



Los Alamos Study Group

Nuclear Disarmament • Environmental Protection • Social Justice • Economic Sustainability

January 8, 2020 ACTION SHEET

LIST OF PEOPLE TO CALL/EMAIL re: Santa Fe (SF) Midtown District Campus development

There is a very short window of opportunity to voice public opinion on the recommendation from the Evaluation Committee and the decision by the SF City Council on this matter. They will make a decision late spring (date TBA).

Evaluation Committee members:

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6. Daniel Hernandez, Project Director for midtown; Proyecto; daniel@proyectollc.com
7. Mayor Alan Webber, City of Santa Fe; amwebber@santafenm.gov
8. City of Santa Fe Councilors (please check the City [website](#) or [here](#))

Please remember that they are not able to legally discuss the actual development proposals by any group. However, the purpose of these emails/phone calls is to voice your opinion and opposition to Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration/Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/NNSA/LANL) participation as a Master Developer or tenant at the Santa Fe Midtown District Campus.

Be familiar with the Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) and the Guidelines posted on the project website: https://www.santafenm.gov/midtown_site (they are posted toward the bottom of the home page). This will give you the ability to speak knowledgeably.

Things to keep in mind:

- These nuclear weapons agencies are not higher education institutions. They do not meet the 4-year educational degree program requirement. Their current “training” is for plutonium warhead core (“pit”) production and supporting roles – nothing else.
- They have a poor management and safety history.

- Their funding comes from Congress, i.e. our tax dollars. At LANL, growth is focused on nuclear weapons and especially on pit production, LANL's big new mission. How can they meet the requirement of "sole responsibility for obtaining financing" to create this development?
- They are not in the business of real estate or business development or building community centers. They have absolutely no track record in any of these roles.
- The housing they are now desperately seeking is only for their employees – especially the 1,400 or so additional employees they need for industrial plutonium mission. This will also create a big increase in the commuter traffic coming from that area of Santa Fe – it is already congested and will become a bigger problem under any LANL or NNSA scenario.
- NNSA wants LANL to train future South Carolina pit production workers, who may comprise part of the 1,400 people LANL seeks to hire here. LANL also needs several hundred additional skilled craft construction workers, some 80% of whom currently come from Albuquerque, LANL says. Both of these temporary worker populations will be very hard to fit into Los Alamos County. LANL needs "nearby" housing not just for workers, but for *temporary* workers.
- Where is the benefit to the community of Santa Fe from any DOE/NNSA/LANL participation – historical, cultural, or moral? Beneath the sprawl, crass commercialism and hypocrisy, Santa Fe's identity has been, for 400 years, that of the "Royal City of the Holy Faith of Saint Francis." Saint Francis was one of the greatest Christian saints, a man of peace and respect for nature that has inspired millions and changed the entire Western world for the better. Would we now graft into the heart of our City a *nuclear weapons* center, which despite all protestations to the contrary, is exactly what a LANL presence would be? Beyond the pollution and risk, what would this mean for Santa Fe?

There are many more factors and you should use your own words and ideas to communicate this to our City officials.

Write letters to the editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican and ABQ Journal. Please try to attend as many City Council meetings and in particular the "study" sessions on this matter, as well as Los Alamos Study Group meetings.

NEXT EVENT: January 15th – press conference; Santa Fe City Hall – Noon; to voice our opposition to DOE/NNSA/LANL participation in SF Midtown District Campus project. This is the date of the release of the "finalists" for the Master Developer proposals.

We can stop DOE/NNSA/LANL from being part of this project if we have enough people and comment/participation that opposes their presence. This will affect Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico in a very dramatic manner.

THERE WILL BE WEEKLY EVENTS HENCEFORTH UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS SETTLED IN OUR FAVOR. PLEASE HELP WITH OUTREACH IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.

In Santa Fe contact Lydia Clark, clark4999@msn.com with any questions you may have!