



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Councilors

FROM: Dan Champine, City Council Vice President, Council District 8

SUBJECT: Re-Appointment of Don Harris to the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum Board of Trustee for District 8

DATE: July 31, 2026

Don Harris is interested in continuing to serve on the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum Board of Trustees in the District 8 seat. Mr. Harris' first term expired on July 31, 2026. Pursuant to City of Albuquerque Ordinance § 10-4-1-4, if a member is eligible for reappointment to the Board, the Councilor in whose district the member resides shall notify the Council, and the member shall be reappointed subject to the advice and consent of the Council.

APPOINTEE NAME TERM

Don Harris, July 31, 2028
Albuquerque, NM 87111

While on the Albuquerque City Council, Mr. Harris took a particular interest in the Balloon Fiesta and the issue of landing sites. As the City grows, and vacant land (and therefore landing sites) disappear, our world-class event is under continuous threat from the inertia of urban growth, development, and infill. Mr. Harris believes Balloon Fiesta is critical to the economic future of our City. It is the definitive event which makes the City a world leader in something and draws attention to our City from around the globe.

His interest started in 2007 when the Council purchased the 22 acres on Osuna, and he supported that legislation. In 2019,

Mr. Harris initiated the Balloon Landing Task Force, and he tried to ensure that it would have momentum going forward and not expire through lack of energy and effort.

As a resident of Council District 8, Don Harris will continue to represent the district on the Board, with his second term expiring on July 31, 2028.

Current Membership:	Name	Term Expiration
1	Victor J. Segura	7/31/2027
2	Nora Tocci	7/31/2024
3	Gina L. Montoya	7/31/20/24
4	Ron E. Behrmann	7/31/2027
5	VACANT	
6	Jonathan Wolfe	7/31/2026
7	Janice E. Arnold-Jones	7/31/2026
8	Don F. Harris	7/31/2026
9	Natalie D. Pascoe	7/31/2026
Foundation	Jeremy Rutherford	No Term Limit
At Large	Rodrigo L. Eichwald	7/31/2026
At Large	Jessie L. Hunt	7/31/2028
Ben Abruzzo Family: Ex-Officio	Michael L. Anderson	No Term Limit