

*Expression of Interest*

**Laura Liswood**

[REDACTED], Santa Fe, NM 87501 | [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED]

I write to express my interest in using my experience, knowledge, and background in law enforcement, diversity and involvement in police review boards to support my interest in being nominated to the Santa Fe Public Safety Commission.

After the events of 9/11, I entered the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Academy and graduated as an armed reserve officer. During my services before retirement in 2014, my duties included police mountain bike officer, special operations division assignment, promotion to sergeant, participation in four presidential inaugural preparation teams, and certification as an academy training instructor. It was an honor to service with many extraordinary men and women, providing me with lessons and practice in the challenges of policing in the diverse Washington, D.C. community.

In 2021, I was appointed to the newly established Washington DC Metro Transit Police Department Investigations Review Panel. The purpose of the MTPD Review Panel was to conduct an independent and impartial review of completed investigations including those relating to use of force, customer complaints and possible discrimination in police actions. My tenure was through 2024. I believe this background will be advantageous for the issues that are brought forth to the Santa Fe Public Safety Commission.

My career has also provided opportunities to work with the Dallas Police Department, the Caruth Police Institute, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In 2019, the New Mexico State Legislature approved Governor Grisham's appointment of me as a Commissioner to the New Mexico Personnel Review Board where I became Chair with my term ending in 2024. That position gave me a wide scope of exposure to both the state of New Mexico and the City of Santa Fe.

I hold a JD and MBA and am licensed to practice law in Massachusetts and California.

**In this critical moment in the community, I seek to be of service to your office in a volunteer capacity to support developing a vibrant Santa Fe Public Safety Commission.**

Sincerely,

**Laura Liswood**

