



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Partners of Visit Albuquerque

**FROM:** Michael Canfield – President/CEO, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center  
Chair, Visit Albuquerque Board Nominating Committee &  
Chair-Elect Visit Albuquerque Board

**DATE:** June 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Visit Albuquerque Board Nominations

As a partner of Visit Albuquerque, I encourage you to actively determine the leadership of this organization by participating in the annual selection of nominees for our Board of Directors. At our Annual Membership Meeting on September 27, 2023, we will elect a slate of nominees for fiscal year 2024.

In compliance with our bylaws, I have named the following to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Two current board directors:

- Cainan Harris - Hospitality/Lodging, Vice President of Operations for Heritage Hotels & Resorts
- Ben Abruzzo – Hospitality/Non-Lodging; Vice President of Operations for Sandia Peak Tramway

Two Visit Albuquerque partners at-large:

- Sean Jariwala – Hospitality/Lodging; Ambica Hospitality
- Kathie Winograd – General Business; Economic FORUM

I will serve as Committee Chair. This group will interview nominees and select a slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting. It also states in our bylaws that nominations will not be taken from the floor.

We encourage you to participate in the following process:

1. Identify partners, including yourself, who you recommend to be considered as Board nominees. Only Visit Albuquerque partners in good standing are eligible to serve on the board. There are four open seats for the FY24 Board from the following industry categories:

- Hospitality/Lodging – one seat
- Hospitality/Non-Lodging - two seats;
- General Business – one seat.

The Hospitality/Lodging, General Business and one of the Hospitality/Non-Lodging seats are held by incumbents who qualify for a second term.

2. Complete the online Nomination Form and attach a résumé for your candidate. When making your nomination, consider those you believe to be a strong representative of the above industry sectors.

Qualifications and Expectations for Board Directors:

- a) Business or organization must be a Visit Albuquerque partner in good standing;
- b) Passionate about Albuquerque, the destination;
- c) The primary decision maker of their company;
- d) Willing to serve on a high-functioning, working Board;
- e) Available for committee assignments, as needed;
- f) Able to attend Visit Albuquerque events;
- g) Available on the fourth Tuesday of every other month for a Board meeting (11:30 am – 1:30 pm) and one annual all-day board retreat;
- h) Desire to work hard toward best possible leadership in the hospitality industry.

If you have questions about the process or want to discuss your interests, or those of others you want to recommend, please contact Alisha Zierden.

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**[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE NOMINATION FORM](#)**

**Or copy and paste the following URL into your browser:**

**<https://forms.gle/UX9yzWo3wfyR92Kq9>**

**FORM DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Visit Albuquerque  
Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023**