

Information Sheet on Community Organizations

What is a Community Organization?

A Community Organization (CO) is a representative group of community members within a specific geographic area who are interested in development within their community and would like to be kept informed on projects to help make sure the development fits within the vision for the community.

Who can be a Community Organization?

Any new or pre-existing association or organization that will represent a specific geographical area within the County, this association or organization will be recognized by the Board of County Commissioners through a resolution (§2.2).

Why should an association or organization become a Community Organization?

The County has created a system to further encourage public participation and encourage public recommendations and increase notification.

Community Organizations represent their geographic area and can coordinate with ROs, property owners and residents related to pending development applications within their boundary.

Community Organizations will receive notification for:

- Public meetings
- Public hearings
- Amendments to the SLDC, SGMP, an area or Community Plan,
- Various types of development applications including major subdivisions, DCI conditional use permit, Planned development district, Overlay zones, DCI overlays, and Zoning map amendments, among others listed in Table 4-1 of the SLDC

Community Organizations can participate in:

- Development of and amendments to the SGMP, SLDC or an area or Community Plan
- Community strategic work plan, studies, CIP, ICIP, and other community infrastructures
- Quasi-judicial hearings as witnesses and present evidence for specific types of development applications
- Town hall meetings
- Leadership retreats and training

Community Organizations can make recommendations on:

- Development applications within their boundaries
- Amendments to the SGMP, SLDC or an area or Community Plan
- Community strategic work plan, studies, CIP, ICIP and other community infrastructures

How does an association or organization become a Community Organization?

The County has created a checklist and application for applying to be Community Organization. If your organization is interested in applying, please schedule a pre-application meeting with staff. Please contact: Sonora Rodriguez at (505) 995-2717 or srodriguez@santafecountynm.gov to schedule a meeting. The application can be viewed and downloaded from the County website at <http://www.santafecountynm.gov/> or a copy can be picked up in the Planning Division office on the first floor of the County Administration building at 102 Grant Ave. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

