

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-114**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4
5 Mayor Coss
6 Councilor Wurzbarger
7 Councilor Romero
8 Councilor Bushee
9 Councilor Chavez
10 Councilor Dominguez

11 **A RESOLUTION**

12 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO MOVE OUR**
13 **ECONOMY FORWARD AND PROVIDE JOBS FOR OUR CITIZENS; AND**
14 **ENCOURAGING OUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR**
15 **PRESIDENT TO ACT QUICKLY TO INVEST IN THE REAL ECONOMIES OF OUR**
16 **CITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY BY FULLY**
17 **FUNDING THE MAIN STREET STIMULUS PACKAGE.**

18 **WHEREAS**, from home foreclosures, lost jobs and drops in retail sales, we see that
19 Main Street America is in trouble; as our city and nation face increasing economic challenges, it
20 is imperative that we continue to move forward and not back away from the policies and
21 principles that make Santa Fe great; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe has largely been able to stave off the impacts of the national
23 housing and financial crisis because of progressive efforts such as the Living Wage and
24 affordable housing; it is critical to address our city's financial state with a holistic approach that
25 strengthens our economy through enhanced partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits and

1 community organizations; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Santa Feans are encouraged by the prospect of a Congress and a President
3 that understand the importance of partnering with Cities and making investments in
4 infrastructure, transportation and education that can get people back to work; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Main Street program advocated by the US Conference of Mayors and
6 the National League of Cities calls for Community Development Block Grants for infrastructure,
7 Energy Block Grants for green jobs, money for transit equipment and infrastructure and funding
8 for highway infrastructure as well as other investments that both create jobs and improve our
9 communities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Santa Fe has developed economic and
11 capital improvement strategies and projects that can move forward now, providing jobs and
12 investment when our economy and working families most need it; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Santa Fe should act to develop the
14 partnerships necessary for investments in our local economy with the new president, the new
15 congress, our state leaders and members of this community.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE that:** the City Manager is directed to take the following actions to move
18 our economy forward and provide jobs for our citizens by decreasing the resource leakage from
19 Santa Fe:

- 20 1) Invest \$1,000,000 in promoting the city's 400 year anniversary status to attract additional
21 visitors to our area in an effort to sustain the core of small businesses including, but not
22 limited to, sustaining our downtown businesses and developing programs and policies, if
23 needed, to support the cottage industries related to arts and crafts, furniture making,
24 weaving, woodcarving and such;
- 25 2) Invest \$500,000 in energy conservation and alternative energy to help homeowners and

1 small business deal with climbing energy prices;

2 3) Act to gain increased economic benefit from our new community assets including the
3 Santa Fe Community Convention Center, Railyard development and the Rail Runner
4 Express including, but not limited to, the facilitation of a multi-modal transportation hub
5 on the Railyard;

6 4) Accelerate investment of \$6 million capital improvement funding into upgrading City
7 transportation infrastructure including roads, sidewalks and trails;

8 5) Adjust the utility rate structure creating different rates for commercial establishments that
9 have implemented conservation measures including, but not limited to, the hospitality
10 sector – hotels and restaurants – thus encouraging conservation and economic
11 development;

12 6) Accelerate investment in affordable housing opportunities to get people into homes in the
13 next four months;

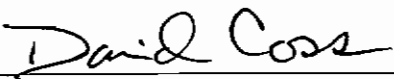
14 7) Work with local educational institutions to support much needed work force training and
15 development including, but not limited to, film technician training, solar system
16 installation and other green building technical assistance and hospitality industry related
17 training and assess the opportunities offered by the Community College that would
18 further economic development; and

19 8) Assess the feasibility and the economic viability of reducing the number of street lights.

20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe encourages our
21 congressional representatives and our president to act quickly to invest in the real economies of
22 our cities in partnership with Cities around the country by fully funding the Main Street stimulus
23 package.

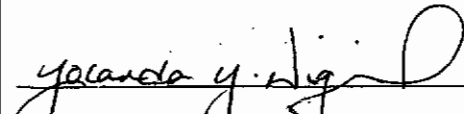
24 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2008.
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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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