

# Fight for Us. Be Fair

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This article provides updates on police hiring developments and coverage of recent council meetings in Cloudcroft village government.

## Police Hiring Update

The Cloudcroft Reader asked questions about staff turnover and the hiring process, specifically inquiring about whether council members met or interviewed candidates for police positions.

Trustee Maynard and Trustee Foster both stated they did not interview the candidates directly.

The interview panel that was set up included: Mr. Mondragon (an ex-chief of police), Darren Hooker (a Counselor from Ruidoso who is also an ex-chief of police), Robin Cook from the high school or elementary school, and Officer Mitchell from the Otero County Sheriff's Office.

This group interviewed both the current chief and one of the candidates, and unanimously suggested the police chief be hired.

## Council Meeting Coverage

The article also covers developments from recent council meetings, addressing ongoing challenges in village administration including staff retention and competitive wages, budget management with limited resources, and transparency in hiring and decision-making processes.

The title "Fight for Us. Be Fair" reflects community sentiment about the need for equitable treatment and strong advocacy from village leadership during a period of significant transition.

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