

1 **REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES**

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3 City of Espanola – Los Alamos County- Ohkay Owingeh- Pueblo of Jemez – Rio Arriba County –
4 Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

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6 **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

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8 September 18, 2020 10:00am

9 Electronic meeting participants via <https://zoom.us/j/99193250358> or conference call
10 No. 1-346-248-7799, access code 991 9325 0358

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12 **A. Call to order** – Chair Henry Roybal called the Zoom RCLC Board meeting to order
13 at 10:16 a.m.

14 **B. Confirmation of Quorum**

15 Attendees: Chair Henry Roybal, Vice-chair Darien Fernandez, Treasurer David
16 Izraelevitz, Secretary Javier Sanchez, alternate board member Leo Marquez for
17 Leo Jaramillo.

18 Quorum was established. 5 Board members present

19 **C. Approval of Agenda**

20 Chair Roybal: Do I hear a motion to approve the agenda?

21 Motion from Councilor Izraelevitz to approve agenda, roll call vote to approve
22 the agenda.

23 Motion passed unanimously.

24 **D. Approval of Minutes**

25 Draft approval of meeting minutes for August 21, 2020 and September 11, 2020
26 regular board meetings.

27 Chair Roybal called for a motion to approve the August 21, 2020, and September
28 11, 2020 meeting minutes and asked for any changes or corrections. Hearing
29 none, Mayor Sanchez makes motion to approve minutes with no changes or
30 corrections, Chair Roybal called a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

31 **E. Public Comment**

32 Chair Roybal: Call for public comment. Tom Allen, Susan McCarthy and Erich
33 Kuerschner requested to speak for public comment. Councilor Peggy Sue
34 Martinez, who was muted during roll call spoke to let everyone know she is
35 present. Tom Allen address the board and requested to read his comment that
36 was published the other night in the Los Alamos paper and would like to know
37 some way to submit this to the board in writing. A formal submittal. The RCLC
38 as I see it is treating itself to be not only irrelevant but antithetical to the bulk of
39 its mission. From the beginning of my recent involvement I’ve been seeing that
40 the coalition is to be of service to the communities it is supposed to serve and
41 represent and in its present form, I have to conceive that I find none. The voice
42 of concern that I have is the funding of the Coalition, its responsiveness, and its
43 transparency, beginning with the funding.

1 Henry Roybal asking the other members speaking from public comment to give
2 their name and address.
3 Mayor Javier Sanchez asked Tom to send the letter to him at the City of
4 Espanola.
5 Town of Taos will update their website to include the letter.
6 Tom Allen is a resident of Arroyo Seco.
7 Chair Roybal asked the next speaker to speak.
8 Susan McCarthy addressed the board with intention to focus her attention on
9 the RCLC mission statement. If the RCLC is a conduit for our regional
10 communities to make a direct impact on all local, state, and federal government
11 decision making on regional economic development and nuclear clean up at Los
12 Alamos, I find it hard not to detect positive results from your supposed efforts on
13 our behalf before adequate and comprehensive clean up nuclear waste can be
14 undertaken. I want the RCLC to assess the current conditions and extensions of
15 nuclear waste currently in place. It seems that RCLC doesn't recognize its
16 significant aspect of its role. The advocacy for this vital process will need to
17 meet the needs and requirements at the regional community's demand before
18 any increasing production commences at the lab. Rocky flats in Colorado the last
19 bonds factory is a striking example of the indifference of the federal government
20 and agencies whose policies are completely unmatched by responsibility towards
21 regional community who suffer the misfortune to be neighbors to be lands
22 chosen for nuclear factory sites. These residents were never informed of the
23 purposes and dangers of them at Rocky flats inebriate the work there. We want
24 a regional coalition that acts and advocates on our behalf so that our lives are
25 not the price of this nuclear weapons factory, such advocacy is what the regional
26 communities are paying our RCLC for. That is the end of my statement, thank
27 you.
28 Henry says thank you to Ms. McCarthy and asks her to share general location of
29 where she lives.
30 Susan resides in Taos.
31 Chair Roybal proposed to host community meetings in the following respective
32 communities to get an idea of more or less where the communities are and to
33 receive their input. Something the board can talk about later.
34 Next speaker Erich Kuerschner.
35 Erich Kuerschner is a resident of 30 years of the Arroyo Secco valley of Taos.
36 I want to thank the entire board for the opportunity to speak especially single
37 out David Izraelevitz who I feel has made good faith effort to reach out to us and
38 he understands that we want to work together. I feel we have serious problems
39 facing this county. I don't think we can afford to fiddle. We have unemployment
40 and unutilized resources. There have people that we lost needlessly and I kind of
41 feel that RCLC should help with some of these problems. I fully share Tom Allens
42 take on the view of the organization and my experience for following it the last
43 10 or 15 years. Its acted more as a PR agencies and funded by Los Alamos
44 agencies found it and ran it a PR process to get more funding for LANL. Your

1 mission was nuclear weapons, they supported that and that's where some of the
2 problems came in. I was on one of the very first environment impact study
3 groups at and I realized the gravity of the situation. We can't afford to just jump
4 into things and just think that because there is a pot of money there what makes
5 us a functioning economy because our children are educated we have our life's
6 calling that you find meaningful. I have invested time in this and many other
7 organizations do more of the RCLC mission. For me I need to know where the
8 RCLC is at. Is David the only one on the board that wants to reach out to people?
9 I have been a member of many organizations like yourself and the quality and
10 quantity, Sierra club, Amigos Bravos, Taos trust, all these organizations. Our
11 community is filled with skilled people but the RCLC has shown no interest. A
12 few people on the current board and a few in the past have given me some hope
13 but if you're not going to somehow make progress with the problems then
14 what's the point. I feel RCLC should help with some of these problems. Concept
15 of an economic.

16 Chair Roybal: Is there anyone else from the public would like to address the
17 board? Hearing none, Chair Roybal closed public comment and moved on to the
18 next item.

19 **F. Treasurer's Report**

- 20 a. Presented by Counselor, David Izraelevitz RCLC Treasure: To begin with
21 our Financial report, we have an overall cash balance on hand of
22 \$143,000.
- 23 b. Usual Expenses for accounting, legal and our last invoice for August
24 payment to Mr. Vasquez
- 25 c. Current fiscal year (presented report via zoom which were also made
26 available via packet)
- 27 d. New request for contributions from communities 1-30 day board
28 approval for invoice process.
- 29 e. Accounts payable invoices
- 30 f. Approval of invoices – final invoice from CPLC
- 31 g. David Izraelevitz: Chair what is the pleasure of board to approve final
32 payment for CPLC?
- 33 h. Chair Roybal: Motion to approve the final CPLC invoice.
- 34 i. Mayor Sanchez seconds, then goes to a roll call vote
- 35 j. Item to approve invoice for RCLC director services passes unanimously.
- 36 k. Legal fees services rendered for the months of June, July and August.
37 Counselor Izraelevitz reviewed legal services by month with a focus on
38 hours billed by Mrs. Long. After reviewing invoices, we have a previous
39 balance due of \$1,512.70.
- 40 l. Motion by Mr. Marquez to pay the outstanding balance due of \$2,549.36
- 41 m. Councilor Martinez asked if Legal could show where the balance comes
42 from especially if we have carried a balance for 3 months. It's very
43 important to stay up with billing the firm provides to us.

- 1 n. Chair Roybal do we know what the \$1,500 balance was for from our legal
2 counsel?
3 o. An itemized bill will be sent for review of detailed expenses for the
4 \$1,500 for the next meeting and approval.
5 p. Motion from Mr. Marquez and a Second from Mr. Izraelevitz and
6 followed by a roll call vote.
7 q. Item passes unanimously
8 Next item ZLS accounting services
9 Current invoice is \$523.79 prior balance 784.12 payments received
10 \$268.38 Total being billed is \$1039.53
11 Chair Roybal do we have any questions?
12 Motion from Mr. Marquez for approval, second from Mr. Sanchez and
13 followed by roll call vote. Approved unanimously
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15 **G. Discussion**

16 Chair Roybal: Discussion and possible action for RFP executive director services for
17 RCLC.

18 Mr. Fernandez and the RCLC subcommittee is working on verbiage that is going to go
19 out.

20 They will also redefine the mission of the RCLC and what it does not do in order to
21 best represent our constituents.

22 **G.-b.** Chair Roybal: Discussion on organizing a town hall regarding LANL economic
23 impact. I know we wanted to wait until we had an executive director but whatever the
24 pleasure of the board is we can have one before. Chair Roybal opened the meeting for
25 discussion.

26 Javier Sanchez: Subcommittee meeting before we have town hall meeting to discuss the
27 intent, topics, and interests of town halls that have been proposed to garner input from
28 communities about RCLC initiatives and scope of work.

29 Chair Roybal: Open up board to any comments

30 **H. Board Comments**

31 David Izraelevitz: Need to find direction of the board we have had a difficult
32 couple of years.

33 Chair Roybal: Got a lot of good feedback from our constituents today and we
34 appreciate the feedback. I know it can be frustrating but the board is on a
35 mission to see what our constituents would like to see. We have a great board
36 to get us to that next level.

37 Mayor Sanchez: Ms. Romo thank you for your assistance on this and executing
38 this meeting and getting all of this situated.

39 Councilor Fernandez: looking back on five years on this board where we have
40 come from and where we would like to go we have made progress. Change
41 takes time bringing people from different communities to come together
42 regarding the lab and cleanup efforts. Its incumbent on our individual
43 communities to speak up. Thank you fellow board members for your service and
44 dedication.

1 Mr. Marquez: We have to move forward in a new direction. Congratulations to
2 Ms. Romo, I guess you have a new Liaison. Congratulations.

3 **Adjournment**

4 Chair Roybal: Move to adjourn Second from Mayor Sanchez all signify by saying I.
5 Everyone have a good weekend. Bye

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