

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
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1. **A.** This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 3:03 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal.

In accordance with the Public Health Emergency Order issued by the State of New Mexico, this meeting was conducted on a platform for video and audio meetings.

[For clarity purposes, repetitive identification and confirmations of those on the phone have been eliminated and/or condensed in this transcript.]

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Ed Moreno

Members Excused:

None

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR ROYBAL: If there are not any changes to the agenda I'd like to entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the agenda.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton, I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

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2. New Mexico House of Representatives District 48 Vacancy
A. Applicant Presentations and Interviews by Commissioners
(Presentations limited to five minutes per applicant)

CHAIR ROYBAL: Tessa Jo, do you have the order in which the applicants will be presenting?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a question, if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Tessa, can you give us the ground rules, or Manager Miller, the ground rules as into are we going to ask any questions we want? Same questions? And are the other applicants going to be muted while we're interviewing the first person or second person?

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, how we have it planned is that Tessa Jo will call on the applicant to make a presentation. They have up to five minutes to let the Board of County Commissioners know their qualifications and why they would like to be selected for the position. And then it will go to the Chair to call on each Commissioner to ask that applicant their questions and when we're finished asking that applicant then we'll go on to the next applicant to do their presentation and repeat going through the questions. The applicants have five minutes to do their presentation, and the Commissioners have whatever time they need in order to ask the questions that they'd like to ask.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller. So if we're interviewing individual number 1, so individuals 3, 4, and 5, they're not listening to their interview, are they?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, yes, they can listen. It is all public anyway, so everything that they present or answers that they have to the questions is all public.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. [inaudible] sitting up there on the dais. I guess I just have a concern about that as into applicant number 1 and applicant number 5, if we ask applicant number 1 the same question, number 5 actually has the ability to get their stuff going to answer the question number 1. You follow me, Manager Miller. You follow me, Tessa. Whenever you interview somebody for a position they're not sitting in the interview, but now it's a public record, so applicant number 1, whoever it is – we have no idea who it is – if we ask him or her a question as into what are your philosophies on this? So number 5 can actually get some momentum to answer the question to number 1. Do you guys follow me?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the only thing I could suggest, if you wanted to do it this way, the way the agenda is printed you could do this, and that is that you could have them do their presentations, and then you could ask – in a different order you could ask questions of each applicant. Interviews are different. When you're interviewing, say for County Manager or an executive position, the Board of County Commissioners has the ability to go into executive session and do that under limited personnel matters. But these appointments are not considered personnel so this process has to be public. So if you wanted, if the Board so chose, you could listen to all

five applicants and then you could ask in different order a question of an applicant and then to another applicant and go to another, and then next question ask in opposite order. That entirely up to you though.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, I would agree that we could do that and I think, Commissioner Hansen, I saw her hand up. So we can alternate so every candidate will have to answer first and then the other candidates will have the opportunity. I think what Commissioner Garcia is alluding to is that they would be better prepared by the time the question got to them, versus if the candidate had to go first. Is that correct, Commissioner Garcia?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, thank you. I just want to make sure that applicant number 1 has the same opportunity as applicant number 5 to answer the same question without having a timeframe and this and that. So I just want to make sure that we're all on the same page. It's almost like, let's say the way it is is kind of like, individual A, B, C, D, E, or F, whatever else. What's your answer? What's your answer? What's your answer? We're dealing with something that is very challenging to the County Commission. This is very important to Santa Fe County, local government and the State of New Mexico.

And whenever you actually – I never thought I'd be in this role as into be a policymaker as into, we're actually going to appoint somebody that's going to take the reins in the Roundhouse. And so I just want to make sure that every candidate is treated equally. And so how do we do that? I don't know. I'm just throwing that out as food for thought. That's where I'm at.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I think if we alternate between candidates to answer the question first, I think that's probably as fair as we can be. But I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen. I did see her hand up.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Garcia, Chair Roybal, so one of the things that I had suggested is that we listen to each presentation, and go through each presentation first, before we ask any questions. And then, after that we go into the questions. And we can rotate from Commissioner to Commissioner and we can rotate from applicant to applicant. So there's a diversity of questions, a diversity of order, but we go through first and let everyone give their five minute presentation. That way we have heard from each of them equally.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I appreciate that totally. The only concern I have is, and I'll take Manager Miller's lead on this because obviously, you've interviewed a few people in your life. So what I would like to – if I ask interview person number 1, what about the dogs on the streets? What do you think about that? Number 5 is going to be able to get their momentum from question number 1. I just want to make sure everybody's treated fairly. So Katherine, I'll hear your advice.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: I have to ask Greg if this would be okay but we do have the ability – we haven't done it before, but Webex has the ability to put somebody in a waiting room. So what we could potentially do is when – we could have the person do the presentation, then put the other four candidates in a waiting room, and then you

ask your questions. And then we go on to the second candidate and put the other three, when you're asking your questions, put the last three into the waiting room, and when they're in the waiting room they can't hear the questions. That's not to say they can't go look at a broadcast, but that's one option. And if Greg Shaffer, the Attorney, thinks that that's okay and the candidates would be willing to do that I think we could do that.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, County Manager, I can't think of any reason that we couldn't do that, and in fact I seem to recall that when judicial nominating commissions interview candidates for judicial vacancies, not all the candidates are present during the questioning by nominating commission members. So there's precedent for that sort of approach. So I don't see any reason you can't do that.

MANAGER MILLER: So I would have to, Mr. Chair, rely on Daniel Fresquez to help technologically put people in the waiting room, but we could do that, and that might address Commissioner Garcia's concerns about the other applicants hearing each other's answers so that they don't have an unfair advantage.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'm okay with that if the other Commissioners are good with that. I suppose the applicants are okay as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.
Commissioner Hamilton, did you have a comment as well?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. It's not that I have any problem with that, I would just suggest we make some ground rules to avoid switching back and forth and back and forth if we're going to do that. We get to question one candidate, and then we set a time limit so that we treat each candidate the same. So if it's five minutes or ten minutes of questions, whatever you decide, we time – we do one candidate at a time so we're only switching over five times and not back and forth and back and forth. And set a time that we stick to for each candidate.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I think we should all have our five basic questions for all applicants and ask the same questions of all candidates.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I think that if any of the questions, the same questions that are answered during the presentation, then I think you should ask the same questions to every candidate. I think that's probably the best way that we would be able to do that.

Okay, so we have a list of applicants, and which ones go first, and you're going to work on putting the others in the waiting room? Is that correct, Manager Miller or Tessa Jo?

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (Operations Manager): Yes, sir. I can put them in the waiting room.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: But not during the presentations; only during the questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Correct.

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes. So I think my only question, Mr. Chair, is what order you would like them to do their presentations in. Typically, we have done it in the past as they turned in their applications. We can also do it alphabetically by first name or by last name. It's really at your discretion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I guess we can do it alphabetically by first name.

MS. MASCARENAS: Okay. Then our first applicant will be Ms. Frances Salas.

FRANCES SALAS: Good morning everyone or good afternoon. I guess you just want me to start by giving my qualifications?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Tell us why you want the job.

CHAIR ROYBAL: This is just a presentation from you, so you'll go ahead and just present to the Board, whatever the issues are, why you feel like you're the best candidate.

MS. SALAS: I've always loved the legislature. I've been working for the legislature as a pagegirl. At the age of 2, actually I started. I worked for Lucky Varela who was a former representative of this district, so I'm familiar with the history and what's been going on in this district. I've put in – I've worked about 22 legislative sessions. I've also worked closely with Linda. She has meetings in her house and I've attended most of them, not all of them, so I'm familiar with her goals and what she wanted to do.

I was born and raised in this district. I've lived here most of my life. This district is different than most of the other districts in Santa Fe because it's one of the historic districts, so a lot of people inherited this land, which means their families have been here for generations and generations before America was America. Some people moved here like in the 1600s, including my family. I grew up with all these people. I went to elementary school with them, high school with them, so I know everyone in this district, just about, and I know what they want.

They want to preserve the history in this district, yet they want to have new infrastructure, new schools, improve the roads. I'm familiar with all the needs in this district. I'm also – my background is I'm a teacher but I'm not working right now because I'm taking care of the grandkids, because I don't want to send them out with this COVID-19, to daycares and stuff, so I took a break. But Linda resigned because of financial reasons. She couldn't afford to take so much time off of her legal practice to be a representative, and I don't feel as though I'll have that problem. I mostly live off of rentals that I've inherited. I inherited my house so it's paid for. I don't have a mortgage. And then I also have a farm, which brings me a side income.

I'm normally a teacher. I have a bachelor's degree in business management, so I'm familiar with business. I have a master's degree in education. I've been working with the schools for over ten years so I'm familiar with the needs of the school districts. I worked at the state government for ten years also so I'm familiar with the way the state is run, which department does what and so forth, and like I said, I've worked through the legislature in various capacities. I've worked in the governor's office. I've worked for several legislators. Lucky Varela was one. I worked for Nick Salazar, Leo Watchman, Roger Magdalena. The last person I worked for was Javier Martinez – Gonzales, I mean, and he's moved up. He's one of the directors now of a committee and stuff. I also worked with Representative Salazar.

So I have some rapport with some of the legislators so I think I could do well in the legislature, passing my bills and lobbying for my issues and stuff.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Salas.

MS. MASCARENAS: You still have a minute and a half left, if there's anything you'd like to add.

MS. SALAS: I've been working for the legislature since I was a little girl and it's always been a dream of mine to be a legislator. I thought of running but I didn't want to run against Lucky. He was like a friend of mine, and then I had actually campaigned for him and helped him run. And then when he passed away I just like wasn't ready, financially or anything, and then Linda ran and she's been nice to me. She invites me to her home and everything. She's invited everybody in the neighborhood to work with her on issues. She's willing to listen to us. She has meetings all the time and stuff. So again, I didn't feel like running against her, but I've always dreamed of being in the legislature and this would be like a dream come true to me.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Salas. Can we have our next candidate?

MS. MASCARENAS: That's Mr. Greg Sonnenfeld.

GREG SONNENFELD: Hello.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Hello, sir.

MR. SONNENFELD: How are you doing? So to get started, my name is Greg Sonnenfeld and I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to speak and for your consideration to the HD 48 seat. To introduce myself, first of all, I'm a native and a life-long New Mexican. I was born in the Mesquite Barrio in Las Cruces. When I was young my parents moved up to Santa Fe. We were actually very poor at the time. We lived in an RV park off of Cerrillos Road near Airport Road. We eventually moved our RV out to Lamy, and finally, when I was much older we moved out to Eldorado and our life improved somewhat.

For university, I moved back to the Mesquite area in Las Cruces. I attended New Mexico State University for engineering physics with an emphasis on electrical engineering, and I think through a lot of those experiences, I developed a real understanding of the need to address poverty in New Mexico. That's very big for me – economic justice, and an empathy for the many different New Mexico cultures that I'd grown up in. So just some influences on my life.

As my career progressed I worked as an intern at Los Alamos Labs. I received a Princeton undergrad fellowship in plasma physics, and I also received a NASA award and a fundamental publication in semiconductor prognostics while working at NASA Ames Research Center. For the past 12 years I've been working as a contractor for scientific enterprise software, engineering consultants and more recently political consulting. So I actually got started in politics in 2015. I was upset about the special interests, the big money in politics and I joined a group called Wolf-PAC and they taught me to be a citizen lobbyist.

Since then I've done an extraordinary amount of volunteer work for various organizations. I was a parliamentarian and a Rules Committee member for the Democratic Party of Santa Fe County. I led a group to rewrite their entire bylaws set. I worked with the Democratic Party of New Mexico; I'm one of their most active organizers in the organization. I organized, co-wrote, and passed a New Mexico Green New Deal resolution and a resolution for party reform. I have really worked for –

organized with a lot of groups: Retake our Democracy, DSA New Mexico Open Elections, and right now I'm organizing with Santa Fe 350, and Extinction Rebellion to address the climate crisis. We're working on the Community Solar Act to reduce carbon emissions, greenhouse emissions. We're working with the Healthy Soils Working Groups, or a member from there, and we're just trying to create state partnerships to bring in renewable development around the country.

Probably my most recent accomplishment, I co-wrote and built a coalition to pass House Memorial 9, the State renewable investment plan. I've got a lot of good collaboration there. It was co-sponsored by Rep. Joseph Sanchez, Rep. Andrea Romero, worked closely with the Land Commission, the State Investment Council. We even had the Republican Whip in on there and when we got his amendments into it, and we got six Republican votes on that. I'm real proud of that coalition building.

So that HM 9, actually what it does, it creates a plan to profitably invest our permanent fund through loans and equity into New Mexico renewable infrastructure development to grow our economy. And I actually wasn't planning on running for anything this term. This was going to be my legislative term. I'm looking at a lot of legislation from the Community Solar Act, there's interest in building a statewide electric grid so we could export our renewable energy outside, to other states, which would bring in a lot of renewable development. I'm trying to remediate the coal ash in San Juan County more properly.

Locally, in Santa Fe, we're trying to, with Santa Fe 350 and XR, we're trying to build local food sheds. We're looking for rental assistance in Santa Fe County, and that's sort of my platform. It revolves around addressing poverty, around renewable development and economic development. So just some things I have list here since I've got 38 seconds left. We need to build a renewable infrastructure to turn us into a renewable powerhouse. We need a New Mexico Green New Deal. We need to be first to market in the industrial hemp market. This could address a lot of the poverty of our rural residents. We're going to be working with the Healthy Soils group address the financial crisis caused by COVID, aggregate poverty, and especially address poverty for our Native American tribes and make sure they receive proper funding for their schools, respect their sovereignty and build their economy, look into community banking and the Health Security Act.

MS. MASCARENAS: Thank you, Mr. Sonnenfeld.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Can we have our next candidate?

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, our next candidate is former County Commissioner Paul Campos.

PAUL CAMPOS: I thank all candidates that are here, because I know they are here because they care for our community. We are living in a time of crisis and great challenge. Our economy has been crushed. State revenues have plummeted. Many people have lost their employment. Many people are sick with COVID. We are living in a political crisis.

Our nation is divided and angry. Our national government is not providing leadership. Climate change is threatening us. And very importantly, New Mexico is one of the most water insecure states in the country. But there are good things that come out of a crisis because it makes us rethink a lot of the things that we've always done in a

particular way. It opens a window for profound reform. We're going to have to do more with less for a while at least.

I'm running for State Rep because we need strong, experienced leadership who can be effective on day one. We need leadership that can effectively move forward a pro-community agenda. We do not have the luxury of that. The power and influences of special interests must be reduced. Otherwise our democracy will be severely challenged. I have a record of public service. I was the Santa Fe County Attorney for four years back in the eighties, County Commissioner for eight years.

My connection is that as a Commissioner I led the effort to create the Buckman Rio Grande Diversion. The Buckman can produce up to 18 million gallons of water per day if needed for Santa Fe and as a result of using river water our aquifers are rested and they are now being recharged.

I also led the effort to pass the regulated fracking ordinance. The process was intensely opposed by the oil and gas industry. They threatened that they would sue us but they never have. The ordinance protected our water, our air, our peace and quiet and the value of our land.

I have a strong commitment to State Representative District 48. I have lived in the district for 17 years. I ran for this position in 2016. I came in second. Knocked on about 1500 doors and got the endorsements from the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, the *Journal North*, the Sierra Club, and the Conservation Voters of New Mexico.

New Mexico is not a water secure state. Our water supplies are dwindling. As a result of climate change, snowpack is being lost in the Upper Rio Grande Watershed and we will see a decline in river flows. We need to invest in water reuse systems. Agriculture, as you know, uses about 80 percent of all our water. We have to make sure that agriculture uses the water efficiently. If we don't do these things our children will suffer.

We face a crisis in the medical delivery system. The baby boomers are retiring and they are not being replaced. We are not producing enough doctors and UNM and there are not many doctors moving into New Mexico. This is an eminent crisis that we will be facing and it is something that I will address aggressively and as a priority.

With low revenues, government will be required to examine and rest its priorities. We will need to re-imagine government. The next 60-day session will probably be one of the toughest in our history, and as we know, resetting priorities is never an easy task. We must make sure that we get the highest benefit from each dollar spent. The state budget must reflect our true priorities. I will not accept special interest money. I ask for your support, promise that I will work hard, promise to get big things done, and promise to be responsive, and I thank you for listening.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Campos. Okay, can we get our next candidate, Tessa Jo?

MS. MASCARENAS: Our next candidate is Tara Lujan.

TARA LUJAN: Hello. Thank you. Well, greetings, and thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I want to start off by saying I hope everybody's families are healthy and well during this pandemic. I'm just going to dive into this.

State House District 48 needs an experienced leader who understands the needs of the district and has the necessary experience to be effective immediately upon

appointment by this Commission. I am that person and I am the best qualified applicant appearing before you today.

My professional legislative experience began in 2010 with the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and then as the lead legislative analyst for then Senator Harry Morales. I've drafted bill, amendments, committee substitutes, with the staff at the LCS. I helped get legislation get introduced on the Senate floor, worked with committee chairs to get bill scheduled for hearings, prepared witnesses to testify, whipped votes and then followed the bills once they were passed through the Senate into the House process until finally getting that piece of legislation to the governor's desk.

Successful bills that I've worked on and helped with were the A through F Graduate Grading Bill, and a teacher evaluation bill, and another bill we worked on and tried to get through was the Health Security Act.

Members of the Commission, I am the only applicant before you who intricately knows the legislative process and has built the relationships necessary to successfully enact and pass legislation. And as we hear, experience matters. The responsibilities of a State Representative are more than just passing legislation. We need to provide constituent services, and I will, because that's the key element of this work. And I will have an open door policy for my constituents, our constituents, who need assistance from state government.

I can start working tomorrow as the next House District 48 representative because I have done the work. I am doing the work already in a voluntary manner. In fact, I just had a gentleman from the rural part of the county call me and was asking about getting some resources for the US Census. He didn't have access to a computer and he needed a paper form, so I was able to help him really fast. I'm driven and I'm committed to the needs of our community, and I've been and always will be a public servant who serves through my heart, and I'll always organize from the grass roots.

I've trained in Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's office, his district office, which is an office, as people know, is very highly regarded because it serves as a model for other congressional offices across the county. And as the current resources director at the State Treasurer's Office I know the executive branch of the state government as well. I have served our community in several capacities. My work at the state legislature, like I just mentioned, and in several leadership positions on local boards including the City of Santa Fe Ethics and Campaign Review Board, where we're expanding public campaign financing and transparency in our elections. Santa Fe Public Schools Special Needs Parent Advisory Board, and community organizations including Emerge New Mexico, where we've trained Democratic women to run for office.

I've worked with Many Mother, a non-profit, who provide free, in-home support to many Santa Fe families with newborns. As a leader in the Democratic Party, I've been on the Platform Committee. I've been a County Central Committee member for years, a ward chair, and on the state's SDC. I've also been a community organizer on campaigns. I've been a campaign manager director working with Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, and Senator Udall's election campaigns, successfully as we know. As a mediator offering alternative dispute resolutions, and as a flamenco artist, creating dance curriculum in underserved community centers.

So I am asking to be appointed to this seat because of working parents like my

mom. My mom was a registered nurse and president of her local union organizing to protect her patients and her community. Now that I'm the mother of two I'm putting it on the line to fight for policies that ensure healthcare for all of our families that is not dependent upon having a job, create a green, diversified economy with renewables to address our climate crisis, expand tax reform so that everyone pays their fair share, and support our small businesses. I'll fiercely protect the full range of reproductive healthcare rights, ensure sensitive and accessible education for every New Mexicans, prevent pay cuts to our educators and continue to fund early childhood education.

With so many hurting, as we know, and everything going on right now, and the uncertainty of what is to come, I can't afford not to take this opportunity. I've asked for help from you. Thank you for your time and thank you to all the other candidates today.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Lujan. Can we get our next candidate, Tessa Jo?

MS. MASCARENAS: That is Tim Garcia. He will be our final speaker today.

TIM GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, fellow candidates and those that are watching. I broke my presentation down into three categories. First, I wanted to talk about my experience and why I applied for this position. Also, I wanted to talk about my approach if I were to be appointed as our next representative. I wanted you to understand how I'd work to help and hit the ground running and to everything that the district needs. And then third, I'll talk about a lot of our priorities, both legislative and otherwise that we need to address.

So let me start with my background and experience. I have been in Santa Fe since I graduated from law school almost 40 years ago and as a practicing attorney, and my wife, who is also a practicing attorney, has grown up and lived her whole life here in Santa Fe. We have lived here in our hours in the district, or our previous houses which were also in the district, for that entire period of time. So I do know the district very well. In fact from my experience, as I say I was a lawyer for almost 20 years, practicing as a young lawyer, I was very active and involved in politics and our democratic system. I was the ward chair for my ward here in the district. I was also a County Central Committee member and a State Central Committee member and did all those things with regard to the party and our political activities at the time.

But my father, who was a former legislator, it was when it was in my youth in Albuquerque, he retired from the legislature and worked with the legislature for the rest of his career. I worked with him when I came to Santa Fe and have been involved with the legislature, and I think I put that in my letter of interest. I've been involved in legislative activities for 20 years before I went on the bench. I was in – actually elected to be one of our local district court judges and served the district court here in Santa Fe and also Rio Arriba County primarily for about eight years before I was then elected – first appointed and then elected to our Court of Appeals, where I sat in Santa Fe on our Court of Appeals.

So I transitioned from being one of our active Democratic, and I would say young at the time, Democratic volunteers and activists into what we know from our judges, I had to effectively remove myself from the political structure and be non-political, which I took seriously and under my oath and under the rules. I stopped being active in local

politics as far as the party and things that were going on and simply did my job as well as I could, both on the District Court, doing a lot of the major cases here in our district as well as on the Court of Appeals.

So that was my background. I do have a lot of experience with the legislature I learned from my father. Obviously, in the old days I knew all the legislators and especially our Santa Fe delegation and worked with him on a daily basis, both in writing legislation, attending hearings, getting bills passed, making sure I understood the process and my father and everything he was doing there. So that's my background and experience, and I'll answer or elaborate as any of the Commissioners wish me to later.

With regard to what approach I think we need to have from our next representative, I think we really need somebody who can build a very unified and collaborative approach, and to do so, we have to work well with all of our legislative leadership from Santa Fe because our community has some very strong leaders. We have Senator Rodriguez, who I've talked to, as well as Representative Trujillo who's retiring, who I've also talked to. I wasn't going to put in for this seat and people asked me to put in for this seat. I hadn't initially thought about it. But I wasn't going to do so without talking to them, one about the priorities, things that are going on within our community and at the legislature, but also I wanted to know that they felt comfortable working with me and could support me if I got there.

So the collaborative approach also means we need to coordinate with our City and County leaders, because then as part of our community we need to make sure things get done on a collaborative basis so we can avoid unfunded mandates that come down on the City and the County from the legislature. We need to better coordinate our community priorities and the bills that we need for our community. We need to better coordinate and unify around the legislation we want to approach. There's a lot of legislation I know we need to address, especially in this health crisis and the financial crisis we're in, which would be the priority. But obviously we have other things with regard to our environment, clean energy, living wages, women's rights and healthcare, including equal pay and their reproductive issues that are before us, children and education rights, and we need to reform our incarceration. Thank you, everyone. I'll wait for questions.

MS. MASCARENAS: Thank you. Mr. Chair, that concludes the presentations.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Garcia. So we'll go ahead and go on to questions from Commissioners. I'm going to go ahead and start with Commissioner Garcia.

MS. MASCARENAS: Would you like me to move the other candidates into the virtual lobby?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No. Not yet, Mr. Chair. Just really quick.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. You have a comment, Commissioner Garcia? Go ahead. We'll hear comments from all the Commissioners if they'd like to make them.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: First of all, thank you for all the candidates getting involved, because you know what? It's tough being a policymaker, especially during these times. As my colleagues can relate to that, even on the City Council, the governor, everybody else down. So the individuals that actually submitted their résumés and came forward, thank you for stepping up to the plate, because it's tough. It's hard.

All these people chatting saying this and this and that and that, but for the individuals that came forward, thank you all for stepping forward.

Commissioner, Judge, and everybody else that has worked for the process, once again, thank you for what you've done as a public servant, because people say, we want to be a public servant. Really? We have five candidates stepping up to be a public servant and wanting to do what the job calls for; it's hard. It's not easy. It's challenging. But thank you for stepping up and putting your name out there because I appreciate all you all coming forward because I really appreciate that. And being on the school board, it's a whole different story. But thank you for stepping forward and putting your name out there, because we all can sit there and talk, talk, talk, talk, but put your name forward. And you all did. Thank you, Appreciate that. For stepping forward and for the past what you guys have done. And ladies. Thank you.

I think for now, Mr. Chair, I just wanted to thank the individuals that came forward and put their name forward because there's a lot of individuals out there that said, we want to do this. We want to do this. Why? Why? Why? Why? But you all put your name forward and thank you for stepping up to the plate I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. And I would echo the sentiments of Commissioner Garcia. It's extremely honorable to have each of you willing to serve your community. Just like when I used to run different school programs and athletic programs, it was always the same group of parents that would come forward to really serve the community and take that extra step. So this is very honorable, so I do appreciate each and every applicant. Did any of the other Commissioners have comments? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I have questions. Are we just doing this right now?

CHAIR ROYBAL: And you can leave your comments to the end if you'd like to, instead of now, after your questions, just to thank the candidates. So that's fine. Let me ask since Commissioner Garcia actually started bringing that forward I want to give each of the Commissioners an opportunity if they'd like to say something now or wait till after. Would you like to wait till after, Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I will make a comment right now. I am grateful for all of the people stepping forward. It is hard work to do a good job and be a public servant. It takes time and commitment. And those are things I value very, very much and I trust that our selection will be the person who is going to work hard for our district in Santa Fe. So that's all I have to say for right now but I do have numerous questions. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton, while we still have everybody sitting here and then we'll put some in the waiting room. I think I'm going to go – just to let the Commissioners know, I'm going to go opposite of what the order was before, so instead of the alphabetical order we're going to go opposite of the way we had the presentations earlier. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have a comment?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll just echo my other Commissioners in thanking everybody for their candidacy in this and for their time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any comments? I don't know if they fixed your mike.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Yes. It's a great thing to put you experience and ideas to the public and based on my limited experience in being an elected official, it's a very rewarding step and I applaud every one of the candidates that are here today.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Tessa, Manager Miller, so really quick, so we have candidates and it's a public interview, and so we're going to ask the individuals questions. So how do we – let me say it the way it is, because I always get in trouble. How are we going to actually make sure that number 3 is not going to hear yet on line when we're asking the questions?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, like I said, we can put them in a virtual lobby so that they can't hear it on Webex. We have no way to control whether they listen on the TV. I think we've been flagged on Facebook, so we've been turned off of Facebook I think, for something that somebody said. I don't know what it was. Just so you know. I think we just have to on the honor system hope that they will stay in the virtual waiting room and not listen on another form of media to the questions.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. So just really quick, Mr. Chair, you're the Chairman and how you want to run the interview that's your call. So do we just flip a coin, candidate 5, 4, 3, 2, and who goes first? It's your call, so just figure out how you want to do that. It's the honor system, guys. That's where we are. It's democracy. Let's do what we've got to do what's right. That's just my personal opinion, Mr. Chair. However you want to handle it. You're the Chair. I'll follow you whatever you want to do. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. So I was going to try to do it opposite of how we had the presentations, but maybe just to keep it simple, I'll just call randomly individuals to go ahead and speak. Tessa, would it be difficult for you to just call the individuals the opposite of how we had them do their presentations?

MS. MASCARENAS: Sure. That's fine. So we would start with Judge Garcia. I'll put the four remaining candidates in the virtual lobby. We can just come back up the line.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Tessa.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just really quick. I have like ten questions. Are we going to do like every Commissioner different questions? It's your call so how do you want to handle it? It's up to you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: The only thing that I would say is that we just try not to be repetitive of one another, but if you're going to ask ten questions to one candidate, unless they answered your question with their presentation then just go ahead and ask all the same questions to each candidate.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can I request that just for fair logistics

that you as Chair pick a timeframe? Like we're going to spend ten minutes with each candidate, or 7.29 minutes with each candidate. I kind of like odd numbers. And then stick with that. As a result, maybe everybody won't get to all of their questions however you manage cycling through Commissioners, but we have to pick a time limit and not spend two minutes with one person and a half hour with another. I think ten minutes is probably more than enough to go with each candidate.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I would agree with that, Commissioner Hamilton. The only thing is that if one Commissioner has ten questions it might take the entire ten minutes, but I think that what we could do is go from each Commissioner and they can ask a question and so everybody will have an opportunity to ask their question. Okay? And if we don't get through all of the questions we have. But I'll go ahead and do a ten-minute timeframe. Tessa did we – I know I saw a timer on the screen earlier.

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes. Daniel can put up a timer.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I really don't – all we see is the timer, so maybe Daniel can just put – let us know when we're reaching that time, but I feel like maybe it should be 15 minutes. There are five of us. All of us have questions. I have at least seven or eight questions. So if Commissioner Garcia has ten questions – it seems a little unfair to put a time limit on the amount of time. I feel like we're making an important decision and we should be able to find out the answers that we need to know.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I appreciate your point, but as counterpoint we could probably spend an hour or two joyfully chatting with each of these candidates. They have a lot going for them. They have a lot of experience, and I could ask dozens of questions. But I can also listen to the answers to every other Commissioner's questions and in ten, fifteen minutes is an hour and a quarter of interview time. I just don't think that we should do an untimed limit of questions and then what happens is we're going to spend an hour with the first candidate, and five minutes with the last one because it's going to be getting dark. And I think we need to do something timed, put a limit on it that's less than ten questions per Commissioner.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I do have another meeting at 5:30 so I need to –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would hope that you would go to each Commissioner and we could each do one question as a round robin and then go to our next question so that each Commissioner gets to ask one question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That's exactly how I explained it earlier, that that's how I was going to do it.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'll go first. I'll go first. Let's go. Let's move. Let's go. Let's move. Let's go.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I don't have a lot of questions, so Commissioner Garcia, you can go ahead and ask your first question.

MS. MASCARENAS: One second. Let me just move everyone to the lobby. Just give me one moment to move the other four candidates to the lobby.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Tessa.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And once again, Mr. Chair, we're going to ask all five candidates the same questions, right?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes.

MS. MASCARENAS: Okay, Mr. Chair. Four participants are waiting in the lobby and you have our first candidate.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you once again for getting involved. So just really a quick question. I'll start off really quick, just basic questions. What are your district boundaries?

JUDGE GARCIA: The district boundaries go all the way from the downtown south capitol area, all the way out through Agua Fria and the Southside of Santa Fe and kind of horseshoe all the way through town. I live in the area near St. Francis and Rodeo Road.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to know where you stand on a woman's right to choose and do you support the governor's – do you agree with the governor that a personal decision about abortion should remain between a woman and her healthcare provider without government interference.

JUDGE GARCIA: I agree that a woman's right to choose and a woman's healthcare is the decision of a woman. Obviously, since Roe v. Wade we've had a New Mexico statute on the books that still criminalizes abortion. It's never been removed. I think an unconstitutional state of that nature and that high profile should have been removed immediately, and I think it should immediately be removed. And I think that decision is a decision that should be left to a woman and her healthcare provider. Nobody is obligated to make that decision for them nor should anybody be obligated to have somebody else intervene.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. What do you think about the roles between you as a legislator in District 48 and the County? It's a little more obvious what a relationship would be with other state legislators.

JUDGE GARCIA: We have had a collaborative relationship with all our public officials, not only within the County but also within the City for our whole community. Otherwise we're ineffective. We're not being coordinated. We're not doing the right thing for the community. It should be community based. And so the collaborative doesn't just have to be with your Senators and your fellow Representatives in the House. It has to be with all your City leaders and your other community leaders. You have to have a very collaborative approach and if it's not unified and collaborative it really just doesn't work well. Thank you. I hope that answers your question.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Oh, yes. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Garcia. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. My priority would be education. We have a very strong Community College here in District 5 and what would you do to make sure that that institution flourishes in the future?

JUDGE GARCIA: Thank you, Commissioner. Obviously, the Community College relies on the legislature quite a bit. It's part of our Community College system. And just like the Northern Community College that's up in Española it's really the main

educational system for a lot of our Santa Fe residents. As you know, my son when he was in high school took Community College courses to prepare himself for college and a lot of people look for their degrees and for their livelihood after they get a Community College degree here in our community. So it's extremely important to have the Community College healthy and with the resources and with the personnel it needs to be effective.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick, why do you want this job?

JUDGE GARCIA: I think we're in a unique time. Obviously, I've been involved in the community for a long, long time. I want this job because we need somebody with the right experience to carry forward with what Senator Rodriguez and Representative Trujillo have as the agenda items that are so important to us. One of the big ones is the funding we received for the Agua Fria community to make sure that they get the sewer and water needs taken care of that are so desperately needed there. That funding, obviously with the crisis we have with the budget and the COVID situation, it's clearly in jeopardy. Not only does it need to be preserved. We need to make sure we get the additional monies that are needed for projects like that. So we need somebody with the understanding of the legislative process and the experience to go ahead and do it. I now have the time and the commitment and the desire to do it and I believe that I would be very effective. I'm not looking to work my way up the ladder or have a political career. I just think in this moment of time I would probably be the most qualified and with the best experience to accomplish carrying forward what we need to do.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Judge.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Judge Garcia for your mention of the village. There are many priorities in the county that need attention and not just my sewers but there are many water projects so I think that that is really important. I'm also interested in where you stand on the cannabis issue and legalizing cannabis. One of my big strong feelings is that I strongly believe that individuals should still be able to grow cannabis, three to five plants, possibly. So I would like to know where you stand on the legalization of cannabis and the bills moving forward with it.

JUDGE GARCIA: Thank you, Commissioner. Obviously, I've seen the cannabis issue from the judicial side of my career and I'm completely supportive of the decriminalization of the cannabis, as well as looking to – and I don't believe it should be simply a business. I think if we are going to legalize cannabis I think all citizens have the right, if they choose to, to grow what would be their own personal cannabis, just like we can grow our own tomatoes or our own corn or anything else in our garden. I think everybody should have that right. It shouldn't be just the big corporations trying to make money and generate revenue off the cannabis industry. So that's my sense of it. I think we do need to look at some of the other states that are ahead of us on how to properly set up the rules and regulations and everything else to control, and also the revenue, to

control what we do with it. I think it's an opportunity or at least some states have seen it as an opportunity to deal with revenue. We've got to make sure that revenue goes to the right places and is used for the public good. [Two minutes left]

CHAIR ROYBAL: We're going to go on to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay, thanks. I have a wild card question, sort of general. Obviously, our COVID pandemic experience changes a lot of the way we do business. How do you think it changes, if at all, priorities in the legislature and in managing our communities?

JUDGE GARCIA: Well, it has to change some of the priorities in the legislature with regard to the healthcare system because we really have exposed the flaws in our healthcare system and our healthcare economy as to how we're going to deal with this for our citizens. So clearly that's one of them. The other is there's going to be revenue issues and there's going to be serious small business issues. We're not going to simply rely on the federal government to help our small businesses survive. And we're going to have revenue cuts coming, tough revenue cuts. We have to make sure those revenue cuts go to the places that the regular citizen and those that don't have a voice that really need the help from the government, they get them. And one of those big areas is basic food, education, clothing, shelter. We have to make sure that we do everything we can within the revenue sources we have to sustain and try to retain those services for our community.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Okay. Well, I think that probably concludes our questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I feel like you didn't get to ask a question at all.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I wanted to allow my fellow Commissioners to go ahead and ask. I know it's important. I wanted you guys to get the time to ask as many as you could.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm also recognizes that you didn't get that opportunity.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I appreciate your willingness.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: If I could ask one more question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: The time allotted is over.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: My dog wants to ask a question about animal rights.

JUDGE GARCIA: Now that I've gotten through my 15 minutes, I highly recommend that you might expand the timeframe for the other applicants a little bit because I can tell, you have some very important things that need to be asked and answered. And I don't care if I didn't get more time, but you might want to give them a little more time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So let's go ahead and add another five minutes and we'll go to 15 minutes. I do have another meeting at 5:45, but I'll just let them know that I'll be late. So go ahead and add another five minutes, Daniel, and just do 15 minutes for the rest of the applicants. And Commissioner Garcia, go ahead and your question.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: My -- here wants to ask a question about animal rights. We won't go down that road because I told him he can't ask that question. We only have five more minutes. But Judge, in the last ten years, what do you feel that the legislature has done right or wrong in the last ten years?

JUDGE GARCIA: I think the biggest thing the legislature has done wrong is they have been invading the permanent fund in ways I don't agree helped preserve what it's intended for for our grandkids and the next generations. And so I'm really worried about some of those things that have happened there. They're keeping some of the revenues from going into the permanent fund that normally would have historically always gone in to make sure that when our oil and gas revenues and these others are gone, we have alternative ways to fund our government and our community. So that's my biggest concern about what the legislature hasn't done right.

And I might double on that, I do have some concerns about our education system and education reform, where we really need to do more things on the education reform side so that our kids get a better education with better opportunity, and they don't need to go somewhere else to look for a better education, that New Mexico can provide the best education possible for our kids.

On the good side and on the best side, I think our legislature has done a tremendous job with helping us on the energy side with moving us toward a clean energy economy and getting us toward solar and wind and geothermal and all the other energy sources and improving our agriculture and our agriculture system so that the community benefits from all that and we can get off what I think is coming in the long run anyway, the fossil fuel industry and fossil fuels. Those would be the two I would say.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Judge, for your time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Thank you, Mr. Garcia. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Judge. Thank you, Chair, for giving us an additional time. I just heard you mention -- I thank you for mentioning the Village of Agua Fria and recognizing the need for sewers but I also am very concerned about community solar and making sure that we can get a good bill and moving forward with that so I'd like to hear your ideas about renewable energy, community solar, and infrastructure.

JUDGE GARCIA: Well, obviously, community solar is extremely important and I think community solar can best be addressed by the legislature incorporating it in building funds in everything we do with regard to development. And so community solar is very, very important. And I also think the novelization of community solar by our public service company is something we need to take another look at potentially fix so that individuals and others that want to help move the community solar projects forward have more opportunity. And give me your second question again, about the infrastructure. Was that what it was, Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Just recognizing how important it is that infrastructure development in all of the county and in the district is so important -- the sewers, the water projects, if you'd like to say something about that.

JUDGE GARCIA: I think our infrastructure needs are tremendous. Obviously, after ten or fifteen years for Agua Fria, which you and I discussed, it took a

long time to support. But you're right. We have infrastructure needs all over the county and all over the city that I think need to be prioritized more. When we get capital outlay and the funds we need to use to benefit our community I think infrastructure should be the top of the list and not bumped down so low.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Judge, very much for your questions and thank you for being here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton. [50 seconds left.]

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would yield my time back to the chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I know that Commissioner Moreno only asked one question so I'm going to go ahead and allot Commissioner Moreno another question.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Well, I think resources are essential for our constituents. Let me stop here. I'll pass.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Hamilton, are you sure you don't have another question? I think we're out of time. Thank you, Mr. Fresquez, and thank you, your honor, Judge Garcia for being here today, sir.

JUDGE GARCIA: Let me leave you with this, Mr. Chair. It's a quote from John Lewis, our wonderful representative in Congress who just died, and I think this applies to all of us so well. It says, "Never let perfection stand in the way of doing good work for your community." And that's really what we're trying to accomplish here. So thank you for your time. Let's get a great representative for our district and our community and move forward and support them like we need to. Thank you everyone.

MS. MASCARENAS: Thank you, Judge Garcia. I'm going to move you into the lobby right now.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, does he need to go into the lobby?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Bye.

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, our next speaker would have been Tara Lujan, she seems to have signed off. I'm not sure if you would like me to go to the next person.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. Go ahead and go to the next person. It seemed like she was having internet issues earlier when she was speaking.

MS. MASCARENAS: Right. In the event that she signs back on I'll keep an eye out for her. So our next speaker would be Mr. Paul Campos. Let me just move him in.

MS. LUJAN: Something dropped and I just signed back on.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'll go first.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Actually, I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton first.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Hi, Tara.

MS. LUJAN: Hi, there.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: What is the role of you as a legislator

with the County? The role going up to the state is a little more obvious.

MS. LUJAN: So the role of all local government is something I worked on when I was at the legislature and it's the fiscal responsibility of managing capital outlay, really, and working with other legislators to come together to work with our local government and the leadership and to figure out what are the priorities. What are the priorities in your projects there in the county? And how we can all come together to help support economically with capital outlay projects that you happen to have. So coming up with a structure, working alongside you and understanding what those priorities are, that's essential. That was my training. I was responsible for that portion when I was working for Senator Howie Morales. So what he would do is he'd gather himself, he was a Senator and there was Rudy Martinez, Representative Rudy Martinez, and his district changed, but at the time he had – there was three of the legislators and they'd come together and they'd get the money that they'd have and they'd figure out the main projects and they'd work. And we'd have literally like a binder full of requests, capital outlay requests and so that was part of my job. They did a really good job and I really respected the way they did that because we vetted everything and made sure the projects checked all the boxes, if they were recurring and all those essential things. So, yeah.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

MS. LUJAN: You're welcome.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Hi. I've known Tara a long, long time.

Tara is a good writer, a mover and shaker and jack-of-all-trades in my experience. I worked with her at various times in legislature as a politico and a lot of attributes that are in your favor. I would be happy to see you in there.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Tara, once again, thank you for being involved in the process. Why do you want this job?

MS. LUJAN: Well, I think I went over that too. I'm a public servant at heart. The work that I've been doing, the work that I'm going to continue to do, and I want to serve the needs of our community, sir. Like I mentioned, my mother, she taught me the values and the dedication in the heart of a public servant. And through her work and her leadership I took on the same challenges. Like you said, it's hard work and it's [poor audio quality] working family needs. It's everybody's needs. I don't want to leave anybody home and I want to make sure that we are addressing those essential issues with our healthcare, with our education issues, and with the issues of global warming and how we're going to address a green economy right now. Like I said, it's a moment in time that I'm taking to do this. This is a need for somebody – for us to have this representation that is really going to care about our environment, about our families, about our healthcare and our education in a holistic way under the circumstances, especially now with COVID. So it's what I've been doing. It's what I love to do and I'm going to continue to do and I'd love to do it in this capacity. It's in my heart.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So, nice to see you Tara. I am going to

follow the questions I have asked the last candidate. Do you agree with the governor that a personal decision about abortion should remain between a woman and her healthcare provider without government interference?

MS. LUJAN: Absolutely. One hundred percent. Never wavered on that and never will. And that's probably one of the main reasons that I mentioned as well, and it's all reproductive rights. We have a lot of issues going on but that, yes, is essential. We have a bill that didn't get passed, HB 51, that addressed this and we need to bring it back up. Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Lujan. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. So this is as I said before a little bit of a wildcard question. Certainly our experience with the COVID pandemic has changed a lot about the way we're doing business. How if at all do you think it changes priorities which we should address in the legislature?

MS. LUJAN: Well, yeah. I think that we're going to have to really assess what's going to go on economically, first and foremost, right? But if you're asking a process and procedure – I'm not sure what you're asking, but what comes to mind is how we're going to address COVID. So the key issues in the legislature are first and foremost, like we already did, like we saw with this special session, addressing our budgets and where we're going to have to take some of these cuts. We're going to have to do – but we also have to look at it as an opportunity. It seems issues are coming up to the surface right now that we have to really pay attention to and those are our working families, or jobs, of people that are out of work right now. This is the last week we're going to see that \$600 benefit from Workforce Solutions that's going to be coming out, and so we're going to have to really see how that's going to hit us. Because right now, the economy, we're seeing revenues are still coming in right now, but what's going to happen after that happens. So we're still in a time, a waiting period to see what's going to happen, to be quite honest, on the budget level. We've already taken some precautions and measures to give ourselves a cushion because we know that we're taking some hits and we've had to go into some funding. We're going to have to look at [poor audio quality] [The time clock was paused while Ms. Lujan regained her internet connection.] So, yeah. A good conversation worth having. This is an issue we're going to have to really look at. [poor audio quality] [Ms. Lujan switched to audio only] So going back to what we were talking about, we really need to look at our infrastructure. What's going on here as you can tell. Let's look at our broadband and those things and really being prepared because this is a change in how we're doing things and being on line and using these resources. So we're going to have to really look at that and look how we do things differently and take it as an opportunity to do, say, okay. This is how things were done in the past. What do we need to do now? What can we do differently to really address the economic issues and how I think it provides a really serious opportunity where we can start moving and diversifying from gas and oil into our green energies. I think it's an opportunity for us to address our concerns with our working families and our schools and our education right now. I think we need to look at how better prepared we can be because we're never ready for these sorts of things to happen, a pandemic we weren't prepared for so to speak. Some say otherwise. But we're really never prepared and we we're never ready but we need to be prepared. So I think that's a priority of the legislature and I think what's being put out

there by the governor.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno. Did you have another question, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I'm good. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick, Tara, thank you for being involved. Please don't be nervous. When people come and talk to us in front of the County Commission, to talk publicly. You're okay. We're all human. Just take a deep breath. You're doing good. Don't get nervous because sometimes my constituents they talk and they get nervous. This is your house. This is a public building. So just – you're good. Just breathe. Because we're all human beings and we're all normal. And so – I think we're all normal; I might not be.

What are the district boundaries? Can you tell me where they are?

MS. LUJAN: Oh, well, yeah, we have a pretty interesting district. I was born and raised in the district. It goes back to when Lucky Varela was our Rep and we lived further up in the east side of Santa Fe. But right now, basically, starting with the east side, one of the boundaries there is Garcia Street, and then it wraps around through Alameda and goes to Guadalupe and wraps all the way – it goes through Cerrillos, bends down to Baca Street. I want to say Baca Street. Then it comes back all the way down to Agua Fria, and then it comes back up and I believe it comes back up – I know there's a break after Baca and it comes back up, and a break on Cerrillos then goes down Siler Road all the way down into the village, Agua Fria Village and follows the river boundary out there and then it goes and heads south and then it wraps around and it comes up Jemez Road, and I know Jemez Road best because I have good friends that live on Jemez Road, and it comes up Airport Road and then follows – where does it follow? Rodeo Road, and includes Geneva Chavez all the way around and it wraps around through there, and it bends around through there and then I know it goes up to St. Francis and on the east side of St. Francis all the way back to Alamosa and I think it's Llano, through that area. Alamosa's in the back there, and encompasses, I think like five of the wards in four, three of our county districts, and the majority being in County District 4. So it's interesting, that portion of it. It's like the central city area. But it does encompass and goes into those county areas, a little more rural areas and right in the middle of the city. So, yeah.. It's an interesting district in the way that it's mapped out, but it goes all the way from the east to the south and I've walked it all. I've gone to all the parts of it in the work that I've done and knocked on most of the doors there.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Thank you, Ms. Lujan. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Tara. I want to know where you stand on cannabis and the legalization and decriminalization of cannabis and my strong feeling is that individuals need to be able to still be able to grow their own cannabis once we do legalize cannabis. So I want to know where you stand on that.

MS. LUJAN: Absolutely. So this has been one of the priorities that we've been trying to get through, the governor has, and I completely support it. I think it said in

one of the reports that it would bring in upwards of \$120 million. It would increase our tourism. So it's a big economic development plus for us if we get it passed. So I really support it. We know the decriminalization of it, yes, absolutely. That is – it's really ridiculous that we have a law on the books that if we're criminalizing for small amounts of marijuana that people have on them, I think that, yeah, that to me is ridiculous. And as far as people growing it, I know we're allowed to do that in the medicinal practice of it if you're allowed to do so, so, yes, we need to see that regulation and how that's been reformulated [Time expired]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead and finish with your closing comments and if you'd like to give another comment.

MS. LUJAN: I'd just like to say our state has suffered a slow recovery in the last economic downturn that we saw under the Martinez administration and that's most of the time that I spent at the legislature. We had extreme budget cuts, unwise tax advantages for the wealthy and regressive policy that we worked to combat her on every step and was successful many times. But now we must seize the opportunity to rebuild a more resilient and inclusive economy that's going to benefit our communities post-COVID-19. And I think I talked a bit to that and I think that my work speaks for itself and I just wanted to include that I have earned the endorsement of Northern New Mexico's Central Labor Council because of my support for raising the minimum wage, accountability and transparency and just having a really strong economic development ideals for our working families. So thank you, Commissioners. I really appreciate the time and I actually just want to thank Representative Linda Trujillo for everything that she –

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Lujan. I think we lost you. I think we pretty much heard her entire comments, so I do want to see if Commissioners – I know it's kind of hard to change the rules at this point but I don't know if we should try to ask three top questions and I know Commissioner Moreno – is everybody in the other room at this point, Tessa? We'll just go ahead and continue with the 15 minutes I'm almost thinking but I'd like to just remind Commissioners that try not to make our comments so long that we're taking away from the time of the actual candidate. So let's just try and not make too many comments, just go ahead and listen to their answers. So if we can get our next candidate, Tessa.

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, Mr. Paul Campos is now in the virtual room.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Nice to see you Commissioner Campos. I would like to ask you about a woman's right to choose the issues with Roe v. Wade and do you agree with the governor that a personal decision about abortion should remain between a woman and her healthcare provider without government interference?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I think Roe v. Wade has been the law since 1973. It says basically a woman has a right to choose as long as the fetus is not viable. I support that. I support the right to choose. As far as late term abortion, if the mother's health is at issue, yes. If the viability of the fetus is an issue, yes, late term abortions are okay under those circumstances.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And would you support the removal of the antiquated bill that is on the register and support House Bill 51?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Right. I understand that's the criminal statute that says abortions are criminal, right?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Get rid of it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Commissioner Campos, what do you think about the role of a legislator in District 48, what your role should be interacting with the County?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Well, my experience with the County as a Commissioner was that annually we would get all our legislators and we would invite them for a big meeting. Before that, what we would do is look at all our capital outlay needs and we would prioritize them and we would ask the legislators, hey, we need this. These are our important priorities. We ask for your financial assistance. That was the main role that the legislators played, as I recall when I was a Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, thank you for serving for eight years, being a public servant. Excellent job. It's a hard job to do. Why do you want this job?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: All citizens have a duty to serve the community, Commissioner. I think that's why you're a Commissioner and that's why I became a Commissioner. We can serve our community in different ways. Just by voting, or by running for public office. We can see there are issues in the community that need to be addressed about water, so we want to make sure that we make the best decision about water. Or about energy. Or about climate change. We have profound responsibilities to the community to participate, and being a public official is one of the things that we can do. Without strong leadership, without people volunteering to do those jobs we really have big problems. And we look at some of our governmental units, they become somewhat passive at times and we think that having all of these special interests dominating, that has something to do with what I'm concerned about. There's too much public special interest, there's too much special interest influence in government today and I'm committing to getting past that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: In the news there's a move to reform to police departments of the nation. How do you see the situation, Commissioner? How do you see the situation in Santa Fe County and what would you do to improve training and other things that might be useful?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: The issue about the police department, we've seen a lot of things going on in the country. Black Lives Matter has been talking

about this for years. People of color have oftentimes been victims of police violence and we have to recognize that there is a problem with police violence. We have to recognize that we have a duty as public officials to root out all those bad apples from police departments. I know Santa Fe has a special relationship because it's an independently elected sheriff, but it does have some supervisory authority because it does control the budget. Police work is tough, it's dangerous. I respect it. But it has to be done right, and we have, as public servants an absolute duty to supervise those departments so that they perform well. I think Santa Fe County has had a pretty decent record and as a Commissioner, I supported more pay for the people in the Sheriff's Department because we have to keep them. We train them, and then we lose them to the City, to Albuquerque, to Denver, to all these places. So Commissioner Moreno, did I answer all your questions? I know you asked a number of questions.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I'll pass.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So Commissioner, where do you stand on the legalization of cannabis and the decriminalization of marijuana. I strongly support that people should be able to grow their own, and that it's not just a corporate business or businesses but that people still be allowed to grow a small amount of plants. So I would like to hear where you stand on that.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: The first thing, I think, is we have to decriminalize possession of eight ounces or less. I think if someone want to grow three or five, I think it should be legal. I think it's our right. There's a consensus in our community that smoking marijuana is okay. The majority of our residents use it and they enjoy it. As far as legalizing marijuana in the State of New Mexico, my concern is that big marijuana is poised to take control of New Mexico just as it has in so many other states. I'd like to have a situation where we encourage small growers to prosper, which means that the money would stay in New Mexico. It wouldn't go out, it wouldn't be sucked out like all these corporations that come in – Home Depot, Walmart. They just take all the money out of the state. If we could have small producers growing it and vending it, I think it would be great.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I support that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.
Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Garcia, you're next. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you. It's a little bit of a wildcard question. We know the COVID pandemic has changed a lot about the way we do business. What do you see if any ways that it might change how we set priorities in the legislatures, how you would set priorities?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I talked a lot about priorities in my introductory statement. We have less revenues, and this could be a long-term situation. So we have to plan for less revenues and the State of New Mexico, by constitutional requirement does not deficit spend. It must spend within the budget. We haven't gotten a lot of support from the federal government as far as the State of New Mexico is concerned. I think the government, if we can continue with unemployment compensation, that's great, because people need to have income. It's not only good for them and their

families but it's good for the whole economy that we have money circulating. I think we have to give the governor – the legislature has to give the governor wide discretion, because the governor, she's there all the time. The legislature meets once, twice, three times a year. Under the COVID we have to give them broad discretion and perhaps look at Medicaid to see if we can't expand it a bit more, cover more of these people who need medical assistance. Because it's not just COVID. COVID becomes something else and something else. The complications grown. We have to have comprehensive coverage for these folks.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Commissioner, can you tell me the boundaries, what the boundaries are for that district?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Well, you know the way I look at it, you look at St. Francis, north and south, west of St. Francis, that's part of 48, from the interstate down, and from there we follow Cerrillos all the way southwest. We go all the way to – I think Las Acequias Park, some of the subdivisions out there, in the southwest part of the community. We cover Agua Fria. So generally, and roughly that's the description of the district. I've walked a hell of a lot of it, Commissioner; 1,500 doors.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno, did you have an additional question, sir.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Our financial situation is the topic. How would you – or do you have ideas of how the state could diversify in other areas in the county? And the legislature.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Diversify the economy?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: You know our economy has been pretty much the same for a long time, and a lot of people have tried to diversify, attract different industries. The movie industry is here and it's doing a great job for us. I think cannabis, if we could have cannabis growing and hemp growing here in the community we could have our farmers making some money. And we need to get that money in the community. I think we need to devise ideas to keep money in New Mexico as opposed to exporting it. The big corporations, they come in and they just suck out the money. They give people minimum wage and basically that's all we see. The movies are great. I think hemp would be great. I think marijuana would be great, and as far as solar energy, I know there's production in New Mexico but a lot is being exported, but it does leave some money in New Mexico. For the owners of the land, they do get some fairly significant royalties. I grew up in Guadalupe County, Santa Rosa. There's a lot of wind turbines there and a lot of the ranchers who live there are now doing – if they're in the area where the wind is blowing, they're making some good money, and that's helped the community a lot.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for the comment, Commissioner Campos. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen once again.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So in the legislature, one of the things that I am very concerned about is the funding of infrastructure and making sure that we don't have unfunded mandates. I would like to know where you

stand with the Village of Agua Fria and making sure that our sewers and our water are protected in the village, and by doing that and making sure our infrastructure of roads and lights and community solar are supported.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Agua Fria is unincorporated. The County has a special duty to unincorporated communities, and it always has. We have for years supported infrastructure development in its water system and its sewer system. I think that's critical to the quality of life there. I strongly support that and I always have, as a Commissioner, I voted for it. As far as unfunded mandates, we had some when I was a Commissioner. I think we had one, maybe two legislators who said here's the money for this; you've just got to use it for that. And we said [inaudible] plan. It's not something we have a priority for. We don't want a – you give us \$100,000 and you want us to spend \$500,000 – that's not what we want to do. I believe they took the money back. We pretty much told them we couldn't use it. Capital outlay – we have a huge issue. We have what's called the Christmas tree. [Thirty seconds left.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Mr. Campos. Go ahead and finish up and then if you could give us a closing statement, sir.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: The capital outlay as it exists today divides huge amounts of money, since 1977 I believe. The governor gets a third, the Senate gets a third, the House gets a third. And each member of the House gets a little piece. Consequently, we haven't developed major infrastructure. We have divided our money. Too often we've lost money. We haven't been able to have regional planning and priority planning. That's a big issue. The Christmas tree has to go.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Just a closing statement.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Do you have any questions, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR ROYBAL: No, sir, and I haven't asked any of the other candidates any questions, and I don't know if I really should but one of my main questions would just be, as a legislator are you going to work with the cities and the counties evenly or equitably to both the County and the City and make sure that you work with both entities as fairly as you can.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: As a legislator, I see all of you as citizens of Santa Fe County, which you are. I will work to try to coordinate efforts between the City and the County. They have plans to do regional infrastructure or major infrastructure plans. I will work closely with them and I will commit to be fair to both of them.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Campos. Do you have any closing statement, sir?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: All I want to say is, look, I have a big commitment to District 48. I ran for the job. I've walked the district. I think I can do a really good job and I have the experience to do it. And I've proven that with Buckman Diversion, with the fracking ordinance. I'm concerned about water, and that's a big priority for me. Often I look at the legislature and they're not talking that much about water. We need to talk about agricultural industry. They use 80 percent of our water. A lot of it is really wasted. We have to come up with a water reuse plan so that the water that we reuse we put through the system again, clean it and reuse it again, because there are no other resources once we lose our snowpack in the northern Rio Grande Watershed. So there's a lot of things I'm concerned about. I could talk on and on but I know you

have a – I'm concerned about the influence of special interests. That's one of my big things. If we don't have that taken care of democracy is going to continue to fail. The plutocracy, the one percent, has controlled our governments for too long. We need a new type of politician who can really challenge them and say no. Get out of here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Campos. Appreciate you being here today, sir.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Tessa Jo, can we have our next candidate?

MS. MASCARENAS: Okay. Our next candidate is Mr. Greg Sonnenfeld.

MR. SONNENFELD: Hello.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for being here, Mr. Sonnenfeld. We're going to go ahead and go to Commissioner Garcia.

MR. SONNENFELD: All right

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick, Mr. Chair, I know we're bound for time and I appreciate all the candidates once again. Why do you want to do this job?

MR. SONNENFELD: I think mostly there's a lot of great legislation I want to bring through the legislature to improve New Mexico, pull us out of poverty, to fight the climate crisis, and to take care of the impoverished parts of my district. So I think that would sum it up.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Greg.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Sonnenfeld. We're going to go on to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. [inaudible] in District 48, what do you think your role would be? What do you envision the interactions with the County would be?

MR. SONNENFELD: I would keep an open door policy. I would love to collaborate with you guys. I believe in taking care of – I believe Garcia had a concern yesterday and I believe in taking care of the entire county and all of New Mexico. I do need to make sure that the special needs of my district are met. That's number one. But everything else, absolutely. I'm going to be doing a lot of work to try to bring economic benefit to all of New Mexico. I think that's my role.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. We're going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am going to ask my first question about a woman's right to choose and I would like to know, do you agree with the governor that the personal decision about abortion should remain between a woman and her healthcare provider without government interference.

MR. SONNENFELD: Absolutely. I would always vote in favor of those rules or any repeal regarding that to make sure that a woman has the right to choose.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And so would you stand in support of HB 51 and then to repeal the antiquated abortion law that's on the books?

MR. SONNENFELD: Absolutely. I think that represents my own views and the views of my district.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Thank you, Mr. Sonnenfeld. We're going to go on to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. My question is I'm interested in police reform and we're working on a resolution; it's in the works. What would you do to improve the policing and if you have experience in policing or any of that field?

MR. SONNENFELD: I don't have any personal experience in policing. I do work – I'm a moderator for the New Mexico Justice Alliance and they're trying to facilitate a conversation between the community, the police and the legislature in order to get reform. I really like the idea of rebuilding law enforcement to include more social programs. I'm looking at my platform here. I would very much like police to be accountable to their community. I would like the community to be able to choose their own – who polices them in bulk. I think that could really improve what's going on. Occasionally, I do go to the marches happening in Santa Fe, making sure young people are protected and that they're safe. So I think we have – we can create a conversation around police reform that's really positive for everyone and improves our law enforcement, including de-escalation training and changing to a more community-oriented law enforcement role.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Sonnenfeld. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Greg. Can you explain the boundaries of your district?

MR. SONNENFELD: The district goes from just below the capitol area, Don Gaspar, down across Cordova, through where I live, which is Precinct 41 and 42, the Hopewell area. It extends down into the Airport region from there. So it's a big strip in the middle of Santa Fe. It encompasses a whole slew of socio-economic people and it will be a challenge making sure that all their needs are met but I'm up to it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Sonnenfeld. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So we have all figured out that the COVID pandemic has really changed a lot about the way we do business. As a legislator, how do you feel it might change how the priorities of the legislature should change?

MR. SONNENFELD: I think in some way, these healthcare measures are essential. It puts a lot of economic stress on New Mexico, so we are in a difficult situation there. So I think looking into economic assistance, making sure people aren't getting evicted for rent payments that they can't make because they can't work. That's going to be a huge priority in making sure our businesses stay alive through the shutdowns, also needs to be a real priority. This is both a health crisis and an economic crisis.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton and Mr. Sonnenfeld. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I would like to know how much you understand the issues in the traditional village of Agua Fria and how important it is to have the legislature support the sewers and the infrastructure, and I would like you also to talk about the mutual domestic that exists there.

MR. SONNENFELD: All right. Truthfully, I'm not very familiar with that. I would absolutely be willing to meet with you on it and make sure those needs are addressed. My expertise is typically in renewable energy and other fields. My apologies but I'm writing that down and I will educate myself on that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Sonnenfeld. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any additional questions?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No, I think I'm good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. And I think you may have answered this somewhat, Mr. Sonnenfeld but how would you work with the County and City and be as fair to both entities as you can to make sure that – I know that this district is primarily within the city limits but I think that as a legislator and a representative, it's important for you to work with the City and the County as equally as possible.

MR. SONNENFELD: Absolutely. Again, there are some special needs in my district I need to take care of but I will be a legislator for Santa Fe County, making sure they get benefitted and all of New Mexico. I'm going to be real eager to work with the other legislators in those such as Andrea Romero – I've worked with her. Joseph Sanchez, I've worked with him, and make sure that we just take care of our entire region and make sure they get what they need.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, sir. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, I think I'm good, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, thank you. Not unless anybody's a Monty Python fan.

MR. SONNENFELD: I am.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: What's your favorite color?

MR. SONNENFELD: Blue. No red.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I would like to know where you stand on the legalization and decriminalization of cannabis, and how you feel about the issues regarding – making sure the people are allowed to grow marijuana themselves and that it's not just a large corporation that is running the cannabis industry.

MR. SONNENFELD: Absolutely. I'm a big advocate for worker self-directed enterprise and community business. I would actually prefer that most of our marijuana or cannabis was grown within New Mexico by small businesses. I would prefer that people were allowed to grow on their own. I think that's absolutely fine. I think we need regulations to ensure – just like with liquor or tobacco, to ensure it doesn't get into the hands of people it shouldn't be in. I think as – it is a drug. It's not a very dangerous one but we do need special regulation. I'm not big on advertising for cannabis. I'd like it to be more of a community thing that's there. People who have businesses around and that won't be taken over by large corporations. That would be my preference. I don't want R.J. Reynolds marketing to people here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen and Mr. Sonnenfeld. So of you have some closing comments for the Commission, sir.

MR. SONNENFELD: Absolutely. I'd just like to thank you guys for your time. I really appreciate that and I'd like to continue building a relationship with you, with the Commission, the Commissioners, in the future. I'm excited either way. I'm going to be in the legislature a lot this coming session and hopefully we can get some really great bills passed. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for being here, sir. Tessa, we have our last candidate, correct?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes, sir. It is Frances Salas.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Ms. Salas for being here today. So I'm going to go to each Commissioner and they'll be asking you questions. I'm going to go ahead and start with Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: We have in northern New Mexico problems with drugs and violence, especially domestic violence. Do you have views – how would you address those issues?

MS. SALAS: I'm sorry sir, but I could barely hear you. I turned the volume up all the way and that didn't help.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: The topic is domestic violence and the resulting drug use and poverty. What would be your approach to those issues?

MS. SALAS: To poverty? Well, I would encourage the youth to get an education. Educated people make more money, normally. I would work within the area to create more jobs. I think that's one of the main reasons of poverty is these people just can't find a job. So if you could create more entry level jobs where they could get in and start working I think people are more than willing to work, most of them. Drug use, that's always a problem. I think now that they legalized it mostly, I don't know how that's going to change things. I guess they'll only be arrested if they're using like other drugs. Most arrests – my father was a policeman and he was a superintendent of the detention center, and again, it depends on the area. Now that they've legalized marijuana I guess that won't be an issue. I know around the Navajo nation heroin is an issue and I think that's coming in through the pueblos so we need to work with security in the pueblo. I think that's how they're sneaking it in. And just enforcing the laws. Again, education. Opportunities. Reduce drug use. I think if people had a job or something to look forward to then I think they would not use drugs as much, especially if their job did drug testing and things like that. So it's creating opportunities for people.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno and Ms. Salas. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Hi, Ms. Salas. I'm going to ask you about where do you stand on abortion and do you agree with the governor that personal decisions about abortion should remain between a woman and her healthcare provider without government interference?

MS. SALAS: I agree that a woman has a right to do what she wants with her own body, but up to the time of delivery, which is what she's doing. I feel that fetus is alive. It's a person already at that term. So on that part I don't agree.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen and Ms. Salas. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I appreciate your kids being in the background. That's totally awesome. That's great. I think that's totally cool. I think that's awesome. Why do you want to do this job?

MS. SALAS: I just love the legislature. I've been working at the legislature all my life, off and on. It depended on what other job I had, if they would allow me to go work or not. I just love being a part of making the decisions and what's going to go on in the state. I just love the fast pace and being around important other people. I just love that atmosphere. Because this is a volunteer job. It's not for the money. You're not going to get paid to do this.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, Ms. Salas. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Hi, Ms. Salas. As a legislator, what do you see as your likely roles in terms of interacting with the County?

MS. SALAS: Hearing what you want to get done and working with you. If it can be turned into a bill, then turning it into a bill and working it through the legislature. Like I said, I know several legislators. I have a rapport with several of them, so I think I would be really successful at passing bills and lobbying on certain issues and stuff.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Salas. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any additional questions?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I don't, Mr. Chair.

Cr; Thank you, sir. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I would like to know where you stand on the decriminalization of marijuana and cannabis, and where do you stand on cannabis being legal, and how do you feel about people, once it does become legal, that they be able to grown their own cannabis in their own yard.

MS. SALAS: I think that's probably going to happen because several other states have been going that way. I don't feel that people should be intoxicated during certain situations like driving or at work or anything but I do see that cannabis helps people with pain management and depression and certain issues like that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Salas and Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Can you explain to me the boundaries of the district.

MS. SALAS: My values of this district?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, the boundaries. What are the boundaries for this district?

MS. SALAS: I've lived in this district all my life, like I said. I have a personal interest in what happens.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: What are the boundaries of the district?

MS. SALAS: What are some of the values of the district?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: The boundaries. Do they go from Cerrillos

Road to Cerrillos? What are the boundaries of the district?

MS. SALAS: Okay. I used to know that. I haven't checked for a long time. It's Airport Road and then it goes up to like Pojoaque, close to Pojoaque, and then along Cerrillos Road and it covers half of that part of town, all the way to Pojoaque, I believe.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Salas. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So the COVID pandemic has really changed the way we have to do business. Do you think it's going to change the way you see priorities as a legislator?

MS. SALAS: Yes. I think first of all the financial impact or the economic impact that it's had on the entire town is going to be an issue in the legislature. We're going to have to do something to spur the economy and help some of these small businesses out. I don't see COVID decreasing in the near future. It's at one percent and there's close to 18,000 people in New Mexico that have it so that means it's going to go up another 18,000 pretty soon. That's what statistics say because everybody gives it to at least one other person. So it's going to jump from 36,000 pretty soon and just go on and on. I don't see it ending for a long time. So the economy is going to be a big issue. How do we keep these small businesses running? How do we help them? We have limited funds, and then when people aren't working we're not collecting taxes. So on top of having a higher financial burden we're not collecting as much money. The schools is an issue. I think we need to keep the children safe. The governor just announced today that she's going to delay in-person schooling until after Labor Day and then we'll see that time. My vote would be keep them online learning until this is over with, because lives are more important. I know they're not learning as much with their parents as they would with a teacher but if they get behind a year or something – I find that more important than risking their lives by sending them into an overcrowded school. So I think what we should do with that is we should hire more tutors that can work in small groups and that would reduce the risk of people contracting it. There's several pre-recorded curriculum out there. I'm a teacher so I'm familiar with that. There's like Khan Academy. I think we should encourage these children to just watch Kahn Academy. It's really, really good, and just find curriculum for them to do online. The parents have to participate because supervision is important. You can tell a kid to sit there and watch algebra for an hour but is he really going to do it unless someone's supervising him.

State, I think she's doing good. What she's doing now is just by staggering employees. People come in and do their work and then they have to clean up the area when they leave and take some of the work home with them. I think that was an excellent idea.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go – Commissioner Moreno, did you have an additional question?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I did have a quick question, Ms. Salas. How do you – I know that this district falls primarily or entirely within the city limits, but how do you envision working with the County to make sure that you represent the city constituents and also the county constituents?

MS. SALAS: I plan on attending all the meetings with the City and the County and working closely with you to see if it's a legislative issue or not. I know most of my constituents, like I said, so I plan on having meetings with them and offering to let people help, trying to farm out some of that work so that more of that can get done. I just think I'd be a good representative because I know most of the people in this district.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Salas. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I represent the Village of Agua Fria, District 2, and that is a huge concern with me. I have worked continually to try and improve the sewer system and water and I want to make sure that you would be a partner with myself and Senator Rodriguez.

MS. SALAS: Oh, yes. I'd love to. Do you know William Mee?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Of course.

MS. SALAS: I attend some of those meetings too. I don't live right on Agua Fria but I live on Lopez Lane so I still consider myself part of that district, because we share some of the sewer systems and water systems and stuff. The river is our – that's the historic district. So I agree with them on preserving that history and putting more markings and keeping the river clean and updated, and maybe even putting some more infrastructure there. I think that would be like a great place to have activities for the children, instead of just having an abandoned river there. I think if we put some infrastructure we could create some type of entertainment in that area because there's nothing to do on this side of town.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Salas, Commissioner Hansen. Ms. Salas. I believe that have about a minute left. Okay, Ms. Salas, do you have any closing statements for the Commission. We allotted all the candidates time to express why they felt they could do the best job and anything else that you'd like to share with us. So go ahead, ma'am, in closing comments.

MS. SALAS: Well, like I said, I was born and raised in this district. I have lived up and down Airport Road all my life. I know most of the people in my district except for the newcomers, the ones that have just moved in but like I said, a lot of these people have been here for generations and generations. So I have a personal interest in what goes on in this district. My kids go to school in this district so I'm still concerned with the schools. I know most of our schools are at a D right now, and I have some ideas on how to help that too. I think they're just overpopulated and if we reduce the classroom sizes it would improve the schools totally.

I know there's lots of infrastructure that needs to be done in this area and that would be done in the legislature. Like she said, the plumbing, the water and the sewer systems, the roads, [inaudible] really badly, so that would come through the legislature. So I'm knowledgeable in my opinion in everything needs to be done. I know the way government works. I've worked with the legislature in various capacities in various departments so I know how to get things done at the legislature. I know how to walk through a bill. I've seen other legislators who they just submit their bill and it stays there. It takes them months and months and months. Or weeks. Because it doesn't last months, but they're just there waiting and waiting for their stuff to happen. And I know how to just walk everything through and get things done. And I have a rapport with enough legislators to do that, to pass my bills. I have a rapport with most of the employees at the

legislature to get my things done, get them pushed through quickly. I'm very knowledgeable in legislation and capital outlay. I've worked in capital outlay. I've worked in taxation. I've worked in administration and finance. So I'm very familiar with all of that. And I enjoy it. We're not doing this for the money because this is a volunteer position. You don't get paid. They don't even give people in Santa Fe per diem or anything because you're not driving. Well, I still have to eat lunch every day. People still have to drive over there. They still have bills, but I enjoy it so much that I would be willing to do that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Salas.

MS. SALAS: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for being here and thank you for taking on this endeavor. Tessa, I believe that this was our last. Is that correct?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes, sir. I will take the other four participants from the virtual lobby now.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay.

2. **B. Discussion of Applicants by Board of County Commissioners**
 C. (1) Appointment of Applicant to the Vacant Position of State Representative for New Mexico House of Representatives District 48, In Accordance with Section 2-7C-5(B)(1) NMSA 1978, and (2) Authorization for the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to Do All Things Necessary or Proper to Effectuate Such Appointment

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. I'm just walking around. I caught about four skunks yesterday that I didn't trap so I'm just trying to figure out the trap. I'll go get them.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Don't bring them up here.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So really quick, Mr. Chair. Thank you for all the individuals that moved forward with this. That's awesome to get involved in the process because as my colleagues know, it's challenging. It's hard. It's hard to do and you put your money where it's at and I appreciate all the candidates moving forward. Thank you for that.

As an individual that actually grew up in the Roundhouse because – people don't know this but when I was three and five years old my grandpa actually was the main maintenance guy there at the Roundhouse, and I remember throwing my parachute off the roof when I was like four years old, five years old. And there's actually a fifth floor up there. And back in the days, whenever the Roundhouse – they used to have live plants, and if you look way up there, above the fourth floor, they have a garden house up there and that's where they used to grow all the plants up there. And been there, done that. I grew up around the Roundhouse and it was awesome.

Back in the year 2000, probably when Eddie Lopez died. Eddie Lopez was a Senator from La Cienega. He lived there in La Cienega and that's when the Mayor, Commissioner Javier Gonzales, Marcos Trujillo, Commissioner, Richard Anaya and so on and so forth had to appoint an individual to fill Eddie Lopez' shoes. And I was a

young kid. My hair was black, half of it. And they actually had to appoint an individual to take Eddie Lopez' spot. And the County Commission at that time appointed Senator Nancy Rodriguez. And Senator Nancy Rodriguez does an excellent job for local government. She's been there. She's been raised there. She's been there, done that, for local government.

In regards to the state budget, I was a little challenged as into – I guess I've done the state legislature for many, many years and I know what happens and how it goes and the state budget – we're in a challenged time these days from the state budget. Our County budget, Katherine Miller, Manager Miller, she's done the state budget. Our County budget is very well, because we have good individuals in our state that actually help us run our state, our County budget. Katherine, thank you. You know that.

Our schools. Thank you.

One of the things that I was just a little interested in, that nobody touched base on is how do we have communication with the schools, the state, the City or the County? Because that's something that I ran on and nobody really touched base on that. Communication.

John Lewis passed away the other day. Great man. And it's about communication and how do we communicate to young individuals, elderly people, as into this county we have to move forward. The state, we have to move forward and we're trying. The governor's doing an excellent job and so are elected officials. Communication is working together.

Tax reform. That's a big thing in the state these days is tax reform. Substance abuse. That's a big thing in the state these days. I understand the whole guns and abortion. I get it. I understand that. And it is a federal law and we have to do what the federal government does. Different things that happen in the state, like one of the things is the Rail Runner. People may not realize that from Valencia County, Bernalillo County, all the way to Santa Fe. Sandoval. That Rail Runner, that's a tax that the County Commission approved back in probably 2006. And that tax is going to sunset in the next two or three years. And all the four or five government entities – we need to approve that tax again. If not, the State of New Mexico has to pay for that tax. Rail Runner.

Big box stores. Senator Wirth and a few others there, Speaker Egolf involved as into trying to tax the big box stores. That's a big priority at the Roundhouse. These are big shoes to fill. Linda Trujillo did an excellent job on the solar. She did an excellent job at the Roundhouse. Big shoes to fill. Lucky Varela. That man had so much institutional knowledge in that Roundhouse. Big shoes to fill for that position. These are big shoes to fill for that spot.

And schools. Nobody brought up the Yassi/Martinez lawsuit. I guess I might know a little bit more about it because I'm on the school board. That's a big thing for our community schools because probably because about 65, 70 percent of the budget, state budget, goes to schools. Education. And that's a big thing that's happening. Schools. Tax reform. How do we do all that stuff? I understand. Gas and oil. I get it. I see it. I guess I just have passion for my community and where we all live and what we all do because the times that are happening these days, it's hard, for the world, for the government. For America. State government.

The governor and everybody else, the state legislature is doing an excellent job

and it's hard. It's a hard job, as my colleagues know that. Sometimes I go places and they're like, why did you do that? Why are you doing that? Public servant, people say sometimes. I get it. I understand. It's a lot bigger thing than just being a public servant, because sometimes you have to make decisions that people may like or they don't like. And as we all know, as our colleagues and what we have to do and it's just hard. It's tough.

And for the individuals that stepped up to the plate: Thank you. Because you know what? That's cool. That's awesome. Thank you for stepping up because I had about 15 calls, 20 calls. I want to do it. I want to do it. I want to do it. Put your name in there and we'll move forward. We have five individuals. Thank you for stepping up to the plate because it's awesome. And Mr. Chair, I don't know if you want us to make a recommendation now, or make a motion. I'm ready to do that, or whatever you'd like, Mr. Chair. But thank you to my colleagues for doing what we do. Mr. Chair, thank you. And the applicants that put their names forward. Thank you. Appreciate that because it's hard these days to be a government official. Whether you're in the city, county or state, or federal, Congress. It's tough. It's challenging and it's hard.

And I just want to say that because I get chills to my arms because it's hard. It's tough. But you know what? We do it. We signed up for it. We're doing it. And so, Mr. Chair, I would just like to see what you would like to do, or hear from our other colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, my colleagues.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Certainly we've had just some outstanding candidates here, and I also would like to thank everybody for their time and for their thoughtful responses. It is really important and we do have choices that fill the needs of – that a legislator has to pay attention to, that includes the district and the county and city that that occurs within, but also the state level considerations and the interactions of all of those and interactions among legislators and the key issues that are immediate and the incredible changing and interacting factors, down to things that one would never have predicted, like the pandemic that have to be considered.

And so it's very difficult because there are multiple people who would do an outstanding job, but if you don't mind, Mr. Chair, I would like to make a motion because I feel like we have an opportunity to keep some of the changes that New Mexico has been making, making the legislature more diverse and more inclusive. I think it's at some point – well, hopefully I can make Katherine Miller laugh a little just because she's heard this out of my mouth before, you can't keep doing things the same way and expect a different outcome.

And so there's a point at which some of the diversity we need is also generational, as well as gender diversity, and so with incredible respect to all of the candidates I would like to make a motion that we appoint Tara Lujan as the replacement legislator for District 48.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I second that motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and a second from Commissioner Garcia. Under discussion, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. Anyhow, we were supposed to all have a discussion but I accept whatever happens. I think that we have some really excellent candidates here. I really respect Judge Garcia and Commissioner Campos for your hard work and your dedication to our community. You have been both appointed and elected as officials in the community and have worked incredibly hard and so I want to recognize you for those contributions that you gave and I hope you will continue to participate and work for our community. It is really important that we all continue to be public servants whether we're elected or not, and serving our community because giving back is the most rewarding thing that we can all do for everyone.

I really appreciate everyone taking the time. I know there is another step in this process that has to do with the Democratic Party and who will be the nominee on the ballot. So we look forward to working with all of you. I look forward to the next steps in this process. So thank you.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: What's the process from here now?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno, there's been a motion and a second so under discussion, I'm giving the opportunity to the Commissioners to make remarks and then at that point, since there has been a motion and a second we need to vote on that motion and second.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Don't we all get to vote?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, sir. We will all get to vote. Since there's been a motion and a second I will go to each Commissioner and they'll have the opportunity to vote for the candidate for whom there's been a motion and a second on, sir. Did you have any comments that you wanted to share with the Board, Commissioner Moreno?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: What happens if nobody gets a majority?

CHAIR ROYBAL: If the motion and the second fails and doesn't get the majority of the Board's vote, then it would go on to make another nomination and then another second.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: That's what I was looking for. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, sir. Did you want to comment at all in regards to any of the proceedings that have happened today, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No. I'm good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. And I want to ditto the comments from my fellow Commissioners. It's not an easy task for the Commission or for the candidates that come forward when you have such great candidates that we know can represent this position so well and it's not an easy task. I've been in this situation I think five times since I've been a Commissioner. And it's not an easy task. You have so many calls of support and I would say that each and every one of these candidates had so many calls for support and emails for support, and I just feel like you have such a great heart and desire to serve your community and we really want to promote that. Unfortunately, even with five candidates we can only select one today and I know that there has been a motion and a second but I know that I have a great deal of respect for all of the candidates that are here, Commissioner Campos, your honor Garcia,

and also we had Mr. Greg Sonnenfeld and then of course we had also Frances Salas and Tara Lujan. All great candidates. Very intelligent and showed us a desire and great ideas. So I appreciate everybody that's been here today. I don't know how the outcome will be but we do appreciate and respect that you want to serve your constituents in this representative district.

We do have a motion and a second. If there's not any other comments from the Commission I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may, just really quick, and I know you have a meeting to go to and attend. If I may, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: As you mentioned earlier, thank you to all the candidates. Everybody's qualified and everybody's qualified to do as an elected position and thank you for stepping up to the plate. It's a hard decision that we have to make as policymakers and that's what we have to do. So thank you all for participating. Appreciate that, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And Mr. Chair, just before we go to a vote.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just wanted to clarify, Tara Lujan as a state employee would have to, if she gets the nomination will have to resign as a state employee and verify that she's aware of that. I think she is, but for the record.

MS. MASCARENAS: I believe she's going to call in so I'm going to unmute the callers real quick.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay.

MS. LUJAN: Yes, I am aware of that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks. That was just for the record.

MS. LUJAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, for the clarity and Ms. Lujan. Okay, so we have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed by majority [4-1] roll call vote with Commissioner Moreno casting the nay vote.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So the appointment passes in a four-one vote. And once again, I do appreciate the participation and everybody that's been here today. I know it's always a difficult decision but we appreciate everybody that's here today.

3. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Announcements

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do any of the Commissioners have announcements they would like to share? Commissioner Hansen, did you have any announcements or anything you'd like to share with your constituents?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I do want to share that Councilor Abeyta

and myself yesterday made a short PSA on the COVID-19 issue, encouraging people to wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance. Hopefully it will be done tomorrow and we'll get it out because in both of our districts, in 87507 is where we have the highest numbers of COVID and both Councilor Abeyta and I are very concerned about that, along with Commissioner Garcia. Also I know that people are not taking COVID seriously and that we need to wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance and we can control this. And we can eradicate it, especially in Santa Fe County we do not need to allow it to continue to grow here. So that is what I have to say and thank you. Thank you everybody for participating. Thank you everybody for making the effort. I am grateful to everybody. And congratulations, Tara. I'm really excited for you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Hansen.
Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, just a sincere thank you to everybody and respect for your stepping up and what you offered.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, I don't have anything. Thank you everybody for stepping up to the plate. Appreciate that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Moreno.

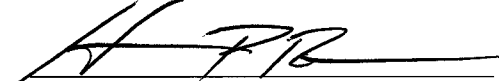
COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you for chairing this process and I'm glad Tara will be a good representative.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Once again, thank you all for being here today.

B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Garcia and second from Commissioner Hamilton, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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