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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 12:28.m. by Chair Kathy Holian, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll called indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner, Kathy Holian, Chair
Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Vice Chair
Commissioner Liz Stefanics

Members Excused:

Commissioner Robert Anaya
Commissioner Miguel Chavez

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CHAIR HOLIAN: Are there any changes? This is an amended agenda, I'll note. Are there any changes?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Madam Chair, I would like to withdraw IV.

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CHAIR HOLIAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I see that as an amendment but I would just withdraw it.

CHAIR HOLIAN: So are you making a motion?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'm moving. Yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Second, Madam Chair.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

IV. PRESENTATION AND ACTION

A. Introduction of Applicants to Santa Fe County for Nomination of District 50 House Representative Seat

CHAIR HOLIAN: Would all of you who are here who did not speak at our last meeting please raise your hand. Mr. Luchetti, would you like to address the Board? Please come forward. Please give us a two to three-minute presentation as to why you are applying for this position.

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ERIC LUCHETTI: I'm applying for this position not only to, I guess serve my community but I guess give my points across. I would like to help the community. A lot of people just say they want to help the community by doing certain things. Well, I have statements – I have previous history of actually helping the community. I help in many different ways including my services where I have done in the military. I've done for the County. I've done for the hospitals. I have done for everything that there is to it. Well, I have worked with the schools right now. I work for the Community College and also for the Santa Fe Public Schools. I work security at one place and I work for benefits for the other.

I help people with benefits. I help people with any problems they have, physically, mentally, everything. I've worked for sobering centers. I worked for the jail. I worked for finance. I see where people – I have received calls in finance about different things, even though I don't know how I received those calls I just – emails and things from my supervisors saying can you say this in the meetings? Because people are asking this. I know it's not my job to do that but in my opinion as my position as a citizen or a County servant or a public servant I would call it is to relay this information. Well, a lot of people need those people to speak out for them and I believe I'm the person who could do something like that.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Luchetti. Are there any questions? Yes, Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Madam Chair, I'm going to try to replicate what Commissioner Anaya asked at the last one and he, I think he asked – correct me if I'm wrong, how do you think you would represent the people in your district and how you would maintain communications with them? Was that similar?

CHAIR HOLIAN: Yes. I think he noted that it is a large and varied district, and so how would you communicate with all the people in the district?

MR. LUCHETTI: Well, [inaudible] it's really easy for what I do. I deal with community on a daily basis. First of all that's one thing I could do, I could do public communication through maybe, like a lot of times I use Twitter, Facebook, a lot of different things like that. I can go to community events. A lot of different things of that nature that they do. Coming over here to meetings of this, maybe asking my input. Maybe that could be something that I could do as well. That's just a little bit of things that I would – I could do myself.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Luchetti, I also think, and Katherine please, I guess I got it. But I also think that Commissioner Anaya asked maybe a little bit of diversity in the community from say, the more southern part to northern part and knowing it consists of four different counties and opinions so I think that was a little bit of question also.

MR. LUCHETTI: Okay. So I do travel throughout, I guess the whole state I would say. I have a lot of family in Albuquerque and in Bernalillo County. I have a lot of people on the northern half of the state here and all the up to I guess the Four Corners even so. My dad lives in Tesuque right next to Pojoaque and my aunts live in Espanola County, so it's – Sandoval County. Also I guess Eldorado area. I know a lot of people that are involved in Eldorado area and a lot of actually I guess people I deal with on a daily basis for sure they commute from Eldorado to here. All over the community I have family or friends I deal with on

a daily basis which I believe would be a big help for everything I'm doing.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Luchetti. I will now – I believe there are no other applicants here who have not addressed the Board before but I will open this up to public comment. Is there anyone here from the public who would like to address the Board? Please come forward.

ART DUCHARME: Good afternoon, Santa Fe County Commission. My name is Art DuCharme. I'm from Torrance County. I addressed you at a recent meeting advocating an open process for District 50 and you responded magnificently. You have allowed people to present their credentials and to have some comment at different meetings including today. Besides being a rancher in Torrance County my wife and I work towards honest and open government and this is a real challenge in our county. Our county recently nominated a person for District 50 and he happens to be self-nominated and self-voted, the chairman of our current commission. And nobody was allowed to ask anything of the candidates. So this is – I really want to commend you folks for being the way you are and allowing comments. I know it runs meeting longer but I think the public really values it.

The reason I'm here, one of the candidates we know well from our county that was supposed to speak today, Debbie Larrañaga-Ortiz, and the reason I'm here is to oppose her candidacy, the reason being that she has voted for many years in our county while living in Santa Fe County. She's done this knowingly and has admitted it to the Secretary of State. She recently, about a month ago she changed her registration back to her home in Santa Fe County. Many of you as elected officials realize there's always a possibility of voter fraud. Voter fraud, people traditionally think of as voting twice, but there's also voter fraud in representing your residence to be in a certain locality and not having it there. And I know that this is a fact. The Secretary of State has checked our investigation and I hope you will not support that lady for your nominee. We need officials here who are not deceptive and are voting honestly in every way. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. DuCharme. Any further comments from the Board? Any further comments from the public? Please come forward and identify yourself for the record.

KELL KEARNS: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Cal Kerns. I'm from Eldorado and I am a co-producer in the Foundation that Cynthia Lukas co-founded and is involved with, Heaven on Earth Creations. And I've known her for ten years and just wanted to make a brief comment. She has been here for five years but previous to that was a two-term city councilperson in Scottsdale, Arizona. And I'm aware of her tenure there in Scottsdale, Arizona.

I know there's been a lot of talk about diversity, and that is one of the most diverse areas in the country right now. And she was well known for her stance for diversity and for standing for everybody in the community. And I just wanted to give you one example that's so glaring, sort of one that probably she didn't mention, but I would like to. Right after 9/11, I don't know if you recall in Phoenix and in Scottsdale a Sikh man was murdered on the streets, taken to be a Muslim. So the tensions were extremely high during that time. On the city council, Cynthia was heading up a committee whose job it was to approve new buildings. So there was at that time a request to build a new mosque in Scottsdale, a very large mosque. And the tension in the community around that was huge. She, as chair of the deciding body on that received threats.

Other people on the board received threats if they decided to go through with this mosque. The hearing got raucous as regards them. Cynthia led the community through this, approved the mosque, and the mosque has been operating in Scottsdale ever since then, peacefully and is a major part of the community.

That just speaks to her determination, tenacity and the honesty that I, having known her personally for ten years, brings to everything that she's involved with.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Kearns. Would you like to speak?

JULIA DUCHARME: Hello, my name is Julia DuCharme. I'm a Torrance County resident and I am not a resident of District 50 anymore but I was a few years ago and when the district was reshaped we're now out of that district. But the portion of Torrance County is in District 50 and that's why we feel so strongly, because when we were there we would be affected and that's why we feel so strong and that's why we are here to oppose the candidacy of Debbie Larrañaga-Ortiz.

In August of 2012 we attended meetings of the Solid Waste Authority, Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority and we weren't received there well. And we've had to go to Torrance County Commission and complain about that. Debbie Ortiz came to the podium and lied to the Commission and to the public about time we were given and treatment we received from the board. In April of 2013 we had Republican convention and she is being resident of Santa Fe County, voted in our Republican convention and after that, and because of that we questioned why she resides in Santa Fe County and votes in our county.

My husband, Arthur DuCharme went to Clerk's Office and got a copy of her registration, voter registration card and her recent card was filled out in 2006, so she voted, at least for seven years, in our county living in Santa Fe County. And Secretary of State also wrote to her asking her to explain the situation and she wrote basically an angry letter admitting. She said I do reside in Santa Fe County, 2.8 miles north of the Torrance County line. So she said, I did vote at the Torrance County Republican convention because I'm a registered Republican in Torrance County as was certified as told my Linda Jaramillo, the Torrance County Clerk.

Also, Debbie Ortiz, in her own words, we are raised to give back to the community where our roots, our hearts, our souls are. That is Moriarty and in Torrance County. And I would ask her questions, and this Commission, I would ask why would you nominate this person where her heart and soul in Torrance County to represent your county as a legislator.

Also, I want to say about my husband. My husband lived here, he told me since 1974 in New Mexico and he lived in Torrance County now for ten years. He worked at Sandia National Laboratory ensuring safety for this county. Also he worked abroad for 11 years and I would – working with top scientists, political leaders in those countries, in Russia, in Ukraine in other countries. He met several foreign presidents and this person called him in her letter he's an outsider and he does not understand the heritage or commitment a person has to their community when someone has lived here their whole life. He had big investment in Torrance County. He pays taxes. He supports local businesses. He takes pride to pay his bills on time and this person who wants to be a representative of other people calls this accomplished person an outsider.

I think because and also for the note here, I'm not a prominent official and I'm not a political figure in Torrance County. I have never run for or held any political office in Torrance County or do I intend to. Because of her lies, because of her not willing to look into our

concerns and try to resolve our problems, because her time for strict application of the law beyond reasonable. That's why I'm here and I'm asking you not to choose her as a candidate for Representative, District 50 from your county.

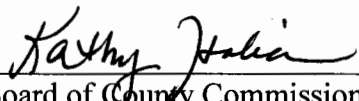
And also I need to mention this. I'm a Republican and when Mr. Easley ran last year I asked him tough questions several times. After he won in January, in February he held public hearing. He was only there as a representative and he explained everything in such detail I couldn't come up with a question, and he publicly was so kind to me and said about me nice words and did things however of importance and big heart. So I'm asking and encouraging the Commission to look for this kind of person to choose to be a representative. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOLIAN: Thank you, Mrs. DuCharme. Seeing nobody else are there any comments by the Board?

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Holian declared this meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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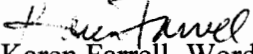


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