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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING CITY OF SANTA FE’S PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 56TH LEGISLATURE – STATE OF
NEW MEXICO – FIRST SESSION, 2023.**

WHEREAS, the 60-day Legislative Session of the 2023 New Mexico State Legislature (“Legislature”) begins on January 17, 2023, and ends on March 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish City of Santa Fe (“City”) legislative priorities to be considered by the City’s legislative delegation and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body’s legislative priorities include City-wide capital outlay priorities, statutory priorities, general fund priorities, City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be introduced during the 2023 New Mexico Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby adopts priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session as specified below.

1 1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with emergency services and
2 fire safety and prevention, the City requests funding in the amount of \$10,318,000 for the construction
3 of Fire Station #2 to provide public safety coverage on the Westside of Santa Fe;

4 2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with municipal parks, the City
5 requests funding in the amount of \$3,500,000 for Phase II improvements of the Southwest Activity
6 Node, or “SWAN”, Park;

7 3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with economic development,
8 the City requests funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 that will be used to plan, design, and construct
9 infrastructure within the Midtown Santa Fe property including, but not limited to, digital,
10 transportation, drainage, facility, and utility infrastructure;

11 4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with education and public
12 literacy, the City requests funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 that will be used to design and remodel
13 a new central library to be located at Fogelson Library on the Midtown Santa Fe property.

14 5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with the expansion of
15 recreational opportunities for New Mexicans, the City requests funding in the amount of \$7,500,000
16 that will be used to plan, design, and construct four (4) multipurpose, artificial turf fields and associated
17 site improvements to accommodate a growing soccer and lacrosse community.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests the Legislature enact a
19 Joint Resolution ratifying and approving the transfer of one or more tracts of City-owned real property
20 to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety in trade and exchange for the transfer of
21 multiple tracts of State-owned real property to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Midtown
22 Redevelopment Project.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses the
24 following issues related to firearms:

25 1. Creation of a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention;

- 1 2. Adoption of a Child Access Prevention or “CAP” law;
- 2 3. Raising the age of purchase for certain rifles; and
- 3 4. A ban on assault-style weapons.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
5 endorsement of the establishment of a regional drug treatment facility that would serve the residents of
6 Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
8 endorsement of legislation during the 2022 Legislative Session that would allow for a New Mexico
9 Public Bank owned by and for the people of New Mexico that would direct the State’s investment
10 decisions to support and diversify the economy including achieving goals in education, eco-tourism,
11 food security, solar energy installations, broadband expansion, health clinic upgrades, and clean energy
12 infrastructure projects, by keeping New Mexico’s money in New Mexico.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
14 Legislature ensure hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or further
15 reduced and returned to their original schedule and/or ensures that any tax reform continues to hold
16 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
17 tax on food and medical.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
19 legislation and allocation of funding designed to interrupt generational cycles of poverty, such as a
20 state-wide pilot program that provides a monthly guaranteed income and funding for those programs
21 that exist throughout New Mexico.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
23 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the Santa Fe Thrive public safety
24 program, which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department to redirect
25 persons suspected of involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes to community-based services in lieu

1 of prosecution or jail.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding
3 towards mental health and behavioral health programs focused on addressing the residual impacts of
4 COVID-19 on young residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or addiction.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
6 endorsement of any legislation that improves broadband infrastructure throughout the state, specifically
7 as it relates to associated economic development.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
9 endorsement of any legislation that supports the development and construction of affordable housing
10 to decrease and/or subsidize the cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
12 endorsement of any legislation that establishes an additional lodgers' tax, dedicated to municipalities
13 and counties for defraying the cost of providing affordable housing or leveraging federal funding for
14 affordable housing.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
16 legislation that increases the likelihood of local governments recruiting, retaining, promoting, and
17 housing first responders in the communities in which they serve.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
19 legislation that increases housing availability and expands available social services for homeless
20 families and individuals, including those who are chronically homeless, veterans experiencing
21 homelessness, and young people experiencing homelessness, as well as those living in outdoor
22 unsupervised encampments.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
24 endorsement of any legislation that slows down the timeline for eviction, connects tenants to rental
25 assistance resources, and improves opportunities for mediation between renters and landlords.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
2 endorsement of any legislation that replenishes and seeks a recurring funding source to support MFA’s
3 Housing Trust Fund.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
5 Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation
6 designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
8 endorsement of any legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs
9 that support recycling market development.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Governing Body supports and endorses any
11 legislation that establishes an Extended Producer Responsibility program that requires manufacturers
12 and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout its life cycle, from
13 creation to disposal.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
15 endorsement of any legislation that advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City of Santa
16 Fe including carbon neutrality, ecological resilience, economic vitality, and quality of life and social
17 equity, as well as continued support for implementation of the Community Solar Act and funding for
18 watershed restoration and forest fire mitigation.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
20 endorsement of any legislation that would expand the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-2-
21 2(J), to include an express option for local governments to opt-in to an emissions inspections program.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
23 legislation that establishes and funds a Green Bank in New Mexico that would increase green
24 infrastructure development, energy conservation and sustainability measures, and access to funding for
25 green energy investments.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
2 endorsement of any legislation that would eliminate the three percent (3%) cap on annual property tax
3 increases on residences that are not owner-occupied as the owner’s principal place of residence.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
5 endorsement of any legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe continues to support statewide paid
7 sick leave legislation, as described in the City’s Resolution No. 2021-11, unanimously passed by the
8 members of the Governing Body in 2021.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
10 endorsement of any legislation that would increase funding for the New Mexico Tourism Department
11 for use in advertising, a state-wide co-op grant program, and/or personnel expansion that restores the
12 reduction in services at the Department between 2010-2018.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports the one-time allocation of
14 monies received by the State from the American Recovery Act of 2021 to the New Mexico Tourism
15 Department for the purpose of additional marketing of New Mexico, increased co-op advertising
16 support with municipalities, job training, and for other uses to benefit the restoration of tourism to New
17 Mexico.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
19 Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing to permit business owners to
20 operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities, provided business owners comply with local land use
21 and safety requirements.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
23 City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide
24 infrastructure for consideration by the Legislature during the 2023 Legislative Session:

- 25 1. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 1**, funding is

1 requested in the total amount of \$750,000 for the design and construction of pickle ball courts at Fort
2 Marcy Park.

3 2. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 2**, funding is
4 requested in the total amount of \$700,000 for pedestrian and bike safety improvements in dense
5 business areas on Pacheco Street from Alta Vista to San Mateo and on Siringo Road from Pacheco
6 Street to St. Francis Drive.

7 3. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 3**, funding is
8 requested in the total amount of \$1,500,000 for MRC irrigation upgrades for turf and water savings.

9 4. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 4**, funding is
10 requested in the total amount of \$2,750,000 to reconstruct Governor Miles Road to improve pedestrian
11 and bicycle facilities.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
13 capital outlay legislative funding priority for any initiative associated with public safety: \$2,250,000 to
14 plan, design, and construct much needed renovations of the Municipal Court building including adding
15 security measures.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to work
17 with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of any Municipal League 2023 Legislative Priority
18 where the City would benefit from the passage of such initiative.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to make
20 any capital outlay project directly or indirectly included in the City ICIP Priority List a priority.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to work to
22 advance any legislation introduced during the 2023 New Mexico Legislative Session deemed to be
23 beneficial to the City.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to work to
25 defeat any legislation introduced during the 2023 New Mexico Legislative Session deemed to be

1 detrimental to the City.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent
3 of the Governing Body as to 2023 New Mexico legislative priorities, other timely priorities may be
4 approved by the Governing Body, incorporated into the City's 2023 state legislative agenda, and
5 forwarded to the City's lobbying team for action.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this
7 Resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist, the City's legislative delegation, and the Governor of New
8 Mexico.

9 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2022.

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13 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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17 KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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