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New Mexico PRC Nominating Committee
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Committee Members:

Please accept this application for the important position of Commissioner of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. I am a veteran and a New Mexico registered professional engineer (P.E.) with 54 years of engineering experience, as well as a 50-year resident of Santa Fe, married to a native Santa Fean. My three sons all graduated from Santa Fe public schools. My public service experience includes several elected and appointed positions including the Santa Fe County Commission (2 terms) and the Santa Fe Community College Governing Board (7 years), as further detailed in the attached resume.

A valuable lesson I have learned while in elected office is the importance of treating constituent concerns with respect and empathy, and responding to them in a timely and professional manner. Throughout my public service career I have been recognized as one who does his homework, carefully reviews issue documents and staff reports, and participates knowledgeably in the decision-making process in a cooperative manner with other board members.

By way of example, I was one of two County Commissioners on the County's negotiating team, formed during a severe drought period, that successfully concluded a water service agreement with the City of Santa Fe, allocating the long disputed Rio Grande San Juan Chama water rights. This included a follow-up agreement with the city which provided for joint ownership, rate setting and management of the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) project, the largest public works project undertaken by the city or county to treat and deliver water from the Rio Grande. The BDD project now supplies more than half of the area's water.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Education:

MSCE - Master of Science of Civil Engineering;
Stanford University; Engineering-Economic Planning Option (EEP)
Stanford, California Ford Foundation Fellowship

BCE - Bachelor of Civil Engineering; Georgia Institute of Technology
(Georgia Tech), Atlanta, Georgia Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honorary

B. Brief experience with topics relating to the regulation of utilities and telecommunications providers:

Example of telecommunications regulation experience: Participation in the evaluation and ultimate resolution of conflicting claims and renewal rights over FCC wireless/broadband spectrum EBS leases (Educational Broadband Service licenses) involving the Santa Fe Community College and a broadband entity; Santa Fe Community College v. Stark Broadband LLC. U.S. District Court Docket No. 1:2020cv01151

Example of utility rate experience: Participation in the State of Pennsylvania utility marketplace provided by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission - titled "Price to Compare" (PTC). Consumers can shop and compare electric and natural gas suppliers to potentially lower their utility supply rates. The local utility company still delivers the power, maintains the lines and handles outages, but the consumer can select a competitive supplier at a fixed or variable rate with no change in billing structure.

Additional related utility experience: Oversight of the planning, funding, design and the construction of multiple utility projects throughout New Mexico, including 43 years of consulting engineering engagements with New Mexico municipalities that own and operate their own public electric utility systems, including Truth of Consequences, Raton, Aztec, Farmington and Gallup.

C. Political Party Affiliation:

Democratic

D. Additional Support Materials:

Please refer to the attached detailed resume of experience and qualifications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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RESUME

JOHN M. (JACK) SULLIVAN, P.E., P.S. (ret.)

Professional Engineer, Professional Surveyor

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NAME: John M. (Jack) Sullivan, P.E., P.S. (ret.), MSCE, FNSPE
Professional Engineer (PE); Professional Surveyor (PS);
Fellow, National Society of Professional Engineers (FNSPE)
Former President, Sullivan Design Group, Inc.; 43 years

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EDUCATION: **MSCE** - Master of Science of Civil Engineering;
Stanford University; Engineering-Economic Planning Option
Stanford, Calif. 1965 Ford Foundation Fellowship
BCE - Bachelor of Civil Engineering; Georgia Institute of
Technology (Georgia Tech), Atlanta, Georgia, 1964

PUBLIC SERVICE:

- ✓ Veteran; Captain, US Army Corps of Engineers, Airborne Qualified - service in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War
- ✓ Governing Board Member, Santa Fe Community College; 7 years, 2015 to 2021
Chairman of the Board 2019-2021
- ✓ Recipient of the American Society of Civil Engineers Civil Government Award;
June 2009
- ✓ County Commissioner, Santa Fe County, New Mexico; 2001 through 2008 .

Please refer to Resume Supplement for accomplishments and initiatives

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Vice Chair, Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Comm., 2024 – present
Math tutor, Santa Fe Community College & High School, 2023 - present
Mentor and English tutor, elementary school students, HOSTS program
Santa Fe Little League team sponsor for 25 years
Santa Fe Concert Band & Blue Heaven Jazz Band – trumpet; 25 years

Recipient of Best Specimen of Show & Queen of the Show Award
Santa Fe Iris Society - 2003

Santa Fe Vintage Car Club (former 1930 Model A Ford owner)

Peace Corps Partnership Program:

Funded a Literary Resource Center in Baraboi, Moldova; 1996-98

Founding Board Member & Past Chair, Santa Fe Education & Apprenticeship
Network, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation providing student
mentoring and apprenticeships to young adults in Santa Fe; 1995-99.

Santa Fe Youth Apprenticeship Task Force; 1994-95

New Mexico Youth Soccer Association

Board Member; 1985–1996

President; 1988–1990

Coach, Team Coordinator, Certified Referee, Clinic Instructor

Santa Fe Area Electric Utilities Planning Committee; 1991

OTHER LICENSES:

Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot (with Instrument Rating) – inactive

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1976 –2019 President, Sullivan Design Group, Inc., Consulting Engineers,
Santa Fe, NM. Firm specialized in civil engineering and
construction program management for private and governmental
entities, including the State of New Mexico, municipalities, school
districts and special purpose districts.

1973-76 Vice President, Coastland Corporation, Virginia Beach, VA.
Coordinated construction of three major recreational planned unit
developments in North Carolina.

1972-73 General Manager – Santa Fe Office, Whittaker Community
Development Corporation, Santa Fe, NM. Development of 893
single-family low and moderate income turnkey housing units in
northern New Mexico.

1969-72 Regional Engineer, New York State Urban Development
Corporation, Albany, NY. Site engineering and project
management for housing and commercial projects in upstate New
York.

1968-69 Administrative Assistant, Idaho Water Resource Board, Boise,
Idaho. State water resource planning and budgeting

1966-68 Construction Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers (Rank:
Captain). United States and Thailand during Vietnam war.

1965-66 Planning Engineer, Harza Engineering Company, Chicago, Illinois. Flood control and recreational studies and analysis.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:

"Vote No on County Term Limit Extension," Guest Editorial: Santa Fe New Mexican and Albuquerque Journal North, October 2010

"Can the City and County Cooperate on Water?" Guest Newspaper Editorial and County Web Site Publication, 2003.

"Procuring Engineering and Surveying Services in the Public Sector," State Board of Registration Newsletter, 1996

"The Engineer and Professional Ethics in Democratic Decision-Making," Professional Engineer Magazine

"Marginal Cost Pricing for Entrance Fees at National Parks," Stanford University

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER & PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR LICENSES:

New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho – retired status
Previously licensed in New York, Virginia, Georgia, Nevada and Arizona

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Member, New Mexico Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors 1993-96

National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); Legislative and Government Affairs Committee

New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers (NMSPE); President,
5 Outstanding Service Awards

American Society of Civil Engineers; Life Member & Civil Government Awardee

Please refer to Resume Supplement for additional detail

OTHER AWARDS:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Captain) –

- ✓ Airborne Medal
- ✓ Commendation Medal & Citation

Ford Foundation Award for Graduate Studies at Stanford University

Chi Epsilon, National Civil Engineering Honorary Society

Kappa Kappa Psi, National Band Honorary Society

Eagle Scout

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RESUME SUPPLEMENT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES

New Mexico Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors:

Member and Engineering Committee Chair 1993-1996

Issues addressed: (1) Proliferation of “certifications”, (2) law enforcement, (3) continuing education requirements (enacted in New Mexico before NSPE formally supported continuing education), and (4) obtained a favorable Attorney General’s opinion regarding the use of qualifications-based selection in state and local procurement

Chair, Professional Development Committee – prepared CEU policies

NCEES Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures

NCEES Law Enforcement Committee

Model regulations for use nationwide (adopted in New Mexico) making disciplinary actions in other states probable cause for disciplinary action in New Mexico and requiring reporting of all disciplinary actions

NCEES, ABET Program Evaluation Certification

New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers (NMSPE):

NMSPE President 1987-88

Formed the Engineering Societies Liaison Task Force which led to the creation of the Societies Administrative Center in Albuquerque

NMSPE Board Member, 5 years

Member, Professional Technical Advisory Committee (PTAB)

QBS assistance to local governments

Chair, State Legislative Affairs Committee

State PEPP Chair and Governor

Mathcounts Volunteer

President Santa Fe/Los Alamos Chapter 1982-83

Scholarship Chairman, Santa Fe/Los Alamos Chapter

Lecturer in Ethics and Professionalism at UNM and New Mexico Highlands University

National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE):

NSPE and PEPP (Professional Engineers in Private Practice):
Member for 49 years

NSPE Fellow and Life Member

NSPE Legislative and Government Affairs Committee 1993-94

COFPAES Delegate

PEPP:

Chair of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Committee (2008-09)
Professional Selection Committee, Chair

Active in the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Award program and the QBS Facilitator Grant program, providing grants to states with active QBS programs

Government Relations Committee, Vice Chair

Southwest Regional Vice President

Awards:

NSPE/ASCE Qualifications-Based Selection Extraordinary Award, October 19, 2023; Special Presentation in Albuquerque, NM

NSPE/PEPP Merit Award – 1997

NMSPE Outstanding Service Award – 5 times

NMSPE “Roundhouse” Award – Excellence in NM Legislative Affairs Activities

NMSPE “Top Tiger” Award – Membership Recruitment

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RESUME SUPPLEMENT

SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & INITIATIVES

- Defeated incumbent in 2000. Elected to second 4-year term in 2004. Term limited.
- Government transparency: Initiated the first ever televising of County Commission meetings in 2001.
- One of a two-person County negotiating team that successfully concluded a water service agreement with the City of Santa Fe, allocating disputed Rio Grande San Juan Chama water rights.
- Agreement with the City of Santa Fe for joint ownership and management of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project, a \$200,000,000 project (largest ever in the City or County) to divert, treat and deliver water from the Rio Grande. Project is completed and operational.
- First County water conservation and water harvesting ordinance
- Countywide road inventory and master plan
- County Fair Grounds master plan
- Established joint City/County Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) for dispatch and emergency services.
- First ever county Sobering Center for short term treatment of substance abusers (previously jailed in “drunk tank”), plus staffing and housing of new Care Connection initiative to provide long term follow up and voucher assistance.
- Took over operation of the county jail (600 + beds) and youth detention facility from private operators.
- First ever inclusive affordable housing ordinance requiring 30% affordable housing in all new subdivisions. 446 affordable homes were obligated and 214 were constructed and closed.
- Ordinance passed requiring developers to identify water sources and proof of water availability at master plan approval stage, curtailing land speculation and sprawl.
- Reduction in the use of variances as re-zoning loopholes.
- Sponsored the construction of the first 100' wind generator in the county to assist in powering the county's new \$18,000,000 public works complex.

- Provided operational funding for after school and summer reading projects at the county's only library.
- Provided program funding and mentored ESL (English as a Second Language) students through the school district's HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) program.
- Funded the first ever county commuter bus service.
- Opened three satellite offices to reduce need for constituents to travel to downtown Santa Fe to conduct county business.
- Comprehensive growth management plan and annexation agreement, enlarging the city and eliminating city/county jurisdictional conflicts of the past.
- New senior center in the rapidly growing suburb of Eldorado.
- New \$40,000,000 judicial complex constructed in downtown Santa Fe to maintain urban vitality.
- Major hydrologic modeling study and evaluation of county water resources for water sustainability planning.
- Creation of the first Media District in New Mexico – an economic development initiative in District 5.
- County/private partnership affordable housing project initiated on former Public Works Department site.
- Initiated standard contracts for county health care providers.
- More thorough financial community benefits reporting by Sole Community Provider Christus/St. Vincent Hospital. Annual Memorandum of Understanding providing services and funding to Santa Fe non-profits and other providers.
- New Oil and Gas Element of the Santa Fe County General plan plus an Oil and Gas Ordinance for the Galisteo Basin.

SANTA FE COUNTY APPOINTMENTS

Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Joint City/County Buckman Direct Diversion Board

Joint City/County Regional Planning Authority

MPO Transportation Policy Board

Indigent Services Board

Extraterritorial Zoning Authority

Joint City/County Solid Waste Management Authority