

# LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

January 10, 2024

Mary Templeton, observer (by video recording)

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

## Description of Issues Relevant to the League

### Transportation

The Commission approved the adoption of the Sandoval County Trails and Pathways Planning Initiative, which would provide signage and phone-based interactive maps of existing trails to help runners, cyclists and train passengers connect to local points of interest without motorized transportation. A 30-mile loop connects the Sandoval County/US 550 Rail Runner station in Bernalillo and the Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space, paralleling highways 313 and 528/448.

***As background***, LWVNM supports improved public access to alternative forms of transportation, such as cycling and walking in lieu of single-occupant vehicles.

## Additional Comments

### Public Comment

Eight of thirteen speakers commented on elections that took place across the country in multiple states during 2020. An additional speaker requested that Sandoval County add a new legal services office to help county residents understand processes and procedures related to their interactions with the County.

### Commissioners Discussion

One commissioner attributed “hundreds of thousands” of US fentanyl deaths to immigrants crossing the southern border over the last three years.

(<https://sandovalcountynm.new.swagit.com/videos/294606> 1:48). He also claimed that big cities are “putting illegals in schools and they’re pulling the kids out of schools.”

### Access to Agenda Documents

Agenda links to supporting documents return “Access Denied.”

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