

## Canceling March 17 County Council Work Session

March 13, 2020: Message from Council Chair Sara Scott:

By now most of you are aware of the new Stay at Home Instruction issued March 23<sup>rd</sup> by the Secretary of Health Kathy Kunkel which states that New Mexicans “must stay at home and undertake only those outings absolutely necessary for their health, safety or welfare” and further prohibits most gatherings of five or more individuals indoors or outdoors. Los Alamos County Council Chair Sara Scott made the decision earlier today to cancel the upcoming work session scheduled for March 17. In making this decision, she noted that with the emerging situation surrounding COVID-19, it is prudent to exercise caution and support similar efforts to limit the spread of the disease.

“Given that work sessions are not a required meeting according to County Code, unlike stated requirements for twice-monthly regular County Council meetings, it seems appropriate to cancel this specific work session, especially since the limited number of scheduled items can be postponed. At present our County staff are working hard to address COVID-19 concerns while also maintaining our regular, high level of services, and canceling this meeting will allow them more time to do so while also sorting out any personal issues related to the current situation. This cancelation will also allow the organization time to consider best practices for conducting our required regular Council meetings as we continue to work towards limiting the impact of COVID-19 on our community,” said Scott.

The Council’s next regular meeting is currently scheduled for March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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