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Patrick Vanderpool is the Executive Director of the Greater Tucumcari Economic Development Corporation.

Patrick began his career in rural economic development in Torrance County in 1989, and subsequently served as Executive Director of the Raton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. While there he was appointed by Governor Bruce King as a member of New Mexico's team participating in the National Governor's Association Rural Academy. From Raton he went on to serve as Executive Director of the New Mexico Rural Development Response Council and Director of the Community Development programs within the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

Patrick is a Certified Economic Developer and Chair of the International Economic Development Council's education and certification committee. He was recognized as a Fellow Member of the Council by the Board of Directors in 2019. He has also received the designation as an Economic Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council. Patrick currently serves as the Chair of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Advisory Board, and as President of the Northeast New Mexico Economic Development Organization (NEEDO-NM) serving nine counties in NE NM. Patrick is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership, the entity responsible for business attraction for the State of New Mexico. He is a board member and faculty member of New Mexico's Basic Economic Development Course, and is a workforce specialist on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.

Patrick is a Past President of the New Mexico Rural Alliance, (twenty year sponsor of the New Mexico Rural Development Forum), a Past President of the Eastern New Mexico Economic Development Alliance, a Past President of NMIDEA, (the New Mexico economic development executives association), and is a former member of the Executive Board of Class 4 Winds and Renewables. He is an Emeritus Member of the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program, a service of Sandia and Los Alamos National Labs.

Following his tenure with the New Mexico Rural Development Response Council, he joined the staff for Senator Pete Domenici where he spearheaded the Senator's "Rural Payday" initiative in helping to market New Mexico's smaller cities and towns to business and industry. Patrick left the Senator's office to serve as Executive Director of TechConex, a workforce development nonprofit based in Albuquerque. In 2005 he became Executive Director of the Pampa, TX, Chamber of Commerce, and in 2007 he returned to New Mexico to take the reins at the Greater Tucumcari EDC.

Patrick is a Past President of the Tucumcari and Moriarty Rotary Clubs. He currently serves as Secretary of the Tucumcari club.