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ROMELLA,

I'm writing to express my interest in the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee position for District 4.

I am well qualified to assist the City of Santa Fe with its mission to continuously improve cycling corridors both on streets and trails. Improving cycling corridors makes the city safer for Motorists and Cyclists alike. People cycle for many reasons, including commuting, shopping, health, exercise, training, and pleasure. Safety while cycling is paramount.

My Qualifications for the Advisory Position Include:

- I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering Management from Oregon State University. I have actively worked in the infrastructure industry, primarily for heavy civil construction contractors for over 26 years principally in Bridge, Rail, and Highway Projects in the United States and abroad.
- I have been an active cyclist since 2011 and have logged at least 50,000 miles of combined on and off-road experience.
- I have been hit twice, which prompted me to research the most common ways cyclists and motorists end up in accidents.
- Part of my cycling experience has been bike packing races across the United States. I have participated and completed the Trans Am in 2018 and the Bike Non-Stop in 2022. The year I rode the Trans Am two riders were hit in Kansas which elevated my awareness and concern for bicycle safety when road cycling.
- During the Bike Non-Stop race event I worked to raise money for the Community Cycling Center in Portland Oregon. An amazing organization doing great work in the Portland community via education, repair, salvage and recycling. Making cycling accessible to all community members regardless of income, education, or background.
- In addition to my bike-packing races I have ridden many routes from the website bikepacking.com including: The New Mexico Off Road Runner, The Zero Three - 2500 Miles around South Island of New Zealand, The Dolomites in Northern Italy, Portions of the Tour

Divide, Cross Washington, 3,500 self-supported miles through Spain, Portugal, England, Belgium, Netherlands, and Scotland.

- My experience while cycling in the Netherlands gave me a new perspective on what is possible for bicycle commuting, Cycling is in the culture completely and the infrastructure is astounding. Much of the cycle network is cycle separated paths that creates safety for motorists and cyclists alike.
- Member of the Adventure Cycling Association and Warm Showers
- I have two adult children living in Los Alamos. I mention this as I am committed to remaining in New Mexico to enjoy time with family and look forward to getting involved in the Santa Fe and greater New Mexico communities.

Education is key. No matter how great the infrastructure created is, motorists and cyclists must respect one another. Often there is a lack of understanding that leads to conflict and accidents. I am committed to the work required to bring change for the betterment of the entire community of cyclists and motorists alike.

I look forward to having an opportunity to be considered for this important position. Infrastructure is important to the safety of people as we move about as cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. We are all each of these people at different moments. I believe strongly in creating safe spaces for all to enjoy the community in which we live. Mutual respect is critical.

Best Regards,

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