

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4  
5 Mayor Alan Webber

6 Councilor Jamie Cassutt

7 Councilor Michael Garcia

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ACCEPTING A DONATION FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW**  
12 **CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER FIELD AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND**  
13 **DIRECTING NEXT STEPS UPON RECEIPT OF THE DONATION.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) adopted Resolution No. 2013-90, supporting  
16 the collaboration between City staff and regional soccer leagues to identify improvements to the  
17 Municipal Recreation Complex (“MRC”) and directing staff to explore funding mechanisms for  
18 such improvements and construction; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted the “MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan” in September  
20 2015; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City successfully completed improvements to the MRC Soccer Complex  
22 (“Soccer Valley”) in the spring of 2022, including the installation of lighting on existing fields,  
23 thereby increasing available playtime and usability of Soccer Valley; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City prioritized the “MRC Soccer Valley Expansion” in its 2026-30  
25 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, adopted in Resolution No. 2024-28, which includes the

1 design and construction of additional facilities at the Soccer Valley; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan includes four new fields with lights,  
3 including a “championship” field with dimensions defined by Federation International de Football  
4 Association (FIFA) standards, and associated amenities and facilities, to be built on currently  
5 undeveloped City-owned property at the west side of Soccer Valley; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Northern Soccer Club (“Northern”) has expressed its intent to donate two  
7 million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) (the “Donation”) to the City, specifically  
8 to fund the construction of the championship field, along with associated amenities and facilities  
9 and infrastructure directly supporting the field, including, but not limited to, lights, bleachers, a  
10 scoreboard, parking, fencing, restrooms, and storage (the “Limited Purpose”); and

11           **WHEREAS**, Northern has announced it has an anonymous donor willing to make the  
12 Donation; and

13           **WHEREAS**, according to Northern, the donor stipulates that the City match the Donation  
14 with two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000), also dedicated to expanding  
15 Soccer Valley; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the cost estimate for the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion is approximately  
17 twelve million dollars (\$12 million); and

18           **WHEREAS**, the Limited Purpose is a portion of the total scope of the MRC Soccer Valley  
19 Expansion; and

20           **WHEREAS**, in 2024 the state of New Mexico appropriated three million four hundred  
21 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$3,425,000) for the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion project (“State  
22 Appropriation”); and

23           **WHEREAS**, the City continues to support the team-sport community, including Northern,  
24 through ongoing projects, such as developing new fields at SWAN Park and replacing fields at  
25 Salvador Perez Park and improving facilities at Soccer Valley will further expand the City’s

1 support; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the City desires to accept the Donation for the Limited Purpose and to  
3 dedicate a portion of the State Appropriation as the matching amount dedicated to the Limited  
4 Purpose.

5           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
6 **CITY OF SANTA FE THAT**

- 7           1. The City may accept the Donation for the Limited Purpose;
- 8           2. A portion of the State Appropriation equal to the Donation shall be used as matching  
9           funds for the Donation; and
- 10          3. Upon receipt of the Donation, the City Manager shall
  - 11           a. provide Northern with a written acknowledgement of the receipt of the Donation,  
12           specifying the amount receipt, and acknowledging the Donation is subject to the terms  
13           of this resolution; and
  - 14           b. assemble the appropriate City staff to identify additional capital improvement  
15           funds for the portions of the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion that are not included in  
16           the Limited Purpose and to commence the design for the Limited Purpose, following  
17           standard City procedures.

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City staff shall consider input from stakeholders,  
19 including Northern, to assess the costs and benefits of championship field design elements such as  
20 natural turf versus artificial turf.

21           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall present recommended design  
22 and associated budget adjustment for the championship field to the Governing Body for approval.

23           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall return any portion of the Donation that  
24 is unspent on the Limited Purpose to Northern.

25           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body welcomes proposed names for

1 the new championship field from Northern for consideration as a proposal by one or more members  
2 of the Governing Body in a resolution in accordance with Resolution No. 2010-19.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

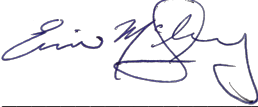
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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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*Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Accepting Donation from Northern Soccer Club*