

1 force; and

2 **WHEREAS**, youth who are not in school and are without a high school diploma or
3 equivalent are twice as likely to not be working (57%) versus those who are high school graduates
4 (26%); and

5 **WHEREAS**, nearly 1 in 6 youth ages 16-24 in Santa Fe are disconnected from school and
6 work; and

7 **WHEREAS**, many experts believe, and teens have indicated, that a dedicated Youth
8 Resource Center in Santa Fe will reengage disconnected youth, provide an environment for youth to
9 receive essential needs and opportunities for life skill development, recreational activities and
10 healthy nutrition, all of which will work toward decreasing drug and gang-related crime, increase
11 graduation rates, and provide opportunities for a better skilled job force; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Teen Center 2019 (TC19), a group of youth advocates, is committed to
13 collaborating with the City of Santa Fe and the community at large, including businesses and
14 nonprofit organizations, to create a world class teen resource center in Santa Fe; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Quality of Life Steering Committee, comprised/made up of community
16 organizers, is also committed to collaborating with the City of Santa Fe and the community at large,
17 including businesses and nonprofit organizations, to create a world class teen resource center in
18 Santa Fe; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 2015-37 identified Zona del Sol as the site to develop and
20 implement a teen resource center; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe funded CIP Project 536, where a Development Plan for
22 Zona del Sol was created but never adopted; and

23 **WHEREAS**, with the current financial situation the City of Santa Fe is facing, the Teen
24 Resource Center Pilot Program shall be developed and implemented within the City's own Carlos
25 Ortega Teen Center; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the program at the Carlos Ortega Teen Center shall then be replicated, in
2 partnership with private and public agencies, at the city's Zona del Sol property with a target date of
3 2019; and

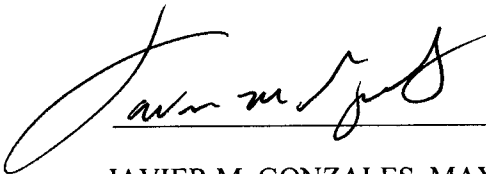
4 **WHEREAS**, as part of the design of the Teen Resource Center, staff will need to ensure that
5 transportation is within the framework as it continues to be identified by youth and their caregivers
6 as a barrier; and

7 **WHEREAS**, staff shall incorporate the criteria specified with Resolution 2015-37, as the
8 framework for a successful teen resource center.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
10 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to design in partnership with private partners, a pilot
11 Teen Resources Center at the Carlos Ortega Teen Center that would benefit the youth of Santa Fe
12 and the community at large.

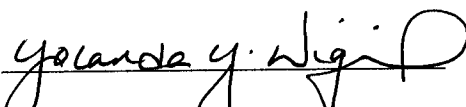
13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to formulate, and bring forward for
14 adoption, a Development Plan for the Zona del Sol Property in accordance with the Lease
15 Agreement of the property adopted in April 2015 and, to consult, plan and work together in good
16 faith with the city's Lessee in the formulation of the Development Plan, in order that a Teen
17 Resource Center be established at the approved Zona del Sol property by 2019.

18 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2016.

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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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