

Land Grant Interim Committee Presentation

TOWN OF TOMÉ LAND

LA MERCED DEL PUEBLO DE TOMÉ

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Historic Tomé Jail and Casita





- The Town of /Tomé Land Grant was founded in 1739, making it one of the oldest land grants in New Mexico. It was founded by 29 families that left Albuquerque. The descendants of these families still live in Tomé and the surrounding areas. We are a land based people who farm and ranch lands that have been owned by families for centuries.





- The Town of Tomé Land Grant and the Town of Tomé wish to remain a rural community focused on traditional ways of life including farming, ranching, and gardening, while being dedicated to community service. The land grant hosts Farmer's Markets, Crafts Fairs, Yard sales and community events. Our center is used by community members for baby showers, birthday parties, baptisms, weddings, funerals etc. at a very low cost.

- In an attempt to remain a rural community, the land grant has begun to purchase properties that will remain in agricultural uses. We have completed a purchase of 7.44 acres and are currently in talks with the owner, to purchase another 7.2 acres. We also purchased a prime lot on the corner of Hwy 47 and Church loop, that will remain vacant and used for parking for church functions and the annual Tomé Hill pilgrimage. These purchases are being funded by Capital Outlay dollars.

- We also own Tomé Hill, which is open to all 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



• Our Future:

- Continue purchasing properties to preserve the agricultural nature of Tomé.
- Continue with community events that bring a sense of community to the area, which would make use of our jail site and community center.
- Provide space for a community garden.
- Enlarge our current wood distribution program.
- Provide classes on traditional and cultural themes, Spanish language, art, music etc.
- Add solar power, and refrigerated air to our community center.
- Build a Gazebo at the community center to allow for more out-door activities.
- Continue to provide scholarships to community members.