are good examples - and those can then be analyzed to determine the impact on the existing transit network.
- The Remix Scheduling component refines the proposed/new services to perform such tasks and create pieces of work for Drivers, rosters for semiannual Driver route bids, and will even automatically assign vehicles.
- Remix analyzes real-life impacts from a variety of angles, such as cost estimation, Title VI analysis, run-cutting and potential operational efficiencies.

The modifications also included the addition of the new NCRTD Bus stop at the Taos Public Library on the RTD Chile Red route. On April 13, members of the Taos Library Advisor Board, Friends of the Library, patrons, and RTD drivers and staff, gathered for a ribbon-cutting celebrating to kick-off the new stop. RTD Chair and Taos Mayor Dan Barrone, and RTD Board member and Taos County Chair and District 1 Commissioner, Jim Fambro, also attended and cut the ribbon as the first bus of the day pulled into the parking lot.

Perhaps, most significantly in Taos, the RTD is now providing Demand Service within ½ of a mile of the 340 Chile Line Red route that will allow residents to call and schedule a pick-up and drop off at a cost of \$1.00 each way anywhere within that ½ mile buffer.

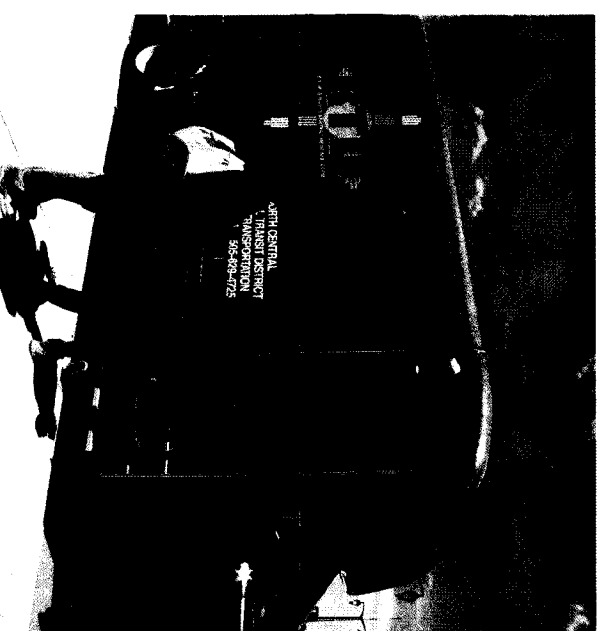
NCRTD Continues to Post Increased Ridership Bucking the National Trend

In calendar year 2017, the NCRTD posted a 2.5% increase in ridership to a record 283,256 rides on NCRTD-operated routes, while nationally, bus ridership decreased by 4.3%.

According to the March American Public Transit Association Transit Savings Report, individuals in a two-person, two-car household can save an average of more than \$9,894 annually by downsizing to one car and utilizing public transit.

The industry is expecting ridership to increase in the coming year as prices at the pump continue to rise. A cost of \$2.75 per gallon is often pointed to as the tipping point for commuters to start dumping the pump and ride public transit. On Thursday, June 21, public transit providers from throughout the nation will be encouraging people to Dump the Pump and Ride Public Transit to get them where they need to go, instead of driving a car.

To encourage New Mexicans to do their part, transit agencies from throughout northern and central New Mexico will converge at the South Capitol Rail Runner Station in Santa Fe, June 21, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM for coffee, donuts and giveaways. NCRTD, NM Rail Runner Express, Santa Fe Trails, NMDOT Park & Ride, Rio Metro RTD and the New Mexico Transit Association will provide outreach to show the public how they can save money. Dump the Pump and make public transit work for them!



Dump the Pump JUNE 21, 2018 RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT



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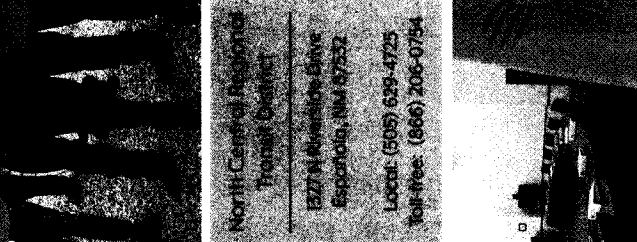
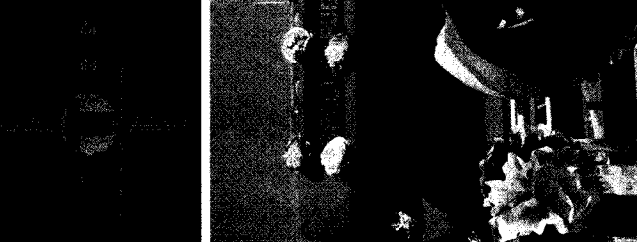
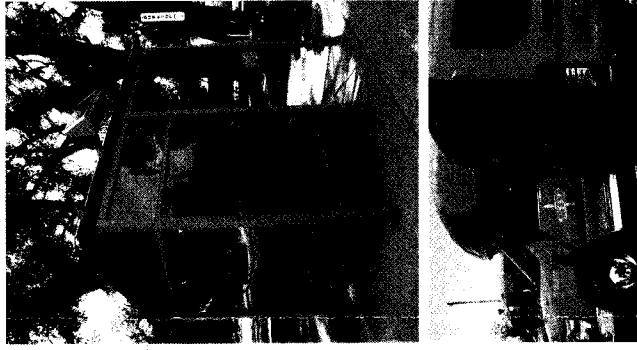
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HIGHLIGHTS & HISTORY

- 2003** - New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and the New Mexico Legislature signed into law the Regional Transit Act authorizing the creation of Regional Transit Districts within the State
- 2004** - The North Central Regional Transit District is the first RTD to be certified by the New Mexico Transportation Commission
- The NCRTD is established with ten member entities
- 2006** - The NCRTD is presented with a comprehensive Service Plan
- Consolidation with the Española – Rio Arriba County transit service.
- 2007** - Service begins in October
- 2008** - Taos County joins the NCRTD now with 11 member entities
- Wins its first Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) election adopting 1/8 of 1% tax
- 2009** - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awards \$2.5 million in stimulus dollars to acquire the property and building for the NCRTD's future transit center
- Dedicates its new headquarters, the Jim West Regional Transit Center in Española
- The Town of Edgewood joins NCRTD
- 2012** - Nambé Pueblo joins NCRTD, now at 13 member entities
- 2013** - Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of its creation
- The Town of Taos joins the NCRTD
- 2015** - The NCRTD receives the Federal Transit Administration Administrator Award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Transportation
- The District receives the award for New Mexico Department of Transportation Section 5311 Transit System of the Year
- The NCRTD assumes operation of the Taos Chile Line from the Town of Taos and Launches the RTD Chile Line
- As part of its Five-Year Transit Service plan update, initiated system-wide route modifications and enhancements to provide more user-friendly pickup and drop-off times
- The NCRTD Board approves the RTD Mountain Trail Route to provide the first-ever public transportation service from the City of Santa Fe to the Santa Fe National Forest and Ski Santa Fe
- Completes its Long Range Service Plan to provide a blueprint for operations into 2035
- 2016** - Began providing service from the south side of Santa Fe to the La Cienega Valley and Las Golondrinas
- Conducted a new rider survey which saw that 94% of passengers are very satisfied or satisfied with the service
- 2017** - Launched the Jicarilla Route in partnership with the Jicarilla Apache Nation -- a route that provides service from Chama to Dulce and Farmington in San Juan County
- Secured an additional \$1.02 million in Transportation Alternatives Program grants towards an ADA Transition plan to bring stops and shelters into compliance

Quick Facts

North Central Regional Transit District



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QUICK FACTS

NCRTD Mission Statement:

The mission of the North Central Regional Transit District is to provide safe, secure and effective public transportation within North Central New Mexico in order to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing mobility options and economic opportunities throughout the region.

NCRTD Vision Statement:

To be the leading rural public transportation organization connecting communities and enhancing cultural, environmental, social and economic opportunities for the betterment of our region.

About Us:

The North Central Regional Transit District began service in 2007. It provides fare-free and premium fare-based bus transit connecting communities and pueblos throughout the counties of north central New Mexico including Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Taos, as well as the pueblos of Pojoaque, Nambé, Tesuque, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris and Taos. Further expanding its reach, the signature RTD Blue Buses provide riders with connections to New Mexico Rail Runner, Santa Fe Trails, New Mexico Park and Ride, Los Alamos Atomic City Transit, RTD Chile Line and Red River Miner's Transit.

All of its buses are ADA accessible and equipped with bicycle racks.

The RTD provides service on 25 Fixed and Flex routes, one Demand Response route, one Dial-a-Ride service and complementary Paratransit service in the Taos area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK CALL OR VISIT:

RIDERSHIP

FISCAL YEAR 2017:

(July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

PASSENGER TRIPS, ANNUAL

NCRTD OPERATED ROUTES: 284,285

ALL FUNDED ROUTES*: 218,726

TOTAL: 503,011

*Funded routes are those NCRTD funds through operated by Santa Fe Trails and Los Alamos Atomic City Transit

TOTAL SERVICE AREA:

10,079 square miles

DAYS OF SERVICE:

The RTD Blue Buses provide service Monday through Friday (excluding certain recognized holidays). The RTD Mountain Trail and seasonal TSV Green route offer service seven-days-per-week (including most holidays) and the Taos Express provides Saturday and Sunday express service.

COST TO RIDE THE RTD:

The RTD Mountain Trail and Taos Express routes are fare-based premium services. Demand response charges a small fee. All other routes are free.

FLEET: 54

Including:	
40 Passenger:	3
29 Passenger:	10
14 Passenger:	13
09 Passenger:	22
03 Passenger:	5
Contingency Fleet:	1
Vehicle Miles Annually:	37%
	1.36 million

NCRTD EMPLOYEES: 78

Administration:	13
Operations:	65
Including Bus Drivers:	
Full-time:	53
Part-time:	6
Maintenance:	6

FACILITIES:

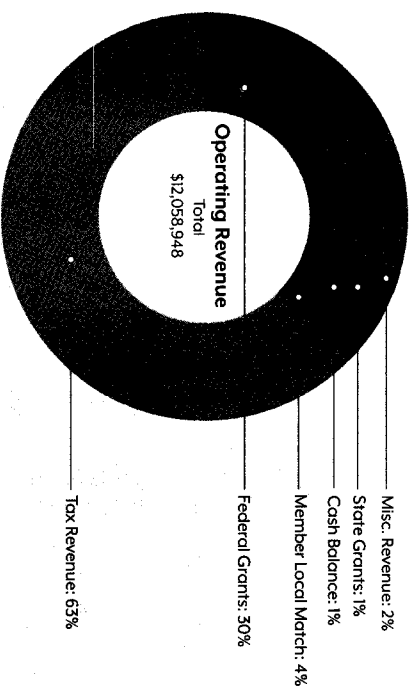
Bus Stops:	419
Bus Passenger Shelters:	49

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

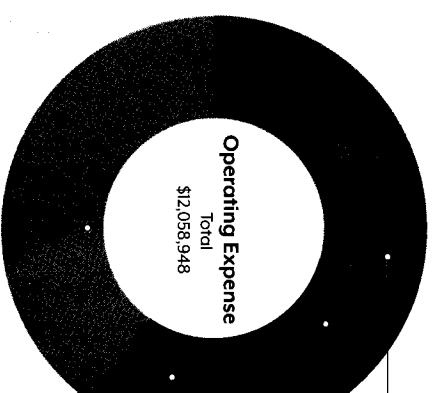
The North Central Regional Transit District (District) operated with an adopted Fiscal Year 2017 budget of \$12.7 million. Actual revenues were slightly over \$12.0 million and equal to expenses resulting in the District having to utilize only \$71,687, or 7.6%, of the \$937,233 cash balance that had been budgeted.

Revenue from federal and state sources were 31% of all revenues and Transit Gross Receipt Taxes generated 63% of the revenues, the member local match was 4% of the budget, while the remaining 2% came from other sources such as the sale of vehicles, fares, interest, bus advertisements and other miscellaneous revenues.

OPERATING REVENUES



OPERATING EXPENSES

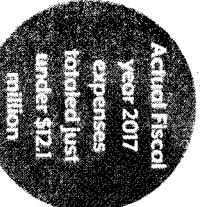


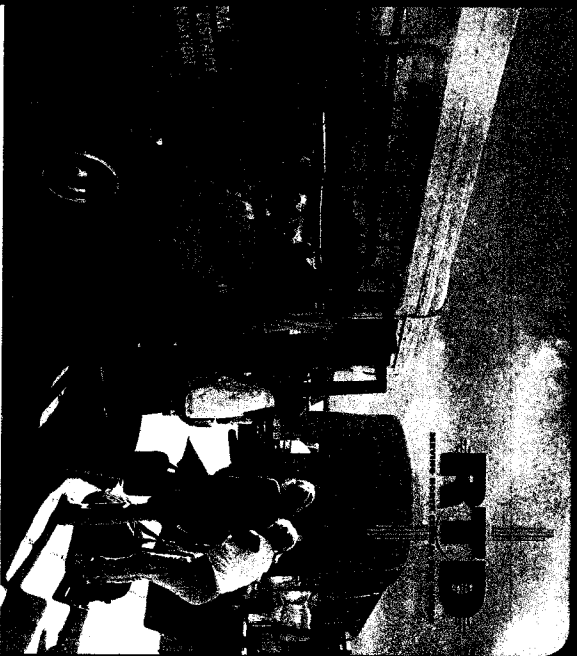
Personnel services which consists of 31% of total expenditures, with operating and capital outlay at 18%. The largest related to non-RTD payments made to Santa Fe Trails and Atomic City Transit in providing regional services approved by the Board.

OVERALL:

For the fiscal year 2016 ending June 30, 2017, the District's external auditors, expressed an unmodified opinion on the District's financial statements. F/Y2017 audit is conducted by Ricci and Company. The NCRTD Finance department oversees aspects that is inclusive of Accounts Payable and maintaining the General Ledger is also responsible for all the aspects of obligations and reporting in relation to procurements.

A high standard of excellence drives the District to provide outstanding levels of support committed to conforming to the highest





VOTE NOV. 6th



Reauthorizing existing funding for North Central Regional Transit District (RTD Blue Bus) No Increase in Taxes!

Stats for Fiscal Year 2017 (7/1/2016-6/30/2017)

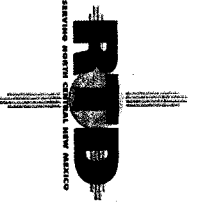
- 784,946 passenger trips*
- 7.3 million passenger trips since 2008*
- 10,079 square-mile service area
- 53-vehicle fleet
- 49 Bus Passenger Shelters
- 419 Bus Stops
- 79 Employees

Recent Highlights

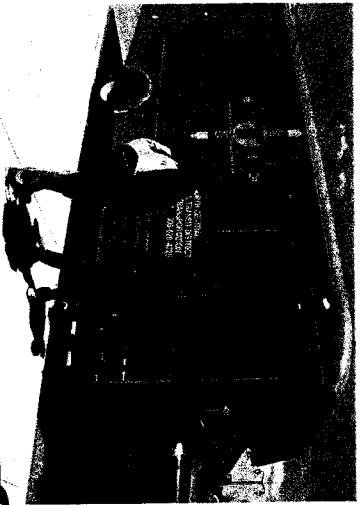
- Installed and launched Intelligent Transportation Technology to locate your bus in realtime
- Established permanent RTD Mountain Trail route for Ski Santa Fe and Santa Fe National Forest
- Record ridership with 6.1% increase, bucking the national trend of a 5.7% decrease
- Launched a customer-friendly trip planning feature, in partnership with Google Maps, that offers convenience and ease in planning a trip utilizing any of the transit district's RTD "Blue Buses," as well as connecting transit services
- The District has received top honors from the Government Finance Officers Association for each of the past three years for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and the past two years for its annual budget

*Includes routes operated by NCRTD and those funded by NCRTD and operated by Santa Fe Trails, NM Rail Runner Express (southbound only) and Los Alamos Atomic City Transit

BLUE CONNECTS YOU



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- Santa Fe
- Los Alamos
- And the Pueblos and Nation of
 - Taos
 - Rio Arriba
 - Pojoaque
 - Nambé
 - Tesuque
 - San Ildefonso
 - Santa Clara
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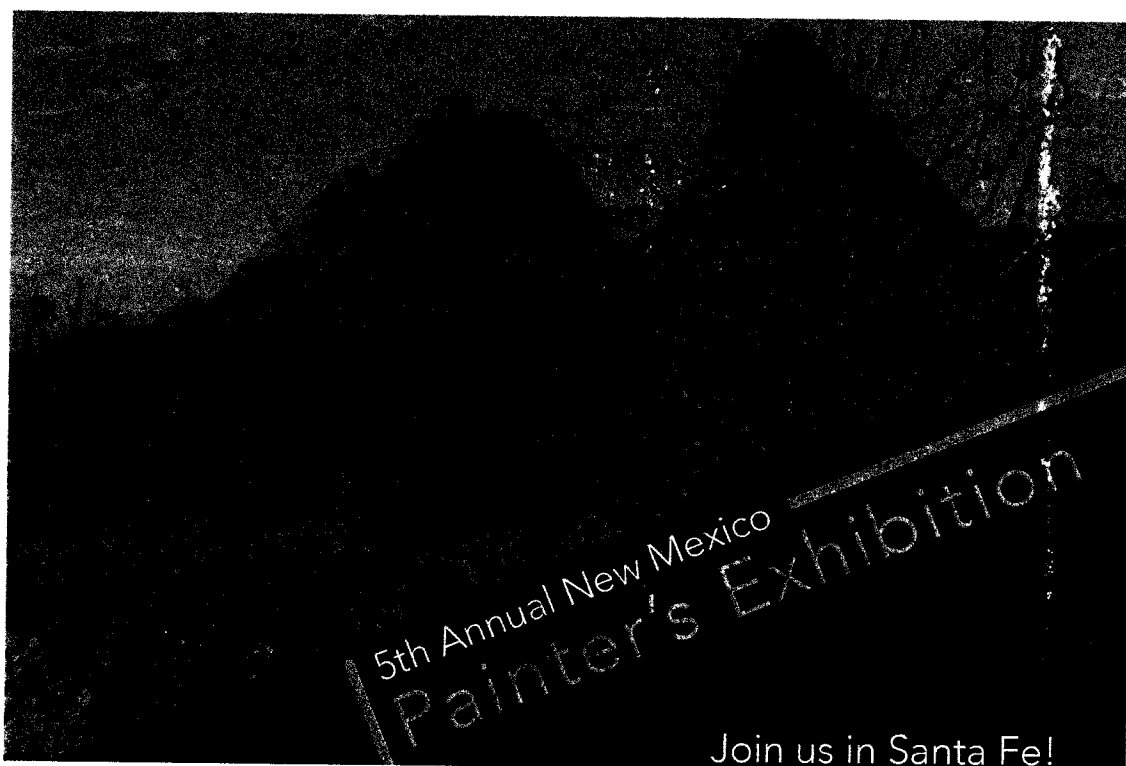
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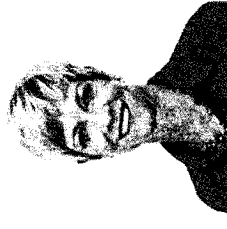
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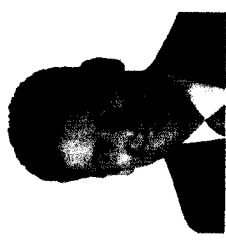
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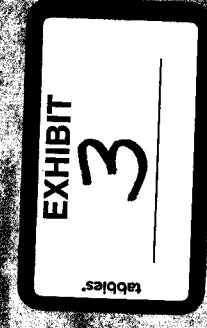
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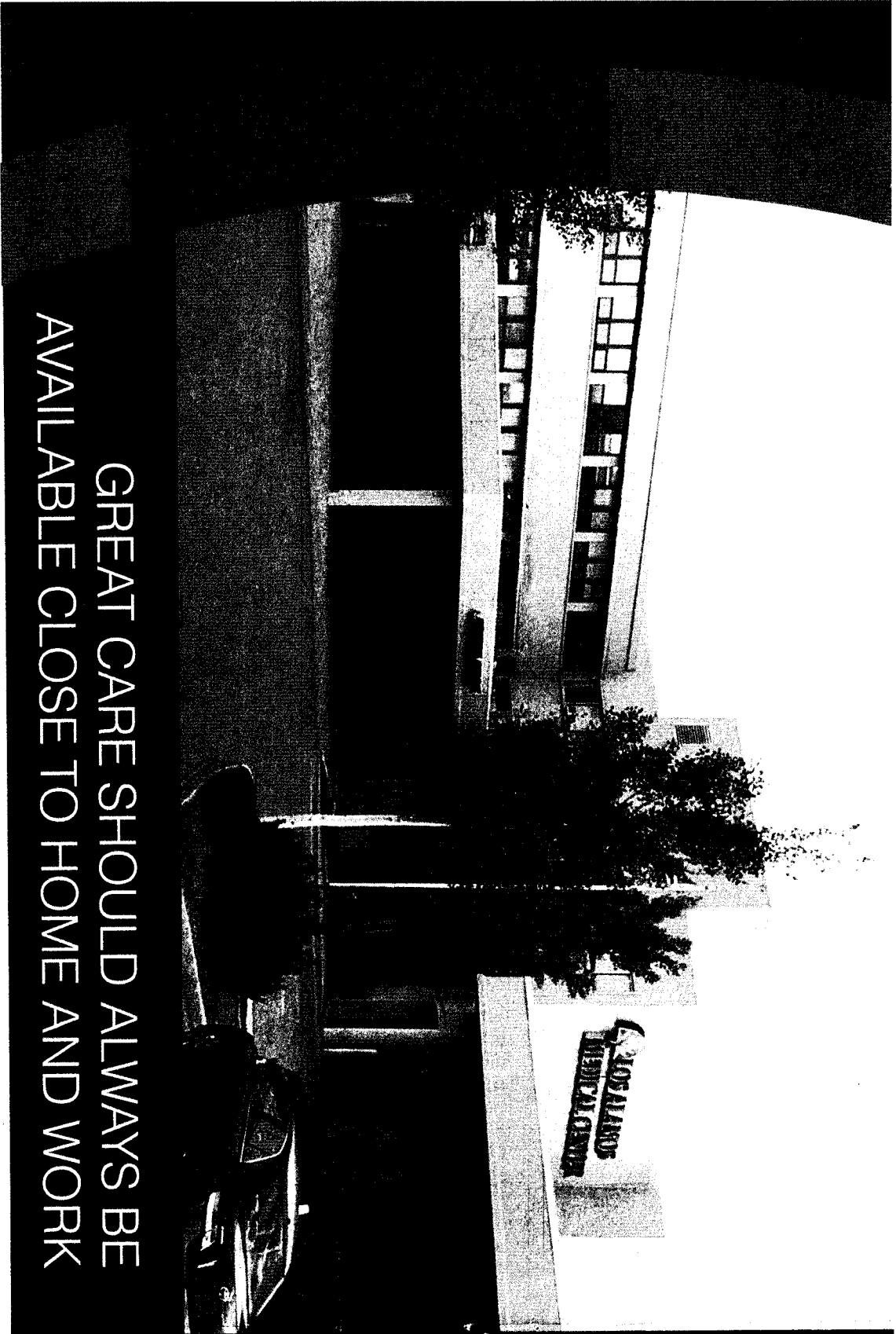
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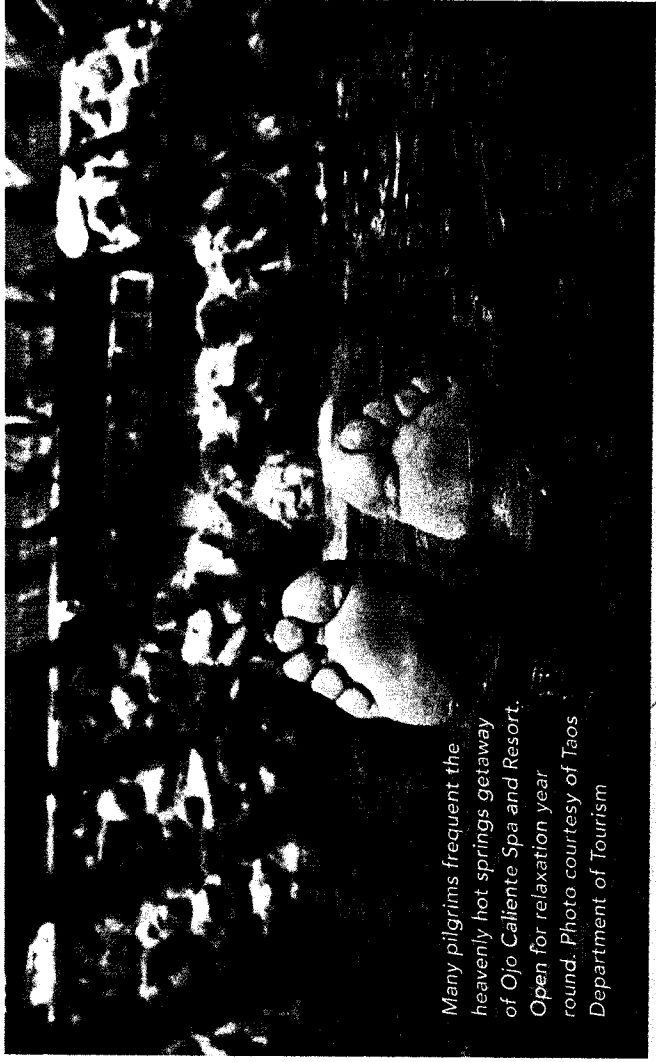
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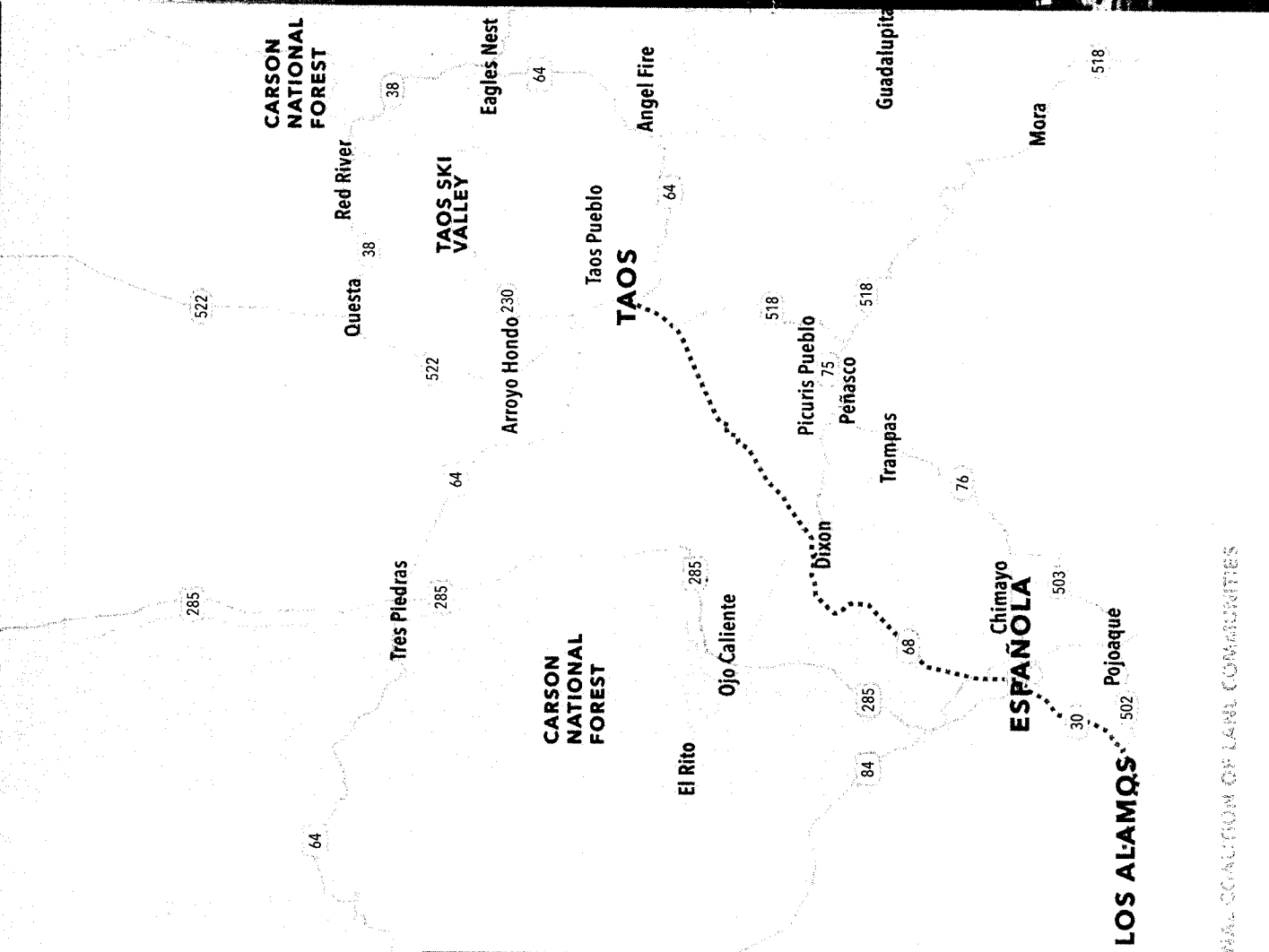
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Welcome to New Mexico, "The Land of Enchantment," with unparalleled vistas full of sunshine, mountains, and desert. The state's landscape ranges from vast sandy deserts, to oblique and tilted mesas, to high snow-capped peaks. The northern part of the state, where Los Alamos is located, is especially full of mountain wilderness, tucked in the Rocky Mountain chain, perfect for those who enjoy outdoor adventures, including hiking and skiing.

In addition to the stunning and varied natural landscape, New Mexico's population is made of an amalgam of people from different cultures, each representing a rich heritage and history, some dating back to 4,000 years in the area, others to the Spanish expeditions of the 1500 and 1600s, and with unique textures of history.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is one of the premier workplaces for New Mexico residents. The townscape of Los Alamos is serene and easy to navigate to and through. The laidback lifestyle is not hectic or stressful like other corporate or federal institutions. The laboratory environment is open, communal, and collaborative, with room for upward mobility and great support from higher management. The pay and benefits are well above the NM average, with unparalleled opportunity, and the highest levels of challenging and rewarding work.

Each summer, the LANL demographic shifts, filling up with high school, undergrad, masters, and postdoctoral scholars from all over the world, who come to gain exceptional, often life-changing, experience at the laboratory. This influx of people of different generations and cultures keeps LANL at the height of their research, and infuses the surrounding communities with a jolt of newness and exuberance, creating a vibrant atmosphere for innovation and leisure.

Each section of this guide will provide more detail about the communities around Los Alamos and the many opportunities to live, work, play and thrive in the Land of Enchantment.

This guide is the brainchild of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, a board made up of nine communities, cities, counties, and tribal governments committed to seeing the region thrive in the talent it attracts and retains, reflective of the values it universally recognizes in the identity and makeup of the region. This guide is an open invitation to all new and potential employees to engage in the cultural, natural, and social wealth of each of our communities.

The primary purpose of this guide is to introduce any and all new and potential LANL hires to incredible northern New Mexico, a place unparalleled in the U.S. and the world. Each of our dedicated member areas supports LANL's ongoing presence as the largest job supplier in the region, with the greatest philanthropic investments made into community-driven programs. We want to ensure this tradition is well preserved for the upcoming generations of new and potential LANL employees.

Elected and tribal officials represent their respective communities on the Regional Coalition and the Board, speaking in a unified voice on issues pertaining to LANL, specifically those in site employment, economic development, environmental remediation, and adequate funding for LANL. The Regional Coalition of LANL Communities was founded in 2011 and works in partnership with the Department of Energy and other federal entities to ensure national decisions incorporate local needs and concerns. For more info: regionalcoalition.org

POPULATION
32,883

AVERAGE INCOME
\$50,076

TAOS

AVERAGE RENTAL COST
\$732

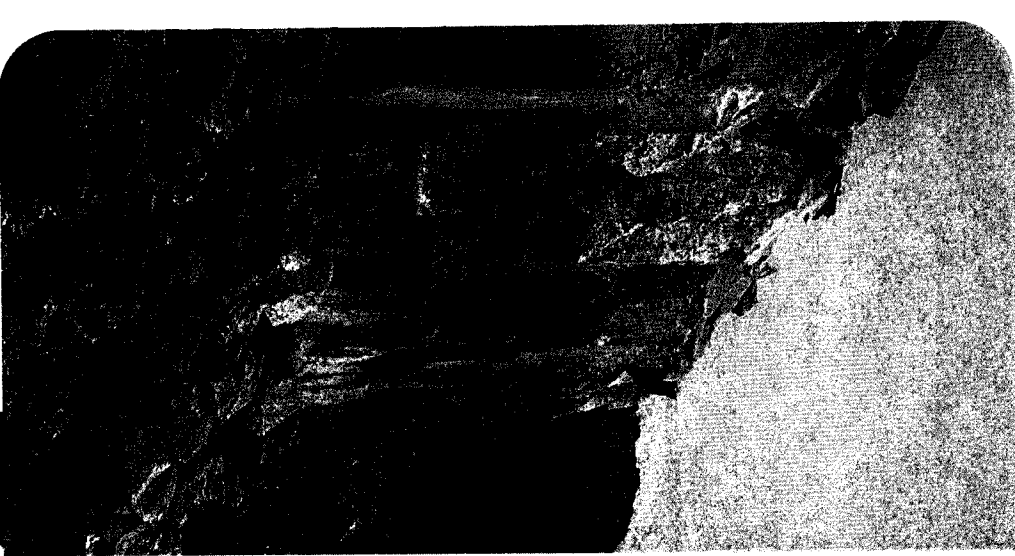
AVERAGE MONTHLY MORTGAGE
\$1,250

AVERAGE HOME COST
\$221,000

2% OF LANL EMPLOYEES LIVE IN TAOS COUNTY

	HOW MANY
PRE K	10
ELEMENTARY	8
MIDDLE	8
HIGH SCHOOL	7
PRIVATE	11

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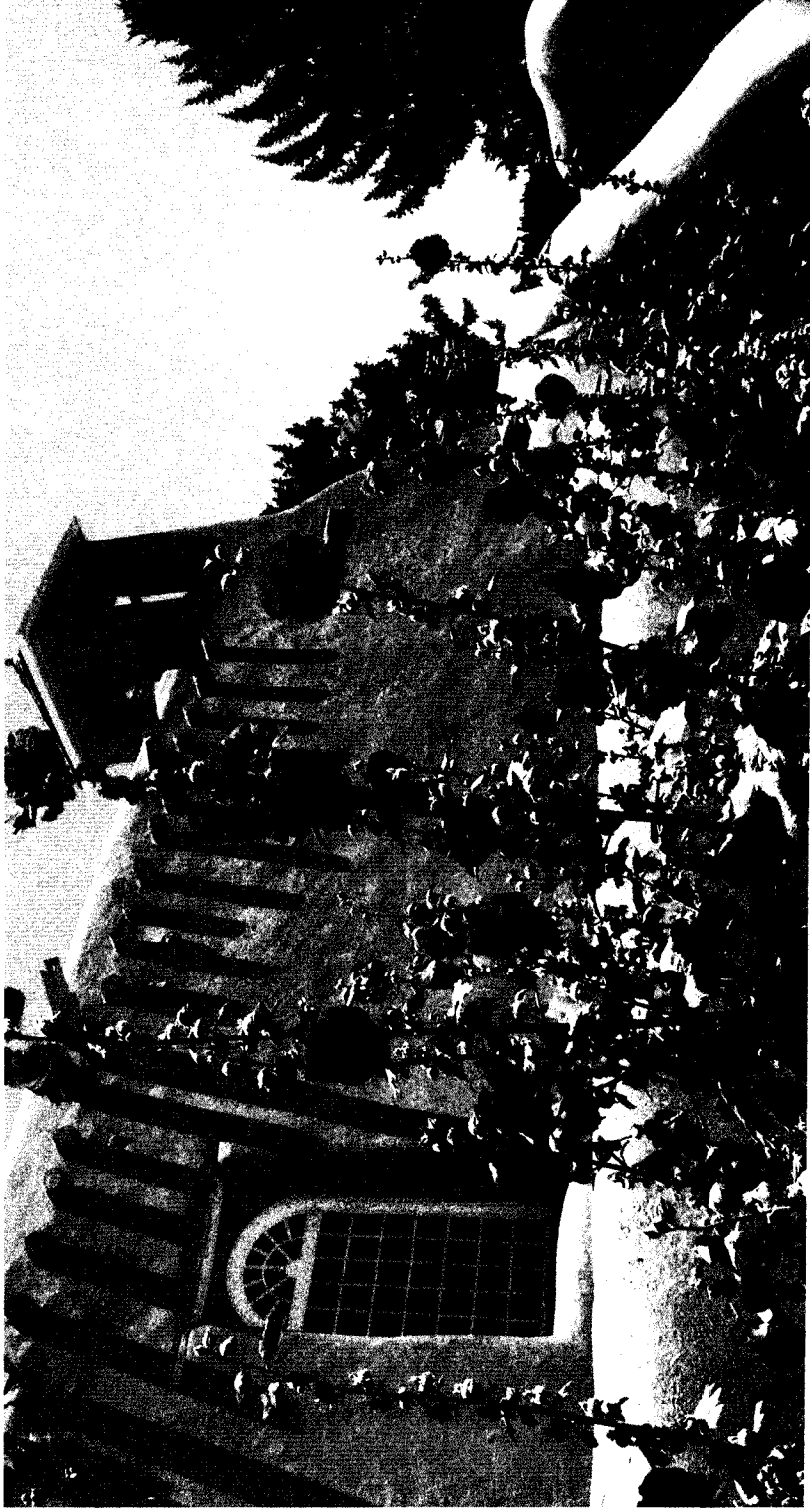
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r treasured jewels of Taos living include al sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, Historical downtown Plaza, "El Corazon aos," as well as museums and galleries, end music and art festivals, and even llama ng adventures.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Taos has diverse networking opportunities for a city of its size.

- The County Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly networking events on the second Thursday of each month, May through September at various locations throughout the city.
- Taos' Entrepreneurial Network provides professional services to business owners of all levels, and meets every third Tuesday of the month at KTAOS.
- Taos Arts Council Artist Network holds different events throughout the month promoting awareness, understanding, appreciation and development of all of the Creative Arts in Taos.
- The University of New Mexico's Taos campus offers a diversity of classes for continued education and new and exciting topics. A variety of artistic, athletic and entrepreneurial expressive opportunities abound.

Spectacular hollyhocks, a NM tradition, light up buildings all around Northern New Mexico.
Photo courtesy of Taos Department of Tourism

LOS ALAMOS

Los Alamos, "The Secret City," maintains a worldwide reputation for scientific and technological development. Los Alamos is a place where discoveries are made, creating aha moments, and cultivating curiosity.

Out of the race for developing the atomic bomb in the early 1940s, the Manhattan Project of WWII birthed the town and adjacent Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Flourishing community life features small-town living with friendly neighbors, low crime, and an exceptional, nationally recognized school system.

Cultural and recreational opportunities abound, with more than 100 miles of hiking, biking, equestrian trails, and local downhill or cross-country skiing options at Pajarito Mountain. The community hosts a variety of events with music and entertainment festivals year-round.

Los Alamos is the gateway to three National Parks, including Bandelier National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, which includes the Bradbury Science Museum and the expanded Los Alamos History Museum campus.

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Los Alamos Townsite view from Pajarito Mountain
Photo by L. Bucklin

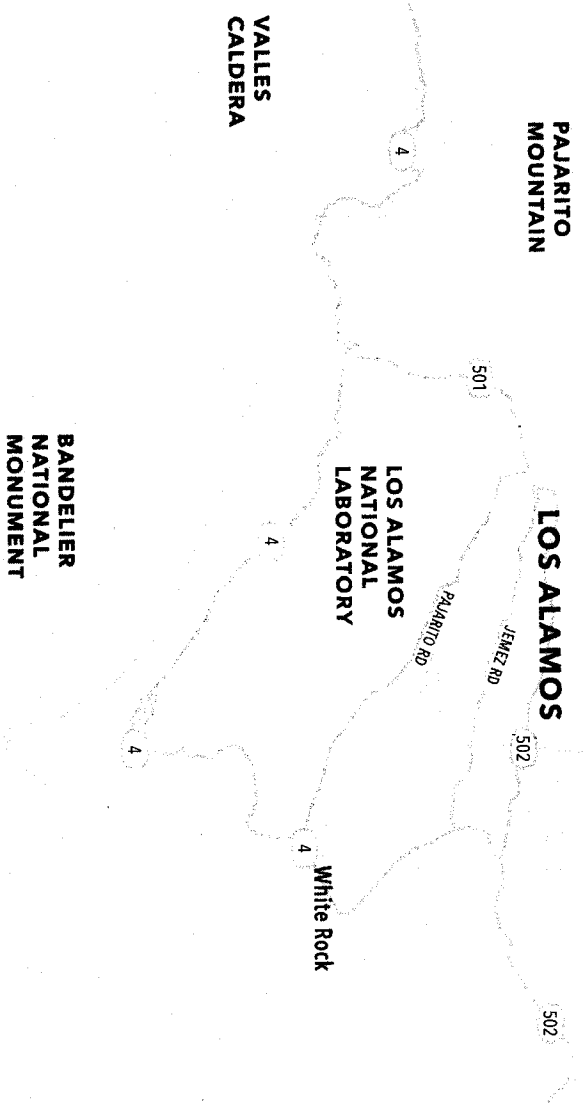
QUALITY OF LIFE

SANTA CLARA RESERVATION

- Los Alamos' lively, creative culture was established within the first year of the Manhattan Project, when scientists from all over the world brought their families to the town, along with their love of music, opera, theater, dance, art, and more. Los Alamos produces a variety of programs, festivals, and events that energize the downtown community.

- Los Alamos' location atop of the Pajarito Plateau is the perfect setting for the recreational riches of the area, spawning sports and leisure opportunities for everyone. Air abundance of sunny days allow for hiking and mountain biking to be year-round sports. Over 12 miles of paved bike lanes, and nearly 90 miles of hiking trails woven throughout the townsites and the surrounding mountains awaken the avid outdoor enthusiast or the casual hiker.

- Los Alamos hosts many outdoor sporting events each year including the *Tour de Los Alamos* road bicycle race, *Ron the Caldera* ultra-marathon, *Pajarito Punishment* mountain bike race, *Jemez Mountain* trail runs, *Los Alamos Marathon*, seasonal golf tournaments, and much more. In addition, Los Alamos borders the National Forest, with the San Pedro Parks Wilderness (average altitude over 10,000 ft) and the *Genoa* Wilderness right next door.



NMDOT

The Park and Ride express bus service offers three lines of service directly to Los Alamos National Laboratory. The bus provides the opportunity to relax, work on your laptop, or connect with other LANL employees. Atomic City Transit (ATC) provides free bus service throughout the town, courtesy of Los Alamos County.

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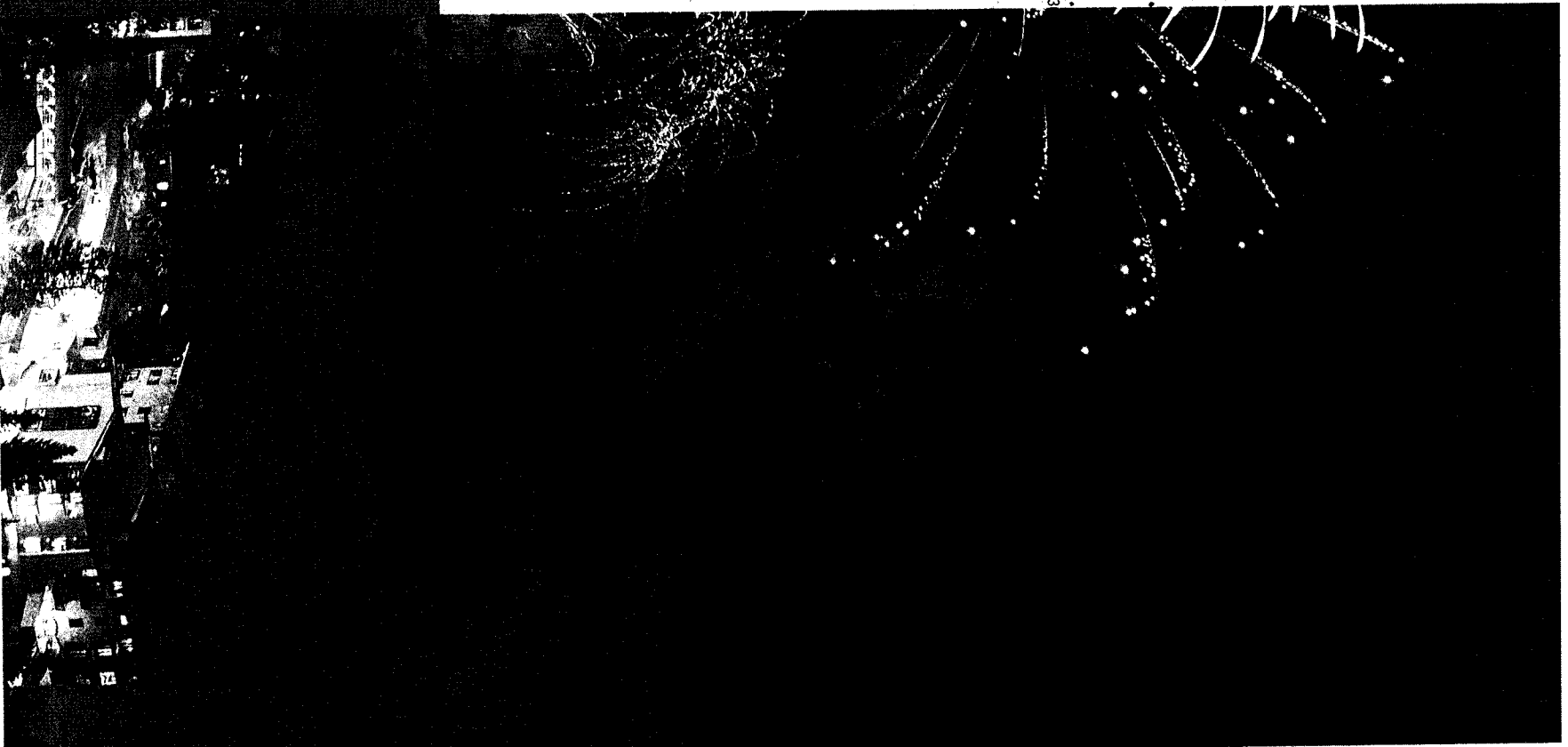


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20 MILE RADIUS

- 58-Mile Network of Trails
- Ski Pajarito
- Valles Caldera National Preserve



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Taos is the gem of Northern New Mexico. It is just 135 miles from Albuquerque's Interstate 25, and is a scenic and enjoyable, 90-minute drive from Los Alamos. The town is situated on rolling hills below the highest points of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, sitting at close to 7,000 feet elevation. It is home to more than 5,700 full-time residents, or Taosians.

The friendly, laid back atmosphere of Taos is inviting to visitors and new residents. Having a large mix of influences by Native American heritage, Spanish 1960's hippie culture, and others, the area enjoys activities that blend all of these influences into a unique experience. The town's attractions range from world-class skiing, to gallery hopping, to music festivals.

"If you happen to be in Taos for the mere event of snowfall, you are likely to enjoy the heck out of things for about a week. We aren't on the beaten path and some folks think they need a passport no. You can't ski out Taos Valley in a day or a week or a season."

—Dave Hahn, Taos Ski Patrolier, Mountaineering Guide with 14 summits of Everest, 30 summits of Denali, 30 summits of Vinson, and 1 summit of Mount Everest in Antarctica

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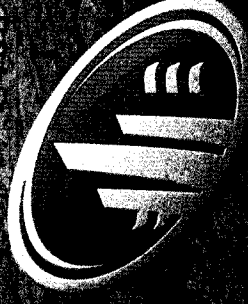
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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Los Alamos County, together with its local partners, offers a variety of options for both personal and professional opportunities for people relocating to Los Alamos. At the forefront is the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation (LACDC), playing an important role in the development of the local business community.

Other networking options include:

- **project Co-work** Los Alamos hosts a collaborative co-working space that is the first of its kind in NM.
- **Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce** facilitates connections by advocating for economic initiatives to improve the community, and helping members be visible through networking initiatives.
- **MainStreet** program produces and supports downtown events and redevelopment initiatives throughout town.
- **Meeting & Visitor Bureau** assists tourists and visitors, and helps businesses and attractions promote themselves.
- **Various school programs** and social organizations for young families; more than 20 houses of worship; and multiple organized sports programs for children and adults.

In addition, Los Alamos collaborates with the following organizations in and associated with Los Alamos National Laboratory to build, strengthen and diversify our economy:

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POPULATION
17,644

AVERAGE INCOME
\$134,274

LOS ALAMOS

AVERAGE RENTAL COST
\$921

AVERAGE MONTHLY MORTGAGE
\$1,750

AVERAGE HOME COST
\$290,600

40% OF LANL EMPLOYEES LIVE IN LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

	HOW MANY	SCHOOL RATING
PRE K	14	
ELEMENTARY	5	10
MIDDLE	1	10
HIGH SCHOOL	1	9
PRIVATE	2	

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Luis (right) Bustos, and her partner, Ross Bustos



WORKING OPPORTUNITIES

There is a variety of networking opportunities out there, bringing together seasoned professionals and nascent start-ups in a mutually beneficial environment, maintained by the collaboration of organizations listed below.

Santa Fe connects community members through crowd-sourced, data-driven engagement activities at networking events each year, plus SFCC, an annual startup competition.

Santa Fe Community College teaches students how to cook, become a painter, explore new technologies! The SFCC has hundreds of diverse classes for people of all ages.

Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities for businesses large and small in Santa Fe.

Meetups in Santa Fe hosted on meetup.com, the largest of Santa Fe has numerous and varied meetups that appeal to a wide audience.

Santa Fe Business Incubator helps local entrepreneurs grow successful businesses.

HISTORY

Santa Fe is the oldest capital city in North America and the oldest European settlement of the Mississippi. It was settled by conquistador Don Pedro de Peralta in 1598, and has been the state capital since 1912.

Santa Fe is recognized as one of the most intriguing urban environments in the world due largely to the city's preservation of historic buildings and a modern zoning ordinance passed in 1958, the code mandates the city's distinctive Spanish-Pueblo style of architecture, based on the adobe (mud and brick) and wood construction.

POPULATION
147,498

AVERAGE INCOME

\$70,612

SANTA FE

AVERAGE RENTAL COST

\$952

AVERAGE MONTHLY MORTGAGE

\$1,504

AVERAGE HOME COST

\$276,500

30% OF LAW EMPLOYEES LIVE IN SANTA FE COUNTY

HOW MANY

PRE-K

73

ELEMENTARY

22

MIDDLE

4

HIGH SCHOOL

7

PRIVATE

28

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The stunning views on the drive to Los Alamos, through the canyons. Photo courtesy of Los Alamos County

HISTORY

Los Alamos was built on the Pajarito Plateau between White Rock Canyon and the Valles Caldera. The area was inhabited by indigenous people and homesteaders, and eventually became home to the Boys' Ranch School, which eventually closed when the U.S. government chose the area for the Manhattan Project during WWII.

The Bradbury Science Museum offers a glimpse into the birth of the Manhattan Project. The newly renovated and interactive Los Alamos History Museum, nearby Fuller Lodge, and its historical campus downtown

gives visitors a chance to experience Los Alamos in the 1940s.



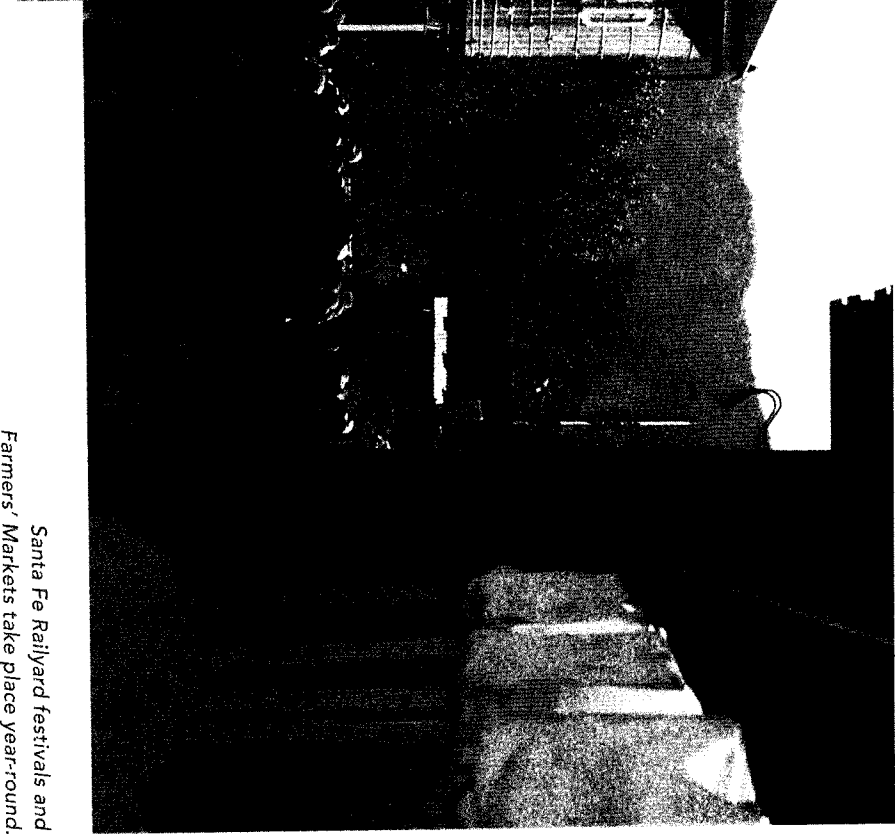
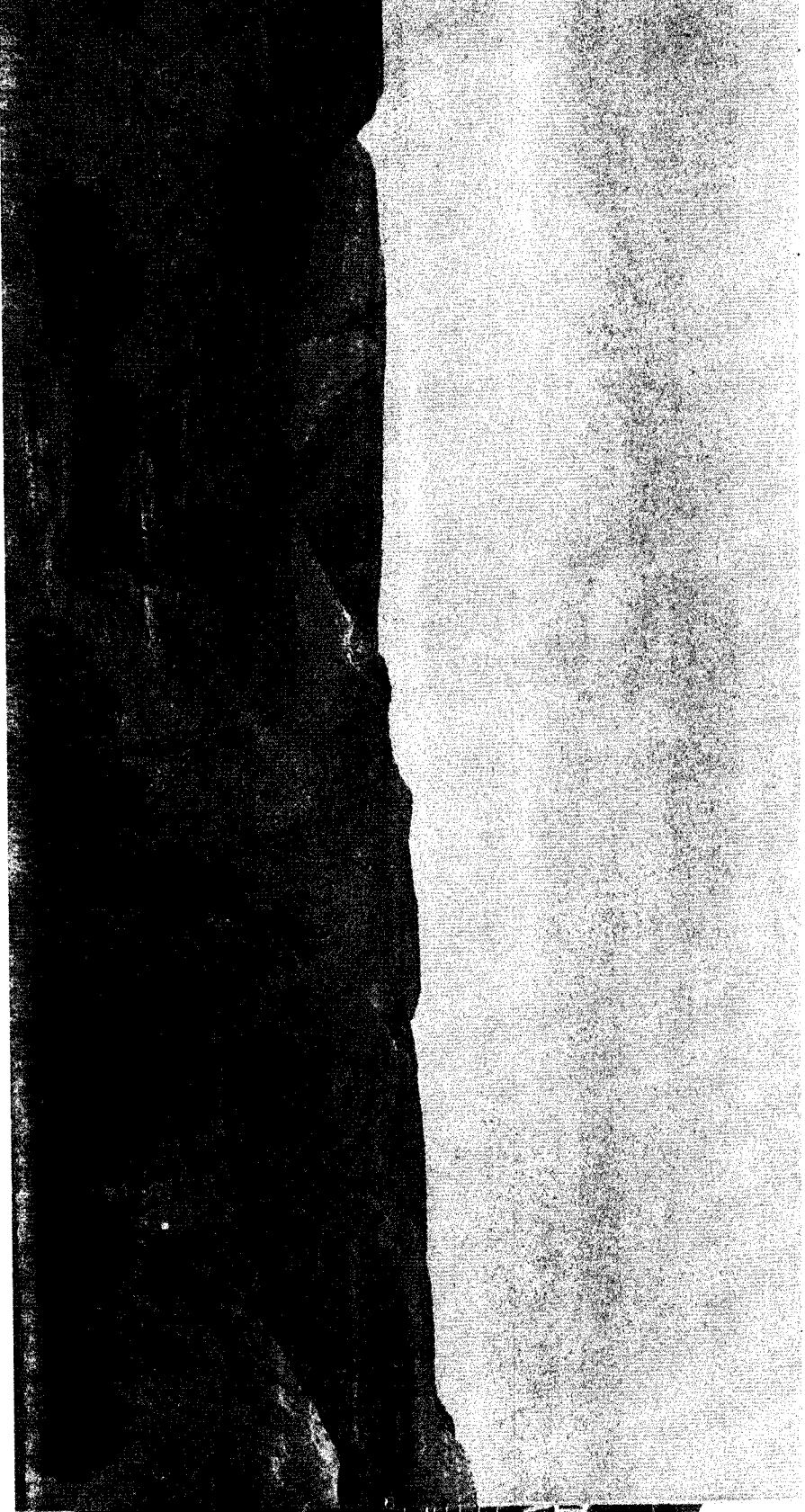
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Santa Fe Railyard festivals and Farmers' Markets take place year-round. Photo courtesy of Tourism Santa Fe

HISTORY

In the late 16th century, the Spanish began colonizing the southwest, and forcefully converted many Pueblos to Christianity. In the late 17th century, lead by Popé of Ohkay Owingeh, the Pueblo people united and succeeded in destroying the mission system of the Spanish. The revolt itself was an act determined to reject the civilization imposed upon the Pueblos, as it posed a direct threat to their own religion and culture. Historians say the Ohkay Owingeh fought only to repel the Spanish, and did not want to be at war.

It was the only successful native mutiny against a colonizing power in North America. Following the iconic revolt, the Pueblos began to re-learn and institute their traditions, enduring years of cultural revival. Many Pueblo people were able to maintain aspects of their cultural heritage and languages that are still in practice and existence today.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Santa Fe is one of the top art markets in the country and has over 200 galleries and more than 14 museums, including the Museum of International Folk Art, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, SITE Santa Fe, and the New Mexico History Museum. The latest addition to the art scene, Meow Wolf, opened in 2016 to rave reviews as a 21st century immersive art experience that houses evolving exhibitions and a music venue.

Every summer, the Santa Fe Opera hosts world renowned performances in its unique location on a hilltop just north of the city. Santa Fe's unsurpassed Indian Market, Spanish Market, and Folk Art Market attract some of the greatest artistic talent from all over the world.

Santa Fe's culinary scene boasts an excellent reputation with New Mexican regional cuisine at the heart of some of its best meals, highlighting the locally grown basic ingredients: chile, corn, and beans. The Railyard's bi-weekly Farmers' Market supplies local restaurants and families with the finest produce in the region. Santa Fe has an abundance of outdoor activities including access to hundreds of miles of hiking trails, the Santa Fe National Forest, mountain biking trails, Old Santa Fe, and much, much more!



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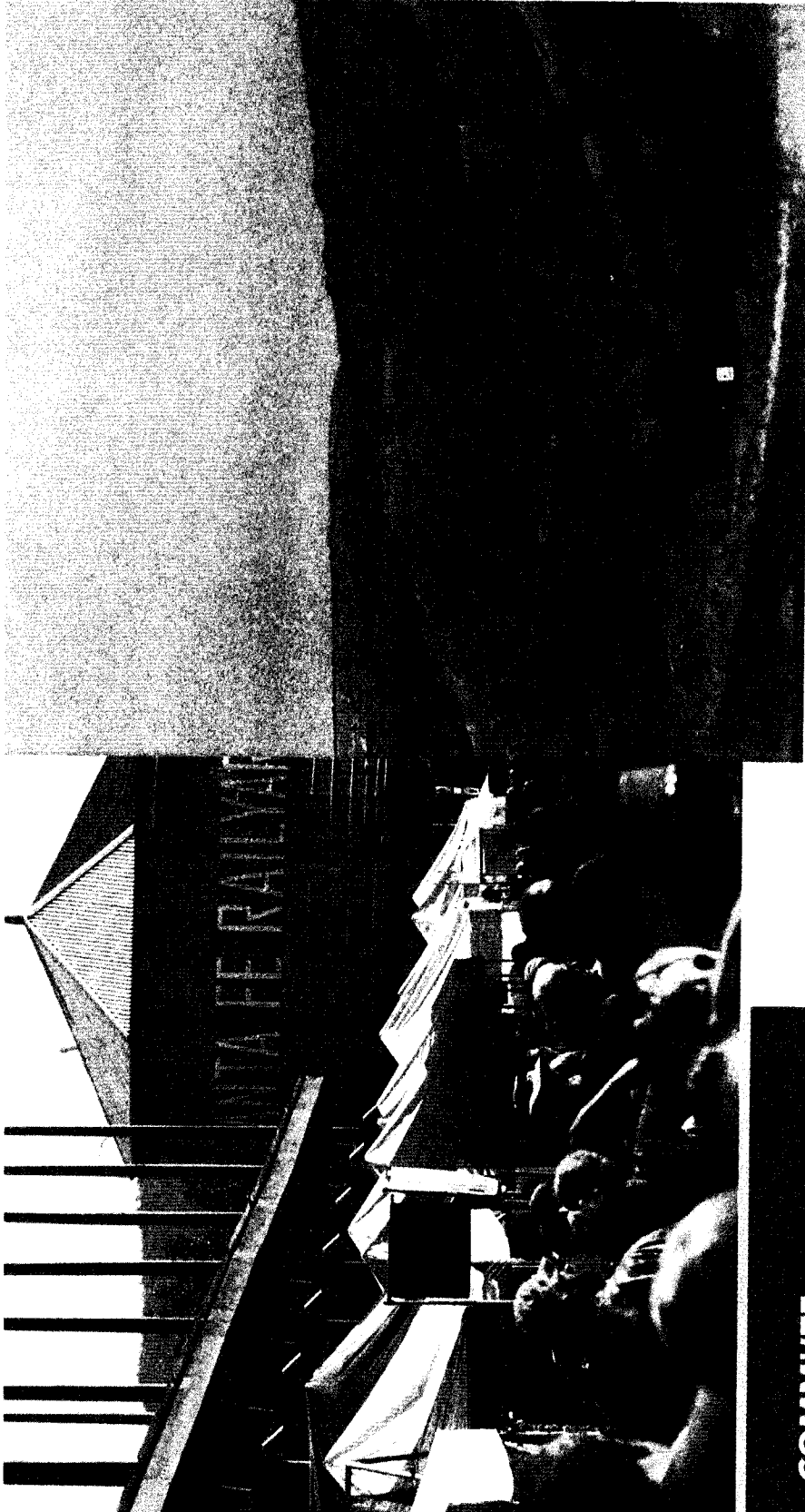
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PUEBLOS

Jemez Pueblo's striking landscape as you approach the village. Photo courtesy of Pueblo of Jemez Governor's Office

Spread across the landscape of Northern New Mexico are many sovereign tribal nations. Directly bordering LANL is San Ildefonso Pueblo, while Jemez, Cochiti, and the 'Eight Northern Pueblos' make up nearby indigenous nations. The Eight Northern Pueblos are made up of Ohkay Owingeh, Nambé, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Taos, and Tesuque Pueblos, sprinkled across the region. Each sovereign tribal entity manages their own governmental affairs and has self-determination over their peoples and communities.

Ohkay Owingeh means "Place of the Strong People" and is one of the largest Tewa-speaking pueblos. It is home to the Eight Northern Pueblos Council, a non-profit organization providing health services, education, economic programs, food services, and beyond, to communities of the Council. The Oke-Oweenge Crafts Cooperative exhibits the work across each of the eight pueblos, while Ohkay Owingeh specializes in painting, redware pottery, and weaving. Ohkay Owingeh's annual feast day is June 24.

Each of the Pueblos are open to the public on Feast Days, where visitors are invited to join in on the cultural activities of the day, often involving dancing, food and spiritual celebration. These cultural experiences happen throughout the calendar year, though photos are typically not permitted.

As stated before, Jemez Pueblo is open to visitors on feast days and their beautiful Walatowa Visitor Center (7413 Hwy 4, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico 87024) is opened daily from 8:00a-5:00p, just an hour from LANL. Walatowa (Towa for 'this is THE place') is host to a nature walk, cultural displays, educational photography, traditional Jemez architecture, and a gift shop.

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FEAST DAY CALENDAR

JANUARY

1ST
Transfer of Canes to New Tribal Officials:
 Dances at most Pueblos

Taos:
 Turtle Dance

Santo Domingo:
 Corn Dance

Jemez:
 Matachines Dance

Picuris:
 Various Dances

Ohkay Owingeh:
 Cloud or Basket Dance

6TH
King's Day Celebration Honoring New Pueblo | Tribal Officials:
 Most Pueblos open to public

Picuris:
 Various Dances

Name:
 Buffalo, Deer & Antelope Dances

Sandia:
 Various Dances

Santa Ana:
 Various Dances

Santo Domingo:
 Various Dances

Taos:
 Deer & Buffalo Dances

22ND

San Ildefonso:
 Vespers with firelight procession

23RD

St. Ildefonsus Feast Day:
 San Ildefonso Pueblo, Annual Feast Day, Buffalo, Comanche & Deer Dances

25TH

St. Paul's Feast Day:
 Picuris Pueblo & Ohkay Owingeh, Various Dances

28TH

Santa Clara:
 Holy Innocents Day, Children's dances

Picuris:
 Holy Innocents Day, Children's dances

FEBRUARY

2ND

Picuris:
 Candelaria Day Celebration Dances

San Felipe:
 Candelaria Day Celebration Dances

FIRST OR SECOND WEEKEND

Governor's Feast:
 Old Acoma Pueblo, Various Dances

Ohkay Owingeh:
 Deer Dances

MARCH

1^{9TH}

TAOS PUEBLO'S ANNUAL CLOSURE IS IN MARCH.

St. Joseph's Feast Day:
 Laguna Pueblo (Old Laguna), Harvest Dance & Various Dances

APRIL

EASTER WEEKEND

VARIOUS DANCES AT MOST PUEBLOS

EASTER SUNDAY

Name:
 Bow & Arrow Dance after Mass

Zia:
 Various Dances

Jemez:
 Corn Dance

Picuris:
 Various Dances

San Ildefonso:
 SUN & MON:
 Various Dances

Santo Domingo:
 Corn Dance

MAY

1ST

St. Phillip Feast Day:
 San Felipe Pueblo, Annual Feast Day, Corn Dance.

Santa Maria Feast Day:
 Acoma Pueblo, Feast Day

3RD

Santa Cruz Feast Day:
 Taos Pueblo, Blessing of the Fields & Corn Dance

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Jemez:
 Annual Jemez Red Rocks Arts & Crafts Show & Pow-Wow

JUNE

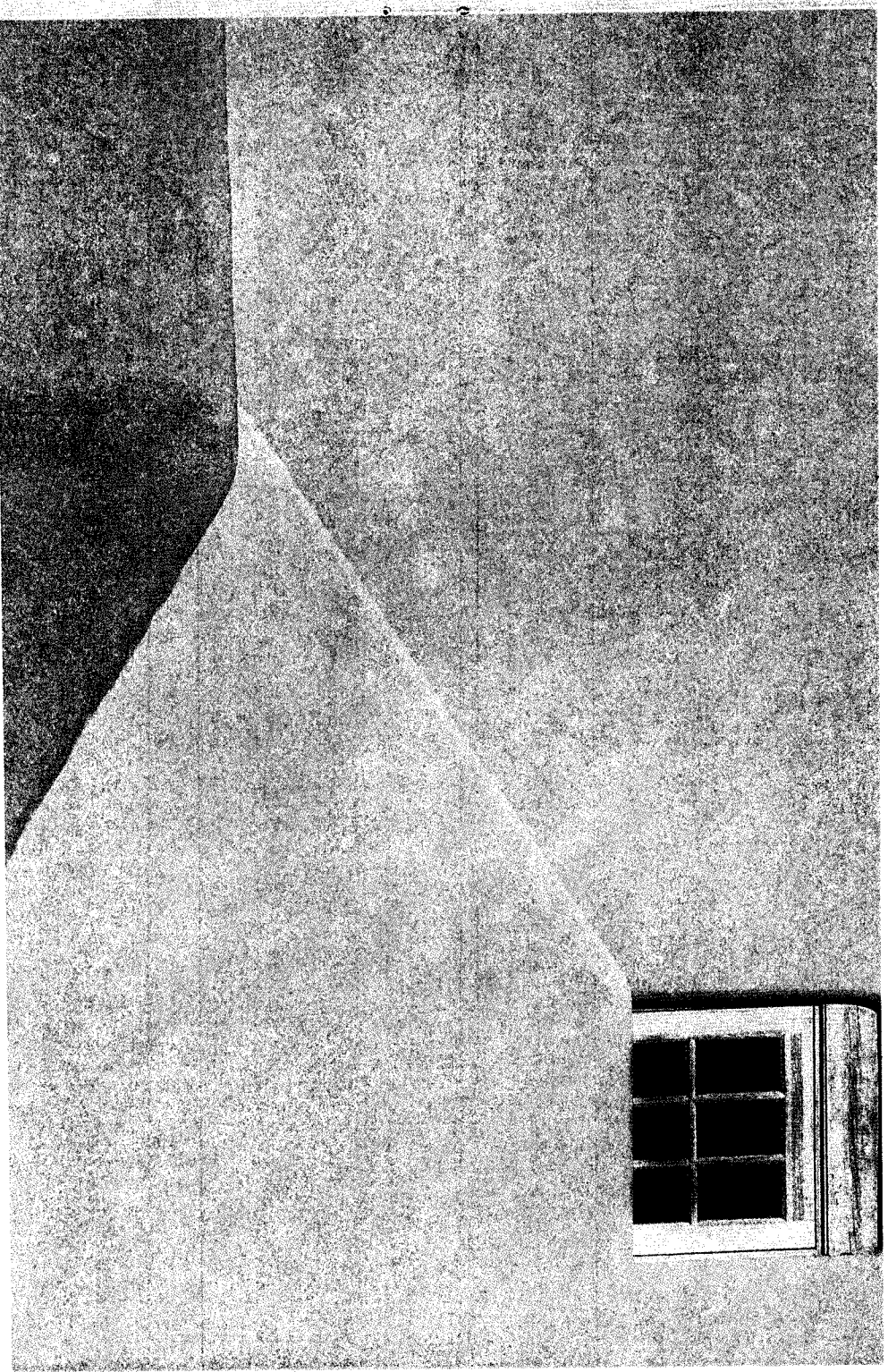
FIRST SATURDAY

Tesuque:
 Blessing of the Fields, Corn Dance

13TH

San Ildefonso:
 St. Anthony's Feast Day

Sandia:
 Annual Feast Day



Classic stuccoed walls on a Santa Fe styled structure with traditional Pueblo-style architecture. Photo courtesy of Tourism Santa Fe

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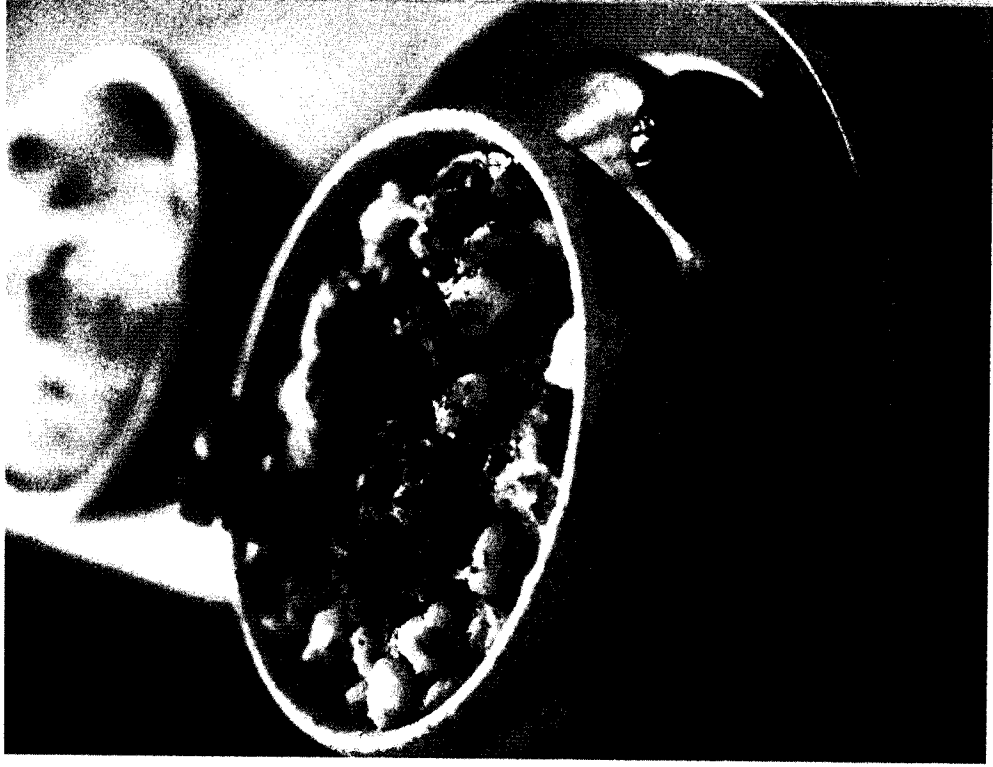
CITY & COUNTY OF SAN

Santa Fe, "The City Different," has a long-standing reputation as a great place to visit and live. In addition to serving as the state capital, the city's industries primarily include art, tourism, construction, education, health care, and real estate development. Located at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the city's climate and cultural attractions make it ideal for outdoor enthusiasts, art, and history buffs. The city's diverse economy, moderate climate, and great quality of life make Santa Fe an excellent place to do business, raise children, or enjoy retirement in a stimulating cultural environment. With a population of 83,000, the city has a remarkable history and a small-town charm, combined with the sophistication of a world-class destination.

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25TH
Taos: San Antonio Feast Day and Corn Dance
Ohkay Owingeh: San Antonio Feast Day and Corn Dances
Santa Clara: Comanche Dance
Picuris: Children's Foot Race
24TH
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY
Ohkay Owingeh: Annual Feast Day
Taos: Corn Dance
29TH
St. Peter/St. Paul Feast Day: Santa Ana Pueblo, Corn Dance

Picuris: Annual Feast Day, Ceremonial Foot Race, Pole Climb & Traditional Dances.
Acoma: Various Dances, Acomita Village
12TH
Santa Clara Feast Day: Santa Clara Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo, Harvest or Corn Dance.
15TH
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER FEAST DAY
Zia: Annual Feast Day, Corn Dances
Laguna: Harvest & Other Dances, Mesita Village
28TH
St. Augustine Feast Day: Isleta Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Morning Mass, Procession, Various Dances.

4TH
St. Augustine Feast Day: Isleta Pueblo, Harvest Dance
8TH
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN FEAST DAY
Laguna: Village of Encinal, Harvest & Social Dances
San Ildefonso: Corn Dance
19TH
St. Joseph's Feast Day: Laguna Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Buffalo, Eagle & Social Dances at Old Laguna
25TH
St. Elizabeth Feast Day: Laguna Pueblo, Village of Paguate. Harvest & Social Dances.
29TH
San Geronimo Eve: Taos Pueblo, Vespers & Sundown Dance
30TH
San Geronimo Feast Day: Taos Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Art Fair, Ceremonial Foot Races & Pole Climb.

4TH
Persingula Feast Day: Jemez Pueblo, Annual Feast Day
4TH
St. Dominic Feast Day: Santo Domingo Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Corn Dances.
9TH
Picuris: San Lorenzo Mass & Sunset Dances
10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF PUEBLO REVOLT OF 1680
SAN LORENZO FEAST DAY

SEPTEMBER
LABOR DAY
Santo Domingo Annual Arts & Crafts Market
2ND
San Estevan Feast Day: Acoma Pueblo Sky City, Annual Feast Day. Harvest Dance.

AUGUST
2ND
St. Peter/St. Paul Feast Day: Santa Ana Pueblo, Corn Dance
4TH
St. Peter/St. Paul Feast Day: Santa Ana Pueblo, Corn Dance
4TH
First or Second Weekend
Annual Taos Pow-Wow
4TH
Celebration at the Waterfall: Naimbe Pueblo
14TH
8102/10/11
St. Bonaventure Feast Day: Cochiti Pueblo, Annual Feast Day. Corn Dance

OCTOBER

4TH

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day:

Nambe Pueblo,
Annual Feast Day.
Buffalo & Deer Dances.

17TH

St. Margaret Mary's Feast Day:

Laguna Pueblo,
Village of Paraje.
Harvest & Social Dances.

NOVEMBER

12TH

San Diego Feast Day:

Tesuque & Jemez Pueblos,
Annual Feast Day.
Various Dances.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Zuni:

Christmas Light Parade

Sky City Annual Indian Arts & Crafts Show & Auction

DECEMBER

11TH

Pojoaque:

Vespers, Procession
& Dances

12TH

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day:
Pojoaque Pueblo,
Annual Feast Day.
Mass, Dances.

Jemez:

Matachines Dances

24TH

Christmas Eve Celebration:

Dances.

Acoma:

Luminarias on display from
Scenic View Point to Acoma
"Sky City"

Laguna:

St. Joseph Mission,
Old Laguna. Dances after
10pm Mass

Nambe:

Buffalo Dances after Mass

Ohkay Owingeh:

Matachines Dance & Pine
Torch Procession

Picuris:

Sundown Torchlight
Procession of the Virgin
Vespers, Mass Procession,
Matachines & Various
Dances before & after Mass

San Felipe:

Dances after Midnight Mass

San Ildefonso:

Various Dances

Taos:

Sundown Procession
& Bonfire

Tesuque:

Dances after Midnight Mass

25TH

Christmas Day:

Dances

Ohkay Owingeh:

Various Dances

Picuris:

Christmas Celebration with
Matachines Dances

San Ildefonso:

Christmas Celebration with
Matachines Dances

Santa Ana:

Buffalo & Various Dances

Santo Domingo:

Various Dances

Tesuque:

Various Dances

Taos:

Various Dances

Zia:

Various Dances

25TH - 27TH

Laguna:

Old Laguna Village,
10am Mass followed by
Harvest Dance

26TH

Ohkay Owingeh:

Turtle Dance

26TH - 28TH

Christmas Dances

Santo Domingo:

Corn Dance.

28TH

Holy Innocents Day:

Picuris Pueblo,

Children's Dances.

Please contact each Pueblo
directly for more details.

FEAST DAY TIPS

It is a great privilege and honor to attend a Native American feast day in one of New Mexico's 19 pueblos, seeing into the incredible traditions, customs and religion of each pueblo entity.

During the weeks and days leading up to these festivals, members of the pueblo communities prepare bountiful meals to share with fellow tribal members and guests, and often prepare specific dances that honor distinct segments of indigenous life.

If you're planning to attend, please note that many feast day activities start and finish at times determined by the nature and sequence of events that must take place, so please be prepared to be flexible with timing. Tribal dances are religious ceremonies, not public performances. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center recommends that visitors "call ahead to find out if there are fees associated" with visits to each pueblo. Most commercial sales require cash exchange, so please bring some if you plan to make purchases.

Many Pueblos require special permission or a permit to photograph, sketch, or paint on location. Some Pueblos prohibit photography at all times, and cameras and film can be confiscated. The carrying or use of alcohol and drugs on the Pueblos is strictly prohibited, and silence is mandatory during all dances and ceremonies. Observe all signage indicating off limits while visiting a Pueblo, and enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience.

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The Regional Development Corporation provides one-on-one technical assistance and will help identify resources that will best benefit your business needs

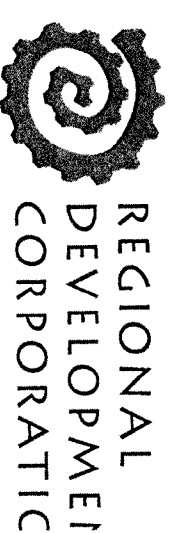
Business Expansion & Retention
Venture Acceleration Fund (VAF)
Regional Economic Development Initiative (REI)
Native American Venture Acceleration Fund



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WORKING OPPORTUNITIES

New Mexico College, with campuses in Española and El Rito, and the New Mexico State University in Española, create a atmosphere for educational engagement, entrepreneurial, and economic development. The business Development Center at Northern New Mexico University hosts workshops and other creating opportunities for the community. Moreover, the Valley Entrepreneurial Network monthly meetings, creating networking initiatives for entrepreneurs and businesses of , including growing and thriving businesses to expand and locate in the valley.

Their Economic Development Department, of Española and Rio Arriba County support entrepreneurial and business community, available to work with anyone who is of building business or exploring business initiatives in the valley.

DRY

Spanish area of Rio Arriba County it well known as the first European- ed capital of the "New World," ed in 1598 by Don Juan de Oñate, declared the area a new foreign l for Spain. Oñate developed this h settlement in an area already ted by the diverse indigenous ndants of the Anasazi, a group more than 4,000 years of history in rn New Mexico. This settlement e roots for many of the families in gion with Native and Spanish roots ting today. Española became a city 1880s as a stop on the Denver and rande Railroad. The official state l was moved to Santa Fe in 1851.

POPULATION
39,640

AVERAGE INCOME
\$36,098

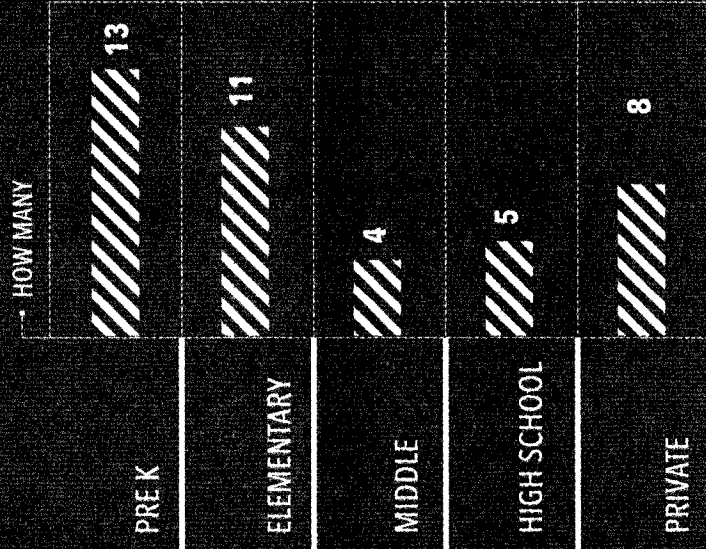
RIO ARRIBA

AVERAGE RENTAL COST
\$634

AVERAGE MONTHLY MORTGAGE
\$1,187

AVERAGE HOME COST
\$118,000

13% OF LANL EMPLOYEES LIVE IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY



DATA SOURCES: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 2010 CENSUS, 2010-2014 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, GREATSCHOOLS, WALKSCORE, BUREAU OF LABOR AND STATISTICS, COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS & ROADMAPS, CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICE



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Plaza de Española in winter.
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RIO ARRIBA

Located in the heart of Northern New Mexico between the Sangre de Cristos and Jemez Mountain ranges, the Española Valley is a diverse place, made of three predominant cultures: Indian, Spanish, and Anglo.

Along the confluence of the Rio Grande and Chama rivers, Española serves as the gateway to Northern Rio Arriba and Taos Counties, representing a region rich in tradition and values, with a cultural facade encompassing many centuries of history.

It was established as the first 'New World' capital roughly 400 years ago, and has been defined by diversity and cultural mobility, boasting everything from the railroad, lowrider cars, and exquisite New Mexican cuisine.

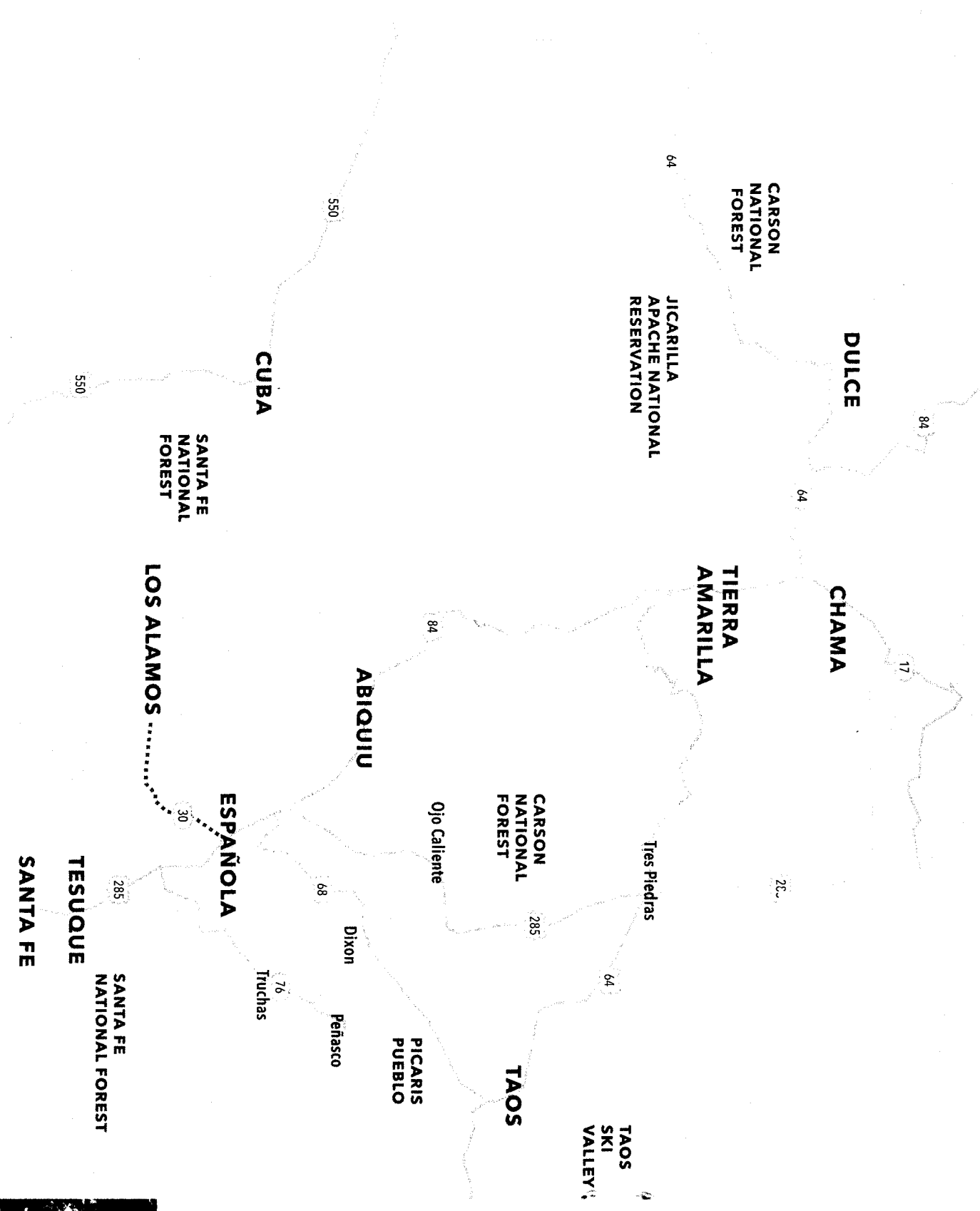
The remainder of Rio Arriba County offers landscapes that inspired great artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, incomparable outdoor activities, and the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. Deep Hispanic and Native family roots coexist easily with contemporary values and practices, giving the City of Española and Rio Arriba County a very distinct and unique personality.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The surrounding countryside of the Española Valley the Chama River region offer scenic and diverse those who appreciate culture amidst the beautiful and trails of the high mountain country. The area's h include the Puye Cliff Dwellings, an enjoya lesser-known ancestral pueblo site, with some required to see the cliff dwellings. The Puye C ancestral sites to the local Tewa pueblos aft abandonment of the site in the early 1500s.

Other community features include the Mesa de las which has two museums: the Bond House Museum was originally the home of Frank Bond, an expert state senator, and attorney in the early 1900s, and th Museum, which is a replica of a Spanish church original San Gabriel in 1598.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the Santa Cruz Lake Re Area has two campgrounds, fishing areas, miles of hik and boat ramps leading into the lake for motorized motorized boating. *Atlatlat, El Vado, and Heron* the north offer a great diversity of additional nature including swimming, cliff jumping and boating. The *Black Mesa Golf Club* offers a beautiful course in th with excellent views and challenging play for all. Finally, the scenic *Cumbres and Toltec Railroad* through sp steep mountain canyons, high desert, and lush meadow not be missed.



Take a ride on the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad year round. Photo courtesy of Rio Arriba County

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NATURAL BEAUTY

- Abiquiu Lake
- Chama River
- Echo amphitheatre
- Jicarilla Apache Reservation
- Puye Cliff Dwellings
- Ghost Ranch
- Tierra Amarilla & Brazos Cliffs

EXTRAS

- Lower cost of living
- Access to Santa Fe, Taos, villages and Pueblos from Española
- The area's dedication to heritage and culture make it a food lover's mecca. New Mexican cuisine is the best in the state, with a variety of options.





REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES
 City of Española - Pueblo of Jemez - Los Alamos County - Ohkay Owingeh
 Rio Arriba County - Santa Fe County - City of Santa Fe - Taos County - Town of Taos

**RCLC - An Essential Advocate For
 Northern New Mexico**

When it comes to advocating for northern New Mexico, the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC) is key. Los Alamos National Labs (LANL) is the linchpin of the region's economy, and also the source of many environmental concerns. The RCLC's mission is to bring the leadership of area communities together and to provide leverage to demand answers from the Department of Energy (DOE) as well as LANL regarding questions of funding and environmental cleanup. Additionally, the RCLC's leverage has continued to be a powerful voice in leading LANL to reinvest in local communities, and to advocate for local businesses.

Compliance

The RCLC's internal team has recently adopted a two-level review process for all accounting procedures and tracking of expenditures. To further augment this, the RCLC is preparing an RFP for an independent third-party accountant to review all budgeting processes as well as review all expenditures. All expenditures will also now require review and sign off by the treasurer, full vote from the board, and review from the fiscal agent. We are developing a financial practices training for all parties involved in financial operations. In addition, the RCLC is working to contract an auditor to begin the annual audit, and is reviewing the possibility of hiring legal counsel to ensure compliance at all levels of operations.

Successes

Over the years, the RCLC has been successful in bringing millions of dollars of direct investment and budget increases to the region, and under new leadership, it can continue to provide leverage to grow the gross receipts tax impact and LANL investment to the area.

Increased Cleanup Funding

In the past two years, the organization has brought an increase of \$42 million in cleanup spending to the region, moving dangerous contaminants from the land.

Fiscal Year	Budget Request	Enacted Funding
2015	\$196,000,000.	\$185,000,000.
2016	\$188,625,000.	\$185,000,000.
2017	\$189,000,000.	\$194,000,000.
2018	\$191,629,000.	\$220,000,000.
2019	\$191,629,000.	\$220,000,000.

Appropriations: Defense Environmental Cleanup, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Research Funding

The RCLC also helped save LDRD (Lab Directed Research and Development), a LANL program that allowed scientists to use DOE funding to develop and work on innovative climate-change projects, renewable energy and other researcher driven projects.

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When DC bureaucrats threatened to kill the program for being a waste of money, the RCLC helped persuade the Senate to hold off cutting funding until more information was available. The subsequent investigation by the Senate found that LDRD actually resulted in highly valuable research and funding was secured.

Community Commitment Plan

In 2017, DOE announced that they were going to be rebidding the prime contract for maintenance and operations at LANL. But when DOE released the draft RFP for potential bidders it was the RCLC that discovered that any requirements for the community commitment plan had been removed. This is the contractual requirement that guarantees the lab direct millions of dollars into investing in the region's schools, economic development and community development. Its loss would directly and significantly impact communities "off the hill". The RCLC immediately led the charge to reverse this change. The RCLC helped educate the local communities about what was happening and how it would impact them, then coordinated community efforts to talk to Congress and DOE and explain to them why the community commitment plan had to be reinstated.

After much work, the community commitment plan was reinstated in the final RFP and Triad, the new LANL management team is conducting listening tours to hear what our communities need from this program. And the RCLC continues to monitor their action to ensure that Triad's investment in our communities is taken seriously.

Local Subcontractors

Over 2,000 local residents don't work for the lab, but work at LANL through subcontractors. A few years ago, local businesses that served as subcontractors at LANL started to get squeezed out of contracts that they relied upon to keep their businesses open. DOE had implemented a new supply chain and procurement system that was pushing work that used to be done by local businesses to out-of-state contractors.

Over two years the RCLC worked with the contractors to research the issue and educated local elected officials and our members of Congress how this change was impacting local jobs. After numerous conversations with DOE and on Capitol Hill, DOE agreed to open up the procurement system to local New Mexico businesses and allow them to compete, not only for LANL work, but also for work throughout the DOE complex. It's a complicated system, so now the RCLC is working to help train and build capacity in our local businesses so they can compete.

Funds for Infrastructure Spending

The RCLC also preserves jobs and economic investment in communities thanks to its advocacy that fines be used to fund projects like road repairs.

Next Steps

Inspired by past successes, members of the RCLC can come together to do even more. As communities grow and change, so do their needs. Over the next few months, the RCLC will be convening meetings to hear directly from residents and business owners on what each community needs and how best the RCLC can advocate on their behalf, leading to an improved quality of life for everyone.

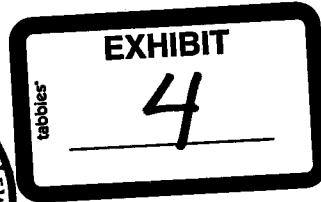
United under the RCLC, a collective of community voices ensures that the DOE understands that LANL, its projects and its policies, affect thousands of New Mexicans in very real ways.

Correct Letter / Agenda Item VI. B.1

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September 25, 2018

The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Call for Suspension of Order 140.1

Dear Secretary Perry:

On behalf of the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, I write to express our strong support for, and agreement with, Senators Udall and Heinrich's September 5, 2018 letter to you regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) new Order 140.1. We join in Senator Udall and Heinrich's call to suspend the implementation of Order 140.1 to allow the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), Congress, affected state and local governments, and the public sufficient time to review and comment on Order 140.1.

Given that Santa Fe County borders Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to Santa Fe County, to the east and southeast and the fact that many county residents work at or near LANL, the ability of DNFSB to perform its statutory duty to ensure the safety of communities and workers at nuclear security labs and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) is of paramount importance to Santa Fe County and its residents. We echo Senators Udall and Heinrich's strong support for the mission of the DNFSB, and share their concerns about DNFSB staff's difficulties in accessing information regarding recent safety issues at LANL. We unreservedly stand with our Senators in opposition to any action by DOE that would weaken or restrict the DNFSB's statutory authority to help protect our residents.

We join our Senators in urging you to suspend Order 140.1, and to receive and give due consideration to comments and suggestions from members of the DNFSB and Congress, as well as to concerns expressed by the public at public hearings at DOE facilities located across the country. We support the public's request that DOE hold three hearings in New Mexico—near WIPP, Sandia National Laboratories, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Thereafter, we request that you reissue a revised order that does not in any way impinge upon the DNFSB's statutory authority to perform its critical mission of helping ensure the health and safety of Santa Fe County residents and all New Mexicans who live near or work at federal nuclear facilities in our state.

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Sincerely,

Anna Hansen, Chair
Board of County Commissioners for Santa Fe County

cc: Senator Tom Udall
Senator Martin Heinrich
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

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Dr. Bruce Hamilton
 Acting Chairman
 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

We write to express our strong concern about your abrupt plans for major reforms to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB or "Board"), announced August 15, 2018, with limited notice and input, to reorganize the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, particularly the ill-advised plan to cut your agency's headquarters staff level by one third. Hamstringing your agency and targeting your technical staff that represent the core and strength of your agency would likely jeopardize the mission and capability of the Board to fulfill its important mission of ensuring nuclear safety across the nuclear enterprise. We urge you to postpone implementation of these changes, which are apparently due to start taking effect on October 1, 2018.

A reduction from a level of expected use 117 full-time equivalents (FTEs) down to 79 FTEs constitutes a 32.5% reduction of the Board's technical staff, and furthermore an even greater reduction of nearly 40% from the authorized level of 130 FTEs. In contrast, NNSA's budget has increased from \$6.356 billion in fiscal year 2010 to a budget request of \$11 billion in fiscal year 2019, an increase of 73%, and the administration's nuclear modernization and expansion plans call for continuing this steep increase into the 2020s. It is incumbent on the DNFSB to make the investments and maintain the personnel and expertise level necessary to oversee these nuclear weapons modernization plans in order to reduce the risks of nuclear safety accidents at sites across the nuclear complex.

We have seen problems in maintaining nuclear criticality safety experts at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and there have been several safety violations in recent years. In addition, the DNFSB provides critical safety oversight of not only complex and expensive construction projects at sites such as Y-12, Tennessee, but also necessary oversight and recommendations of the Environmental Management Program that funds and manages nuclear clean-up activities at sites across the nuclear complex, including Hanford which continues to face safety culture and worker contamination challenges. In addition, the 2014 incident, caused by rupture of a

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radioactive drum that had been incorrectly packaged at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, resulted in a significant contamination release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and shut down repository operations for nearly three years.


Now is not the time to increase nuclear safety risk by making cuts to the experts whose primary mission is to provide independent nuclear safety oversight. Coupled with changes in the Department of Energy's recently proposed 140.1 order, your proposed change to cut DNFSB personnel would undermine the critical oversight on which an enduring, effective and safe nuclear enterprise depend.

In addition, this unexpected proposal, due to take effect in one month, directly contradicts the fiscal year 2019 budget request of \$31.24 million that you submitted for the Board and briefed to Congress, and that Congress recently authorized in the fiscal year 2019 defense authorization bill. The majority of this budget requested maintaining a level of 117 full time equivalent positions, a similar level to the level proposed and authorized in past years.


We are also concerned that you plan to implement these changes before you receive recommendations due October 1, 2018, from the National Academy of Public Administration which has been reviewing DNFSB's operations and management at your request. Additionally, we are deeply concerned about this proposal worsening the problem of low morale at your agency. Further limiting the capacity of your agency, and exacerbating low morale at a time when many senior technical experts are retiring, risks severely crippling the DNFSB's long-term capability.

This significant change also comes as you stand in as an acting chairman, as the Board membership still has one vacancy, and as all other board members except for one are acting beyond the expiration of their term as they wait for new nominations. This proposed change begs the question as to whether you are providing the kind of leadership that will strengthen, rather than weaken the Board.

We have yet to see any written analysis to explain the proposed cut to the Board's staff by a third, and repeated requests by our committee staff for a detailed briefing on these proposed changes have gone unanswered. Therefore, we expect a more detailed explanation for this sweeping change that would have enduring implications and potential significant risk for ensuring nuclear safety. In the meantime, we strongly urge you and the Board to reconsider this change.


Adam Smith
Ranking Member

Sincerely,


Jim Cooper
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

April 24, 2018

The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Svinicki:

As you are aware, an application was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from Holtec International on March 30, 2017 with the intent to store 500 canisters holding approximately 8,680 metric tons of high-level radioactive waste in the form of spent nuclear fuel and, eventually, up to 10,000 canisters on a site in Lea County, New Mexico. On March 30, 2018, the NRC published notice in the Federal Register of its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the project, known as the HI-STORE Combined Interim Storage Facility (CISF).

The NRC on April 6 published notice that the public scoping comment period related to the EIS closes May 29. The agency also announced three public events related to scoping in southeast New Mexico: an open house on April 30 in Roswell, a scoping session on May 1 in Hobbs, and a scoping session on May 3 in Carlsbad.

As the NRC begins soliciting public comment on the scope of its environmental review of Holtec International's application for a license to construct and operate the HI-STORE CISF in Lea County, we urge the agency to carry out a more robust, open and transparent approach to public outreach in order to accommodate the many interested citizens across our vast state. Our offices are receiving requests from constituents for additional opportunities to attend public scoping meetings in locations other than those near the proposed Holtec International site.

The management of nuclear waste – its storage, transport and safe disposal - is a topic of very significant public interest in New Mexico. The public health, safety, and long term implications of this proposal are great, as the proposal involves storing high-level waste on an interim, but indefinite, basis as long as America continues to lack an operational permanent repository for this material. Constituents in our state, the fifth largest in size in the nation, range from Native American tribes concentrated in the north to dairy farmers in the southeast, to tourism-related businesses across New Mexico, all desiring equal access to NRC public scoping sessions. The drive time to Carlsbad from Farmington, in the state's northwest corner, takes seven hours. From Albuquerque and Santa Fe to Carlsbad, the drive time is nearly four and half hours – longer than the drive from New York City to Washington, D.C. From Las Cruces, the second largest city in the state, the drive to Carlsbad takes nearly three and a half hours. Although an interim storage facility may not be located in those areas, citizens from all

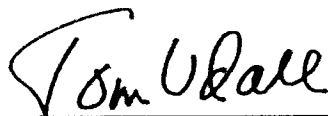
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over New Mexico have views that should be taken into account during a public scoping period.

We propose that the NRC consider scheduling at least two additional public scoping sessions, perhaps in Albuquerque and Gallup, to ensure that residents of northern New Mexico have easier access to NRC officials in order to provide comment that could shape the environmental impact statement. Improved communication is necessary to ensure communities understand and trust the decision making process, and to ensure the NRC accounts for the wide variety of concerns of constituents around our state.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process provides for several opportunities for public comment from potentially affected and interested parties. As NRC continues the NEPA process, we strongly urge you to engage proactively with stakeholders, such as state and local officials, community members, and tribal governments to identify, avoid, or mitigate any environmental, cultural, or community impacts of this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
U.S. Senator



Martin Heinrich
U.S. Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 11, 2018

The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Svinicki:

We received a copy of the attached letter sent to NRC by Senator Jeff Steinborn, Chair of the New Mexico State Legislator's Radioactive And Hazardous Materials Committee. The committee oversees the health, safety and operations of nuclear facilities in the state, including proposed facilities for consolidated interim storage of spent nuclear fuel using dry-cask storage.

There has been a great deal of public interest in the proposal to build and operate a consolidated interim storage facility in southeast New Mexico, and the Radioactive And Hazardous Materials Committee has held two public meetings focused on safety and security of dry-cask storage of spent nuclear fuel. In his letter, Senator Steinborn requests NRC's assistance in providing the committee a summary of safety records for all forms of licensed dry-cask interim storage used in the United States for spent nuclear fuel. He also requests information on any instances of non-conformance or safety violations related to dry-cask storage facilities for spent fuel.

We respectfully request your assistance in expediting NRC's response to Senator Steinborn's requests on behalf of the State Legislature of New Mexico.

Sincerely,


TOM UDALL
United States Senator


MARTIN HEINRICH
United States Senator

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September 6, 2018

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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

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Re: Holtec International HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage License Application,
Docket Number 72-1051

Dear Mr. Layton:

I am requesting a summary of the safety records maintained by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for all spent fuel dry storage casks in the United States. In specific, please provide a summary of any instances of nonconformance, non-cited violation and violation relating to the manufacture and performance of all spent fuel dry storage casks regulated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

I thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Steinborn".

JEFF STEINBORN

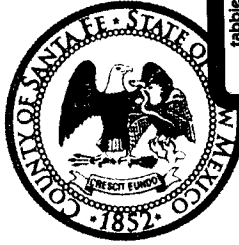
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cc: John McKirgan, Chief, Spent Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (via email)
Jose R. Cuadrado, Project Manager, Division of Spent Fuel Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (via email)

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Anna Hansen
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Anna T. Hamilton
Commissioner, District 4

Ed Moreno
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2018
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair
Commissioner Ed Moreno
Subject: Presentation and Approval of A Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October As Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County.

Background and Summary:

In 1977, the International Treaty Council, the international arm of the American Indian Movement, called for the global end of the celebration of Columbus Day and declared instead the International Day of Solidarity and Mourning with Indigenous Peoples.

While this Proclamation does not call for the end of Columbus Day, it does bring attention to the collaborations that Santa Fe County and our indigenous neighbors have been able to achieve and declares the second Monday in October as *Indigenous Peoples' Day*, celebrating Native Americans and their contribution in Santa Fe County.

Recommendation:

Commissioners Hansen and Moreno respectfully request that the Board of County Commission support and approve the Proclamation.

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Santa Fe County Proclamation

A Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County

WHEREAS, in September of 2017, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County adopted a proclamation declaring the Second Monday of each year Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (the County) has within its boundaries, seven sovereign Pueblo nations and recognizes that Indigenous Peoples have inhabited the lands known as the Americas since long before they became known as the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the County has a long history of supporting our Pueblo nations and their citizens' advancement within the County and celebrating the thriving culture and value that our indigenous nations add to the County and the country; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' art, agricultural skills, technology, science, philosophy, and deep cultural contributions that have considerably shaped the character of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the indigenous roots we have in the County and in New Mexico, and the cultural and familial ties that connect us all; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that indigenous people add to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has benefited in collaborating with tribal councils on various intergovernmental matters among such, transportation networks, beneficial use of natural resources such as water, law enforcement, fire safety and open space management; and

WHEREAS, the County encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does hereby proclaim from this day forward, that the second Monday in October is Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2018.

Anna Hansen, Chair
Commissioner, District 2

Anna T. Hamilton, Vice-Chair
Commissioner, District 4

Henry P. Roybal,
Commissioner, District 1

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTATION:


R. Bruce Frederick, County Attorney

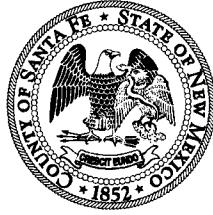
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Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE: Letter of Support for the NCRTD and its 2020 and 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application for Its Bus Stop ADA-Compliance Multi-phased Project. (Commissioner Moreno)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

Recently, the NCRTD was notified of a viable federal funding (Transportation Alternatives Program-TAP) opportunity that could provide for additional funding to augment the prior TAP funds that the NCRTD has received (to create an ADA Transition Plan and to construct the highest prioritized bus stops in need of being brought into ADA compliance).

The FY20 and FY21 TAP funds request would be for design, construction, construction management and capital. For this phase of the improvements, NCRTD anticipates applying for an additional \$900,000 in funds.

TAP is a reimbursement program and does require a 14.56% local match. This item will be presented at the October NCRTD Board meeting for discussion and consideration for application submittal; because of the timeline for submittal, Staff is in good faith submitting the application by the deadline of October 3, 2018.

Action Requested

Commissioner Moreno respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this item.

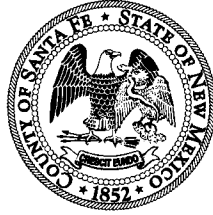
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VI. E. 1. Supporting NCRTD TAP Grant Application

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September 25, 2018

RE: Letter of Support for the NCRTD and its 2020 and 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application for Its Bus Stop ADA-Compliance Multi-phased Project

Members of the TAP Selection Committee:

Santa Fe County is a member of the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) and supports a regional and interconnected approach to transportation services in the area and beyond. We will continue to support the NCRTD in meeting the needs of our local residents and regional constituents. Furthermore, the NCRTD's initiative and proactive approach to bringing its bus stops and facilities fully into ADA-compliance is admirable and should be encouraged.

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the NCRTD and its application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Federal funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2020 (FFY20) and 2021 (FFY21) so as to design, construct and/or modify bus stops and facilities to be ADA-compliant, as well as to manage said construction and outfit each site with the necessary equipment and/or facility.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 986-6200.

Sincerely,

Anna Hansen
Chair
Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

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