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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-45

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SANTA FE’S PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 57TH LEGISLATURE – STATE OF NEW MEXICO – FIRST SESSION, 2025.

WHEREAS, the 60-day Legislative Session (“Legislative Session”) of the 2025 New Mexico State Legislature (“Legislature”) begins on January 21, 2025, and ends on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish City of Santa Fe (“City”) legislative priorities to be considered by the City’s legislative delegation and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body’s legislative priorities include City-wide capital outlay priorities, statutory priorities, general fund priorities, City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be pursued during the Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby adopts priorities for the Legislative Session, consistent with Resolution No. 2024-28 (adopting the City’s Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for 2026-2030) and as specified below.

1 1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with homelessness and housing,
2 the City requests funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 for permanent and transitional housing to end
3 veteran, youth, and chronic homelessness;

4 2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with water and wastewater, the
5 City requests funding in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the replacement Paseo Real Wastewater
6 Reclamation Facility;

7 3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with roads and transportation,
8 the City requests funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Arroyo De Los Chamisos/Richards
9 Avenue project.

10 4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with airports, regional
11 transportation and economic development, the City requests funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for
12 the Santa Fe Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II.

13 5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with economic development,
14 affordable housing, and urban redevelopment, the City requests funding in the amount of \$5,000,000
15 for the Midtown Redevelopment Infrastructure Improvements.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-12
17 (establishing next steps for the Midtown Property), the Governing Body requests the Legislature enact
18 a Joint Resolution ratifying and approving the transfer of one or more tracts of City-owned real property
19 to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety in trade and exchange for the transfer of
20 multiple tracts of State-owned real property to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Midtown
21 Redevelopment Project.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that funds the
23 New Mexico Department of Transportation for safety and multimodal improvements and pavement
24 rehabilitation of New Mexico 475 (being Hyde Park Road) and Cerrillos Road Phase III Construction.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that enhances

1 the Downtown Improvement District of Santa Fe including such items as revised streetscapes, improved
2 signage, placemaking, Americans with Disabilities Act considerations, and litter collection.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
4 Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation
5 designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
7 endorsement of legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs that
8 support recycling market development.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
10 City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide
11 infrastructure for consideration by the Legislature during the Legislative Session:

12 1. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 1, \$1,000,000** to
13 construct a replacement Santa Fe River Pedestrian Bridge at Shelby St.

14 2. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 2, \$1,000,000** for
15 the Ragle Park Baseball Field Upgrades.

16 3. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 3, \$1,000,000** for
17 the Municipal Recreation Complex Irrigation System Upgrades to conserve water and steward turf.

18 4. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 4, \$1,000,000** for
19 Rufina Street & Lopez Lane Intersection Improvements.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, consistent with Resolution No. 2023-32, the Governing
21 Body hereby establishes the following capital outlay legislative funding priority for any initiative
22 associated with public safety: **\$1,150,000** to plan, design, and construct much needed renovations of
23 the Municipal Court building including adding security measures.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
25 that expressly provides that legislative appropriations are not subject to extra-statutory limitations.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation to place a
2 constitutional referendum on the ballot to permit municipalities and counties to restrict firearms to the
3 extent constitutionally permissible, while continuing to disallow municipalities and counties from
4 regulating firearms in a manner that is less restrictive than the State.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses the
6 following firearms legislation:

- 7 1. Creation of a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention;
- 8 2. Funding for regional and/or local collaboration to address youth gun violence;
- 9 3. Raising the age of purchase for certain rifles;
- 10 4. Placing a ban on assault-style weapons;
- 11 5. Creating mandatory minimum sentencing for illegal firearms trafficking; and
- 12 6. Enhancing the penalty for the illegal possession of a firearm during any crime, including
13 during the illegal sale of drugs;
- 14 7. Updating the Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Act, or “Red Flag” statute, to allow
15 law enforcement to act as a petitioner.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports continued funding for the
17 Violence Intervention Program fund, including money for operational capacity.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding for
19 interventions and responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, including the
20 expansion of a coordinated, comprehensive approach that benefits both the survivor and the perpetrator.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
22 endorsement of the establishment of the Santa Fe County Detox Center that would serve the residents
23 of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-47
25 (supporting state and federal legislation protecting the right to a safe abortion), the Governing Body

1 endorses legislation that supports reproductive rights and that would codify the right to safe abortion
2 into law.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with initiatives such as what is contained
4 in Resolution No. 2024-29, the Governing Body supports the rights of the LGBTQIA+ population such
5 that every individual, regardless of the individual’s reproductive choices, sexual orientation, or gender
6 identity, can live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and prejudice and supports
7 legislation that preserves and protects the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
9 and allocation of funding designed to interrupt intergenerational cycles of poverty, such as
10 appropriations for operations of a state-wide pilot program that provides a monthly, guaranteed income.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding
12 mental health and behavioral health programs focused on addressing the needs of residents and
13 individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction, including the expansion
14 or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that treatment.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports
16 meaningful partnerships between State, county, and municipal governmental agencies to address
17 fentanyl as a health crisis by removing barriers to services for those struggling with addiction, and
18 supporting the coordination of response efforts, and funding such initiatives.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent MOA No. 2020-0629, the Governing
20 Body supports legislation dedicated to the City and Santa Fe County partnership program,
21 “CONNECT,” defined by the City and County as “a network of navigators at clinics, community
22 organizations, and city and county programs,” which has successfully connected approximately ten
23 thousand (10,000) Santa Fe County residents with resources such as housing, food, transportation,
24 childcare, and other essential needs.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation and funding

1 that supports the rights of the disability community, that advances disability access in public spaces,
2 and that allows for individuals to live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and
3 prejudice.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that improves
5 and affirms the City’s multicultural initiatives and programs, including but not limited to Mariachi
6 Competitions, Spanish-Language Music Festivals, Powwow Grounds, Spanish-Language literary
7 festivals, Sister City Student Exchange programs, , culture-specific TED Talks, and that uplifts the
8 pride and acknowledgement of the City’s diverse history, specifically as it relates to associated
9 community development.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
11 endorsement of legislation that supports the development and construction of affordable and workforce
12 housing to decrease and/or subsidize the cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
14 that increases housing availability, including transitional housing options tailored to the individual’s
15 needs, and expands available social services for homeless families and individuals, including those who
16 are chronically homeless, veterans experiencing homelessness, and young people experiencing
17 homelessness, as well as those living in outdoor unsupervised encampments.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
19 endorsement of legislation that slows down the timeline for eviction, connects tenants to rental
20 assistance resources, and improves opportunities for mediation between renters and landlords.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52 (affirming
22 the partnership of the City and Santa Fe County to develop strategies to end homelessness), the
23 Governing Body supports and endorses appropriations for the expansion of program staff that supports
24 the goals of housing preservation and homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, building housing
25 units, individual housing vouchers, project-based housing vouchers, supportive services, and system

1 infrastructure;

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses
3 appropriations for mental health and behavioral health programs, including the development of the
4 Santa Fe County’s Youth Behavioral Health Center and the La Salla Center, focused on addressing the
5 needs of residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction,
6 including the expansion or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that
7 treatment.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
9 endorsement of legislation that replenishes and seeks a recurring funding source to support New Mexico
10 Mortgage Finance Authority’s Housing Trust Fund.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
12 promoting the facilitation of community efforts to address the cleanup of trash, litter, and weeds which
13 may include methods such as using compost and chipping, with a specific emphasis on elevating the
14 quality of the City’s roadways, rights of way, medians, arroyos, open spaces, trails, and parks.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports the creation of and funding
16 for a state-wide litter prevention and reduction program through messaging, marketing, advertising,
17 and communications, such as public service announcements or new campaigns that will encourage all
18 New Mexicans, as well as Santa Feans, to stop putting trash, litter, or other throw-away items into the
19 streets, roadways, highways, freeways, parks, and other public spaces across the state.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
21 or appropriations to improve the environment, enhance the quality of the City’s public spaces, and
22 achieve its sustainability goals, including but not limited to funding for projects and programs that
23 support water conservation, erosion control, tree planting, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and public
24 art.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Governing Body re-affirms its support for and

1 endorsement of legislation that establishes an “extended producer responsibility” program that requires
2 manufacturers and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout its life
3 cycle, from creation to disposal, and/or re-use.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
5 endorsement of legislation that advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City, including
6 renewable energy generation and storage, building electrification, public transportation and complete
7 streets, carbon neutrality or net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, as well as continued support for
8 implementation of the Community Solar Act and funding for watershed restoration and forest fire
9 mitigation.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
11 endorsement of legislation that would expand the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-2-2(J),
12 to include an express option for local governments to opt-in to an emissions inspections program.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
14 that funds the New Mexico Climate Investment Center to combat climate change that would increase
15 green infrastructure development, energy conservation and sustainability measures, and access to
16 funding for green energy investments for assisting lower-income individuals and families, rural
17 communities, and pueblos.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing body supports continued analysis and
19 study of how to improve emergency response, preparation, and management strategies for addressing
20 environmental and radiological emergencies, which could include climate change adaptation strategies
21 and improvement to and development of emergency management infrastructure.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports appropriations to New
23 Mexico’s Department of Cultural Affairs in support of the expansion of local library programming for
24 local communities.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and

1 endorsement of legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education, with an emphasis
2 on the following initiatives: infant and toddler care; capital improvements for center-based and in-home
3 care; stipend-based training opportunities for the family, friends, and neighbor network (FFN); and
4 investment in pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare educator
5 pipeline.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports
7 childcare as a guaranteed, basic right for families.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation for early
9 childcare apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, including expansion of the workforce to run
10 such programs.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City continues to support statewide paid sick leave
12 legislation, as described in the City's Resolution No. 2021-11, unanimously passed by the members of
13 the Governing Body in 2021.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation for Paid
15 Family and Medical Leave in support of providing care for new children and/or ill family members.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges the legislature to address the
17 underfunding of the Public Employees Retirement Association pension plans.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
19 endorsement of legislation that would increase funding for the New Mexico Tourism Department for
20 use in advertising, a state-wide co-op grant program, and expansion of its advertising scope to include
21 new markets with strong potential for travel to the state.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City's lobbyist to oppose
23 legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be detrimental to the City.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
25 Legislature ensure that hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or

1 further reduced and returned to their original schedule; ensure that any tax reform continues to hold
2 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
3 tax on food and medical; and that protects local governments' annual revenues if the Legislature enacts
4 legislation modifying State gross receipts tax deductions and exemptions.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
6 that expands the permitted uses of existing lodgers' tax or creates an additional lodgers' tax, to defray
7 the cost of providing affordable housing, permanent supportive housing and addressing the needs of
8 low-income people by providing wraparound services such as childcare and/or that leverages federal
9 funding for affordable housing.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
11 endorsement of legislation that would eliminate the three percent (3%) cap on annual property tax
12 increases on residences that are not owner-occupied as the owner's principal place of residence.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
14 endorsement of legislation during the Legislative Session that would allow for a New Mexico Public
15 Bank owned by and for the people of New Mexico that would direct the State's investment decisions
16 to support and diversify the economy including achieving goals in education, eco-tourism, food
17 security, solar energy installations, broadband expansion, health clinic upgrades, and clean energy
18 infrastructure projects, by keeping New Mexico's money in New Mexico.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
20 that increases the likelihood of local governments recruiting, retaining, promoting, and housing first
21 responders and Alternative Response Unit case workers and behavioral health employees in the
22 communities in which they serve to improve public safety and enhance emergency response capacity.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
24 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the City's "Alternative Response Unit",
25 which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department and with case

1 managers under the supervision of a licensed Clinical Social Worker to redirect persons who are
2 experiencing non-violent mental health episodes, public intoxication, and/or who may be suspected of
3 involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes, to alternative, community-based services in lieu of
4 prosecution or jail.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the New Mexico Supreme Court adopts the proposed case
6 management order for the First Judicial district, then the State will allocate funding to the impacted
7 criminal justice agencies, including law enforcement, to ensure sufficient funding to allow them to
8 comply with the order.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that creates a
10 major entertainment venue in Santa Fe for sports, concerts, and music festivals throughout the state,
11 specifically as it relates to associated economic development.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
13 endorsement of legislation that improves broadband infrastructure throughout the state, specifically as
14 it relates to associated community and economic development.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
16 Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing to permit business owners to
17 operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities, provided business owners comply with local land use
18 and safety requirements.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that improves
20 small business diversity throughout the state, specifically as it relates to increased tourism and
21 associated economic development.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that supports
23 mixed-use manufacturing with associated workforce housing, community convenience amenities,
24 walkability, and sustainability, such as the El Lucero Development, specifically as small business
25 manufacturing relates to associated community and economic development.

1 ATTEST:

2 *Andrea Salazar*
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4 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

6 *Erin McSherry*
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8 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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1 *Legislation/2024/Resolutions/2024-45(R)/Legislative Priorities 2025*