

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Alma Castro

6 Councilor Signe Lindell

7 Councilor Michael Garcia

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **AMENDING THE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE’S PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP.**

12 **WHEREAS**, on January 13, 1999, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 1999-6
13 declaring a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of a person’s national origin and appointing
14 an immigration taskforce; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2002, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2002-3,
16 which renamed the Immigration Taskforce the “Immigration Committee”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on October 9, 2002, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2002-58,
18 which decreased the number of members on the Immigration Committee from fifteen to nine
19 members; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2014, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2014-82,
21 declaring its “continuous” support for immigrant issues in Santa Fe, the state of New Mexico, and
22 throughout the United States; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body continues to support the policy of non-discrimination
24 established by Resolution No. 1999-6; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City’s Charter, Article II, Section 2.02, “Human and Civil Rights”, states

1 that the City holds human and civil rights as inviolate and states that these rights “shall not be
2 diminished or otherwise infringed” regardless of “ethnicity, race, age, religion, creed, color,
3 national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical
4 condition or citizenship status”; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the purposes and membership of the Immigration Committee have not
6 changed since the Governing Body’s resolution in 2002; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to amend the Committee’s purposes and
8 membership as is shown below:

9 Section 1. NAME: The committee shall be called the Immigration Committee.

10 Section 2. PURPOSE: ~~[The committee shall monitor the human rights status of~~
11 ~~non-citizens residing in the city of Santa Fe and report its findings and recommendations to the~~
12 ~~governing body]~~ The purpose of the Immigration Committee is to advise the City about policies
13 and actions that would preserve and promote humane treatment and equal protection for immigrants
14 and immigrant populations in Santa Fe consistent with the City’s Charter, Section 2.02 “Human
15 and civil rights”.

16 Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The committee shall ~~[meet as~~
17 ~~necessary to accomplish its purpose and shall follow adopted city policy and procedures]~~ perform
18 the following duties and responsibilities:

19 (a) Monitor the human rights status of immigrant populations residing in the city of Santa
20 Fe.

21 (b) Advise the City regarding policies, programs, and legislation as they relate to
22 immigrants and immigrant populations in Santa Fe.

23 (c) Collaborate with other agencies and/or groups, such as, but not limited to,
24 county/state/federal agencies, labor organizations, religious groups, healthcare and
25 educational institutions, and non-profits., to respond to share resources and

1 information with one another and with the community, and participate in any
2 other collaborative activities, as are consistent with the purpose of the
3 committee, as needed, to support the purposes of the committee.

4 Section 4. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS: The committee [~~membership~~]
5 shall consist of a City councilor, who shall also serve as its chair, along with nine
6 representatives residing in the county of Santa Fe and selected from the following areas:
7 human rights, social services, business community, health care, labor organizations,
8 religious community, youth services providers, women’s advocacy groups, educators, and
9 legal services. More than one member may represent one of the areas and one member may
10 represent multiple areas. Not all areas need to be represented. The members shall be
11 appointed by the mayor with the [~~approval~~] consent of the governing body. The
12 [~~chairperson shall be appointed by the mayor and the~~] committee shall designate the vice-
13 chairperson [~~shall be designated by the committee~~].

14 Section 5. TERMS: The members shall serve for a period of two years. The
15 committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and may be removed at any time, with
16 or without cause.

17 Section 6. STAFF LIAISON: The city manager shall designate [~~the intercultural~~
18 ~~affairs planner~~] a staff member from the Office of Equity and Inclusion or other city staff member
19 as liaison to the committee.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the amended rules and procedures shall read as follows:

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24 City about policies and actions that would preserve and promote humane treatment and equal
25 protection for immigrants and immigrant populations in Santa Fe consistent with the City’s Charter,

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1 the Office of Equity and Inclusion or other city staff member as staff liaison to the committee.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the committee shall continue to follow the City's
3 procedural rules for Committees in carrying out its duties.

4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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8 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR
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10 ATTEST:

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13 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY
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25 *Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Amending Immigration Committee*