

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Chris Rivera

6 Councilor Renee Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **UPDATING THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 2020-29 TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF**
12 **THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY TASK FORCE THROUGH THE END OF**
13 **CALENDAR YEAR 2021, ALLOW ADDITIONAL TASK FORCE MEMBERS, CHANGE**
14 **THE TASK FORCE COMPOSITION, EXEMPT THE TASK FORCE FROM CERTAIN**
15 **OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER CHANGES AS NECESSARY.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes inequity in force and violence as an issue of concern to
18 members of Santa Fe’s communities that impacts the safety, public health, and quality of life of the
19 City’s residents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City’s residents and leadership are still in broad agreement about the need
21 for thoughtful and inclusive self-examination of the ways in which traditional approaches toward
22 public safety have been provided, acknowledging the call for racial and social justice, recognizing
23 the historical and current injustices that lead to violence and inequities in communities of color;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Open Meetings Act (“OMA”) governs “policymaking

1 bodies” but not advisory bodies making recommendations to policymaking bodies; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2020-29 established the Community Health and Safety Task
3 Force (“Task Force”); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Committee Rules and Procedures require all committees
5 appointed by the Governing Body to adhere to the OMA; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force convened on several occasions and many members of the
7 Task Force and those participating in the conversations felt uncomfortable discussing deeply
8 personal issues in a public setting; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force wishes to reserve the right to decide who among their
10 members they prefer to serve as chair(s) of the Task Force; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force has discussed the possible need for additional members in
12 order to complete the work required of the Task Force; and

13 **WHEREAS**, exempting the Task Force from the public meetings and communications
14 requirements of OMA may allow the Task Force to better gather information and provide more
15 informed recommendations to the Governing Body.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the terms governing the Community Health and Safety (“CHS”) Task
18 Force are hereby amended as follows:

19 **Section 1. PURPOSE:** the purpose of the CHS Task Force is to examine ways in
20 which the City’s community health and safety services can work together as complementary parts
21 of an overall strategy for the benefit of public health and safety of all residents of Santa Fe.

22 **Section 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The CHS Task Force shall
23 accomplish the following tasks:

24 A. Assess SFPD’s and SFFD’s internal operations, policies, procedures and
25 practices, with attention to data-informed local and national research. Some aspects that may be

1 assessed, depending on the task force identified priorities, include, but are not limited to:
2 examining SFPD's use of force policies, professional standards and ethics, officer and department
3 trainings, equipment and weapons, staffing, workloads, calls for service, 9-1-1 call handling and
4 dispatch services, among other matters;

5 B. Assess ways the SFPD and SFFD can connect with all facets of the community to
6 provide safety and offer services while engendering trust and mutual respect;

7 C. Assess the ways the SFFD, Emergency Management, Community Services, and
8 the SFPD can provide mutual support in achieving their shared missions to keep the residents of
9 Santa Fe healthy and safe;

10 D. Examine City programs, such as MIHO, THRIVE, CONNECT and others to find
11 existing initiatives that can be building blocks for future cross-department collaboration;

12 E. Explore types of calls for service that could be better handled or responded to by
13 human service or social science field professionals;

14 F. Provide an opportunity for a broad cross-section of the Santa Fe community to
15 give advice and offer their experiences, expertise and ideas that will help improve the quality and
16 consistency of community health and safety;

17 G. Examine such other matters as the co-chairs and members of the Task Force may
18 deem relevant to their mission or related to the general purpose of the Task Force, which may
19 include exploring innovative approaches to community health and safety, reimagining the current
20 structures and systems in which the City currently operates, and examining root causes of
21 identified problems; and

22 H. Provide periodic reports and recommendations to the Governing Body.

23 **Section 3. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; TERMS:**

24 A. *Membership.* The CHS Task Force membership shall consist of eleven to fifteen
25 members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the Governing Body. Two of the members

1 shall be city councilors and the remaining shall be members of the general public with experience
2 or knowledge in community health, public safety, restorative justice, and/or social or racial justice
3 and community work, who reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Santa Fe; at least
4 four of the general public members shall be selected from each of the City districts, with five to
5 nine members serving in an at-large capacity, with a balance of representation from all districts.

6 B. *Officers.* The appointed city councilors may serve as co-chairs of the Task Force
7 or members of the CHS Task Force may decide if they want to select another Task Force member
8 or members to serve as chair or co-chairs.

9 C. *Terms.* Members shall serve until they complete their duties and responsibilities as
10 set forth above.

11 D. *Compensation.* Members shall not receive compensation for their service on the
12 CHS Task Force.

13 **Section 4. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the CHS Task Force shall be filled in the
14 same manner as initial appointments.

15 **Section 5. MEETINGS; DURATION:**

16 A. The CHS Task Force shall meet at least once per month and shall conduct public
17 meetings to discuss and develop recommendations related to the duties and responsibilities
18 described above.

19 B. In order to be successful, the CHS Task Force needs to safely meet and engage
20 with its members and segments of the population who have been historically or are currently
21 disenfranchised, experienced personal trauma, and/or who may not feel comfortable speaking
22 openly to the public about their lived experiences with law enforcement. Therefore, it is imperative
23 that the CHS Task Force members feel comfortable expressing their viewpoints among their fellow
24 members in a safe and supported environment.

25 C. The CHS Task Force may hold its meetings without observing the Open Meetings

1 Act or Robert's Rules of Order in order to facilitate a comfortable forum for conversations with
2 members of the community that feels safe and where Task Force members and community
3 members can be transparent and open about their experiences, expertise, and observations. The
4 CHS Task Force may hold occasional public meetings to provide regular updates to the public and
5 offer opportunities for public engagement.

6 D. The CHS Task Force shall host a series of community conversations to gather
7 insight into the concerns and ideas of community members to ensure that the city's health and
8 safety strategies are guided by community input.


9 E. The CHS Task Force shall convene a series of focus groups around the city to learn
10 how health and safety issues affect communities, families, and individuals, and how current City
11 policies can be improved. Focus groups should represent specific constituencies that are affected
12 by the city's current health and safety policies.

13 F. Unless further extended by the Governing Body, the CHS Task Force shall
14 conclude its work by December 31, 2021. The City shall appropriate funding to accomplish the
15 provisions of paragraphs D. and E. above.

16 **Section 6. STAFF LIAISON:** The City Manager shall appoint an appropriate staff
17 member to serve as the liaison to the Task Force.

18 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2021.
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Legislation/2021/Resolutions/2021-17 CHS Task Force Amendments