

Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Name	Address	Phone	Email	Original Appointment Date	Extended Expiration Date
Therese Abeyta	[REDACTED]			Mar-21	Mar-26
Lynne Canning				Mar-20	Mar-25
Vacant					
Michael Gonzales				?	Mar-27
John Wheeler				Mar-18	Mar-23

Chris Graeser



March 14, 2025

Ed Romero
Executive Director
Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority
664 Alta Vista St
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Ed,

Please consider my interest in serving on the Board of Directors of Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority.

I have substantial experience serving on public committees and nonprofit boards of directors, most recently finishing two terms with Audubon Southwest as board chair. My experience navigating both real estate transactions and land use entitlement processes would allow me to bring relevant insight to the Authority Board of Directors.

After serving as counsel for the Authority for several years, I truly regretted having to give up that relationship when I closed my law practice. I am excited to re-engage with the Authority, to be being part of completing several projects I had been working on.

I am always available to assist the Authority in any way that I can help support its mission, and serving on the Board is one way that I can see of being helpful.

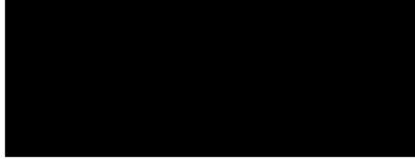
Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Graeser

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CHRISTOPHER L. GRAESER



Legal Experience:

New Mexico State Land Office, Assistant General Counsel Santa Fe, NM (12/2022 to present)

Real estate, natural resources and administrative law practice.

Graeser & McQueen Santa Fe, New Mexico (2014 to 2022)

The Graeser Law Firm Santa Fe, New Mexico (2006 to 2014)

Sommer, Udall, Hardwick, Ahern & Hyatt, LLP Santa Fe, New Mexico (2002 to 2005)

Diverse administrative law, real estate, land use, property tax, and litigation private practice including hearing officer services, counsel to administrative boards, entitlement approvals, protests and appeals, transactions, title/boundary/easement litigation, general civil representation and other related legal work. Clients include state/local governments, individuals, nonprofits, neighborhood associations and development applicants.

Santa Fe County, Office of the County Attorney (1998 to 2002)

All aspects of representing and counseling local government including land use, assessment and property taxation, elections, utilities/water rights, public safety, housing, health and economic development. Significant involvement in drafting ordinances and resolutions, working with concerned members of the public and neighborhood associations, providing counsel on politically sensitive and potentially divisive issues and balancing the divergent needs of various client constituents. My specific work included litigation through appellate level, providing legal counsel to staff and elected officials both in-office and during public meetings, researching and drafting opinions and contracts and coordinating the work of outside counsel.

Education:

University of New Mexico School of Law Albuquerque, New Mexico (Juris Doctor, 1998) with honors and awards (exchange semester at University of Tasmania School of Law)

Southampton College Southampton, New York (History and Political Science, 1991)

Licensure:

State Bar of New Mexico

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Martindale-Hubbel Rating:

“AV Preeminent” (highest level)