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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

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 any legislation that

1 enhances the Downtown Improvement District of Santa Fe including such items as revised streetscapes,
2 improved 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 any legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs
8 that 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 any
25 legislation that expressly provides that legislative appropriations are not subject to extra-statutory

1 limitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-47

1 (supporting state and federal legislation protecting the right to a safe abortion), the Governing Body
2 endorses any legislation that supports reproductive rights and that would codify the right to safe
3 abortion into law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
24 endorsement of any legislation that establishes an “extended producer responsibility” program that
25 requires manufacturers and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout

1 its life cycle, from creation to disposal, and/or re-use.

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

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

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

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

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

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
24 endorsement of any legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education, with an
25 emphasis on the following initiatives: infant and toddler care; capital improvements for center-based

1 and in-home care; stipend-based training opportunities for the family, friends, and neighbor network
2 (FFN); and investment in pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare
3 educator pipeline.

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

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

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

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

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

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to oppose
19 any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be detrimental to the City.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
21 Legislature ensure that hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or
22 further reduced and returned to their original schedule; ensure that any tax reform continues to hold
23 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
24 tax on food and medical; and that protects local governments’ annual revenues if the Legislature enacts
25 legislation modifying State gross receipts tax deductions and exemptions.

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

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

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

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

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
21 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the City’s “Alternative Response Unit”,
22 which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department and with case
23 managers under the supervision of a licensed Clinical Social Worker to redirect persons who are
24 experiencing non-violent mental health episodes, public intoxication, and/or who may be suspected of
25 involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes, to alternative, community-based services in lieu of

1 prosecution or jail.

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

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislature should adopt interpretive language
7 regarding the terms “dangerousness” and “safety” with respect to Article II, Section 13 of the New
8 Mexico State Constitution, disallowing a narrow reading of those terms.

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 any legislation that improves broadband infrastructure throughout the state, specifically
14 as 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 any legislation that
20 improves small business diversity throughout the state, specifically as it relates to increased tourism
21 and associated economic development.

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

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that increases
2 economic mobility efforts, specifically as these efforts relate to community and economic development.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that promotes
4 equity and entrepreneurship for the City’s Hispanic Spanish-language speaking and immigrant
5 entrepreneur communities and provides increased diversity in the City’s efforts for resilient economic
6 development.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to work
8 with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of any Municipal League 2025 Legislative Priority
9 from which the City would benefit from the passage of such initiative.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to make
11 any capital outlay project directly or indirectly included in the City ICIP Priority List a priority.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to work
13 to advance any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be beneficial to the
14 City.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent
16 of the Governing Body as to 2025 legislative priorities, other timely priorities may be approved by the
17 Governing Body, incorporated into the City’s legislative agenda, and forwarded to the City’s lobbying
18 team for action.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this
20 Resolution to the City’s lobbyist, the City’s legislative delegation, and the Governor of New Mexico.

21 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2024.

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25 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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4 GERALYN F. CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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8 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2024/Resolutions/Legislative Priorities 2025*