

Bernalillo County Commissioner
Debbie O'Malley



About the Commissioner:

Commissioner Debbie O'Malley's district includes much of the North Valley, Downtown, the Westside, To'Hajiilee and part of Laguna Pueblo. She brings 30 years of strong, effective public service to the board: First as a neighborhood leader, actively working for redevelopment of her historic, working-class community; and then for nine years as an Albuquerque City councilor, focusing on public safety, workforce housing, neighborhood planning and revitalization. An Albuquerque native, she has lived the economic challenges facing working families. She's committed to developing more safe and secure housing for the chronically homeless, and good-paying jobs for Bernalillo County's working families.

O'Malley has served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Bernalillo County Commission, chair of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, and chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Board.

IN THE COMMUNITY - DISTRICT 1



Amazon Fulfillment Center to Be Built in Atrisco Vista Corridor:

The Bernalillo County Commission approved \$6.5 million to be used for upgrades to roads, lighting and other infrastructure in the Atrisco Vista corridor on the county's West Side near I-40 and Atrisco Vista Boulevard to facilitate the creation of new industry on the West side.

This area is in District 1, and is represented by Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, who sponsored the infrastructure request.

Commissioner O'Malley stated, "This is a significant investment that the county has made to attract commerce

"I'm energized by the opportunity to activate this well-positioned site, which has been under leveraged for far too long."

- Debbie O'Malley

and jobs on the West Side. It begins to address the jobs to housing imbalance that exists today, and can lessen the pressure this imbalance puts on congested river crossings." "Since taking office, I have been

aware of the transportation and zoning challenges to attracting large employers to this corridor and have focused on getting the funding for improvements and for completion of the Atrisco Vista corridor. Since this roadway has been a legislative priority of mine, 500,000 in state money has been secured thanks to the efforts of Rep. Joy Garrett and, most recently, Sen. Sander Rue, and Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham," added O'Malley.

In 2015, commissioners passed a resolution which designated Atrisco Vista a priority corridor for the county and funded an economic feasibility study was

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CARES SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM - UPDATE

The Bernalillo County Economic Development Department has successfully completed its third and final round of the CARES Small Business Grant program. \$6 million was appropriated for this program and hundreds of businesses have received funding to date.

“With the coronavirus (COVID-19) remaining a serious concern, we realize our business community has a continued need for financial assistance during this unprecedented time,” exclaimed County Commission Chair, Lonnie Talbert. “It is important for us to help when we are able, so I am very excited and proud to say we are providing additional funding to help our local business owners recover and rebuild.”

Although the application process is now closed, the City of Albuquerque is about to launch a similar program. The City Council voted Sept. 22, 2020, to appropriate \$10 million from its federal CARES Act funding to support small businesses within Albuquerque city limits. At this time, the program application is not yet available. However, **if you would like to be added to their notification list, please contact Small Business Office Manager, David Sayers, at dsayers@cabq.gov or at 505.768.3730.**

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completed in 2016. In 2019 the Atrisco Vista Alignment Study was completed.

O'Malley noted, “These studies recognized that investment in this corridor has the great potential for attracting good, clean industry to the region.”

The Amazon fulfillment center is expected to be completed in late 2021 and will employ about 1,000 workers. On top of Amazon's \$15 per hour wage, the company also offers full-time employees



benefits which include full medical, vision and dental insurance as well as a 401 (k) with 50% match starting on day one. Other large employers in the area include Tempur-Pedic,

FedEx and Shamrock Farms.

Amazon Spokesperson Lisa Guinn stated, “Amazon is excited to break ground on its first New Mexico fulfillment center in Bernalillo County. The site is anticipated to

launch in late 2021 and will create 1,000 new, full-time jobs with Amazon's minimum \$15 per hour wage, comprehensive benefits starting on day one of employment and opportunities for career growth. We appreciate the strong support from county and state leaders and look forward to continuing to serve customers with great delivery options across the state and region.”

MORE COVID-19 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The ED team has created a comprehensive resource guide with available Federal and State programs to assist businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. To view this document, please [click here](#).