

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Alan Webber  
Mayor of Santa Fe  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mayor Webber,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Santa Fe Planning Commission. My extensive career in public service spans more than two decades with both the State of California and the State of Washington, providing me with valuable experience that would benefit Santa Fe's planning initiatives.

During my tenure with the California Judicial Branch, I served as a Project Manager responsible for implementing complex projects relating to the access and preservation of court records. This role required careful planning, stakeholder coordination, and developing solutions that balanced public accessibility with preservation requirements. Additionally, as a Management Analyst for the State of California, I evaluated and recommended legislation that directly impacted the Court's mission to provide fair and equal access to justice for all citizens.

While working for the State of Washington, I administered policies and programs affecting youth and families in King County, overseeing the state's largest field office. This position required extensive collaboration with local government entities, community organizations, and citizens to ensure effective service delivery and resource allocation for vulnerable populations.

More recently, my work with Presbyterian Medical Services has provided me with invaluable insights into the diverse needs of communities throughout New Mexico. Through this experience with the healthcare nonprofit, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities that exist across our state. This perspective has enhanced my ability to identify solutions that could address Santa Fe's specific needs while drawing upon lessons learned in other New Mexican communities. My experience with PMS has particularly highlighted the importance of accessible community services and the direct correlation between infrastructure planning and public health outcomes.

These professional experiences have provided me with a deep understanding of how policy decisions and infrastructure planning directly impact citizens' daily lives. I am particularly interested in applying this knowledge to help Santa Fe develop more walkable communities where residents can easily access commercial services, entertainment, and family-oriented facilities without relying exclusively on personal vehicles.

Our city faces several key infrastructure challenges that I would be eager to help address as a Planning Commissioner. I believe we must prioritize public transit improvements to enhance mobility for all residents while reducing traffic congestion and environmental impact. Additionally, thoughtful planning can create neighborhoods where essential services and community amenities are within walking distance, fostering stronger community connections.

My government experience would be particularly valuable in:

- Developing implementation strategies for infrastructure improvements that balance community needs with available resources
- Analyzing the potential impact of proposed developments on neighborhood accessibility and livability
- Recommending policy approaches that enhance public service accessibility while preserving Santa Fe's unique character and heritage
- Facilitating effective collaboration between government agencies, community stakeholders, and developers

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my public sector experience and vision could contribute to the Planning Commission's important work. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Scott Barber

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