I am writing to request your APPROVAL of Item No. 9 on the June 18, 2020, County Commission Agenda which is the Contract with the Sandoval Economic Alliance ("SEA") for economic development services. I believe economic development is the key to continued strength, vitality and growth of our local County economy. If we can have people both working and living in the County, we can grow our gross receipts tax base to provide services for our citizens. Almost everyone shops between where they work and live. Let’s provide jobs in our County so that people do not have to leave our community to work. Economic Development is also good for the environment. The less people traveling from Sandoval County to Albuquerque to work, the less auto pollution, the less traffic and the more blue skies. In addition, as I grow older, I would like my children to find jobs here in New Mexico. It’s fun to be near your children and grandchildren as they grow up. To the extent we can provide good paying, career building jobs in Sandoval County, we can keep our families together here. Although the City of Rio Rancho has decided not to support SEA, the City’s decision actually increases the need for continued commitment from the County to achieve the goals the County and the City articulated six years ago when they began SEA. Please vote for APPROVAL. Thank you. Matt Spangler