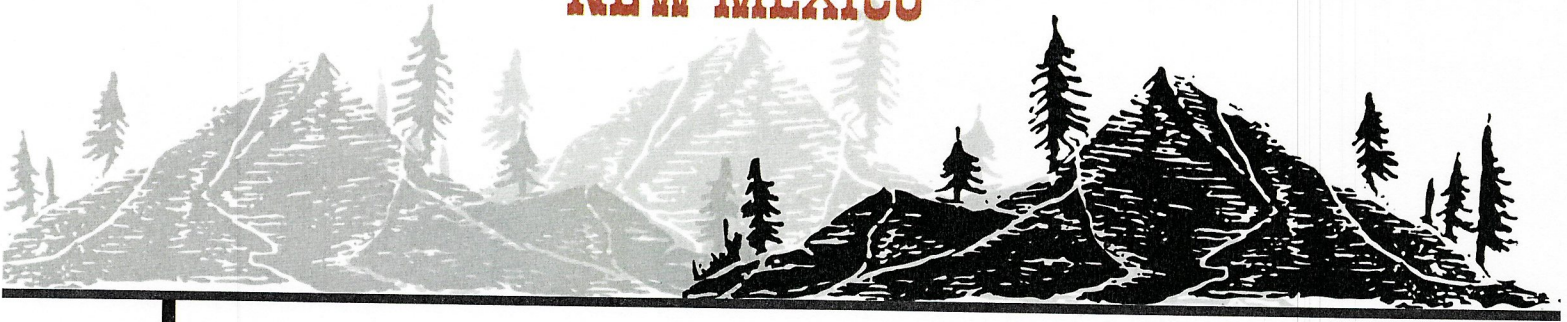


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March 7, 2024

From the Office of the Mayor

Good Afternoon, Village of Cloudcroft Residents,

I want to address a matter that is circulating throughout the Village regarding Chief Testa and the Cloudcroft Police Department.

You may have received an anonymous flyer in your post office box yesterday with several statements about the Village Council and concerns about the future of the Cloudcroft Police Department.

One thing I want to clarify is despite the rumors and now this anonymous flyer, the Village Trustees and I completely support the Cloudcroft Police Department and in no way are considering or taking measures to eliminate our local police department and transfer safety and responsibilities to Otero County Sheriff's Department.

During our January 23rd, 2024, Regular Council meeting, our Village Council did not reject the possibility of raises - rather, they said they would deliberate at the upcoming budget retreat in April.

Again, I completely support Chief Testa and the Cloudcroft Police Department, however I do not support the way this narrative is being pushed out to our community.

Please remain patient and respectful, while permitting the discussions on pay increases for Cloudcroft Police Department and other Village positions to take place during the budget retreat in April which will be open to the community. If you have questions, please contact me directly.

Kind Regards,

Mayor Turner