

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

September 11, 2024

Mary Templeton, observer

Present: David Heil (Chair), Michael Meek (Vice Chair), Joshua Jones, Jay Block, Katherine Bruch

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

Affordable Housing

The Commission approved two HUD Continuum of Care agreements that provide \$356,000 in rental assistance.

As background:

LWVNM supports efforts to increase the availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing for moderate and low-income households through actions that include public and private partnerships and grants, developmental agreements, rehabilitation, fee waivers, density bonuses, and an affordable housing trust fund and land bank.

Additional Comments

Public Comment

Five of thirteen speakers expressed gratitude for Commission support of the Mesa Club and Desert Mountain Healing – two organizations that assist people in addiction recovery. Another five speakers presented an alternative US history and asserted that the only functions of government should be punishment and defense against invaders.

Commissioner Discussion

In response to public comment that the Commission has never taken action on a proposal from the public. The Chair then listed several proposals acted upon, including reducing the number of voter drop boxes in the County from seven to two.

Sandoval County Commission Website

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