



## *Mission Statement*

*Doña Ana County government enhances the health, safety, and quality of life for all residents as determined by law and community interests. Services are provided through innovative leadership and teamwork in a fair, respectful and professional manner.*

## **Doña Ana County's Seven Guiding Principles**

**Functions of Government:** Elected officials, managers, employees, and volunteers work together and with other entities in a spirit of mutual respect and public service to carry out the functions of county government in a manner that is courteous, efficient, transparent, accountable, engaged, and responsive to public input.

**Area Development:** Throughout Doña Ana County – from the smallest colonia to the City of Las Cruces – development will be proactively managed so that land use, transportation, utilities, affordable housing, and public facilities are fully integrated, mutually supportive, and respectful of the unique qualities of each community.

**Health Care and Medical Services:** All people living in Doña Ana County will have access to affordable health care and medical services that focus on emergencies, preventive strategies, and eliminating injury and disease that lead to premature death and disability.

**Economic Development:** Economic development will be supported in all areas of the county and for all segments of the population so that communities throughout the county are viable, a diversified growth strategy is maintained, and every resident can find work that supports a good standard of living.

**Public Safety:** Doña Ana County will be known as a safe place for residents, workers and visitors based on the effective reduction of serious crimes, risk of fire, and harm from environmental hazards – both natural and man-made.

**Infrastructure:** Roads, utilities, flood control structures, public facilities, and other infrastructure systems will be planned, built, and maintained to address critical needs, and maximize economic viability for government entities, taxpayers, and businesses.

**Community-oriented Values:** Life in Doña Ana County will be enhanced by broad-based support for community-oriented values, such as: the arts and life-long learning, a wide range of recreational opportunities, humane treatment of animals, compassionate care for those in need, conservation of the area's natural environment, respect for diversity and protection of human rights, and celebration of our multi-cultural heritage