

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Chris Rivera

6 Councilor Renee Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **CONVENING THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND**
12 **CALLING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FOUR CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL**
13 **DISTRICTS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, BASED**
14 **ON THE RESULTS FROM THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, in March 2014, the electorate of the City of Santa Fe approved an amendment
17 to the City's Charter to create an Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission ("Commission"),
18 Section 6.03; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Section 6.03 to the City's Charter required the Governing Body, by
20 ordinance, to establish a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of the commission; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City's Governing Body adopted Section 6-18, SFCC 1987, which
22 established a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of the Commission; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Commission last convened in 2015 to provide updated redistricting for
24 the 2016 municipal election, incorporating the 2014 City annexation of 4100 acres and 13,250 new
25 residents; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2020 decennial census shows a total population growth of 19,558
2 residents since the 2010 census, for a total population of 87,505 within the municipal boundaries
3 of Santa Fe; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission shall establish a districting plan pursuant to Section 6-
5 18.3(B) SFCC 1987 either:

6 (1) Within one (1) year of receipt by the city of the final federal decennial
7 census information for use commencing with the next scheduled general municipal election
8 occurring at least three (3) months after adoption of the final districting plan; or

9 (2) When the governing body adopts a resolution expressing the need for
10 convening a commission to establish a districting plan; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City has both received the census information and there is a need to
12 convene the commission to equalize the populations of the four Council Districts before the 2023
13 election through the process of redistricting; and

14 **WHEREAS**, On August 1, 2021, the Census Bureau released census data to the states and
15 the public and the Governing Body desires to convene a Commission as soon as possible to ensure
16 the redistricting is complete with sufficient time prior to the 2023 municipal election; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Section 6-18.5(C) describes the process for the City Clerk to determine a
18 reasonable application period, provide a “ministerial” review of the applications, verify the
19 minimum number of applications have been reviewed, and schedule a drawing of members’
20 alternates by lot.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Independent Citizens’ Redistricting Commission shall be convened
23 to update the four city councilor districts, based on the population results of the 2020 Federal
24 Decennial Census.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall initiate the process for soliciting


1 applications for, and selecting the members of, the Commission, pursuant to SFCC 1987, Section
2 6-18.5(C).

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2021.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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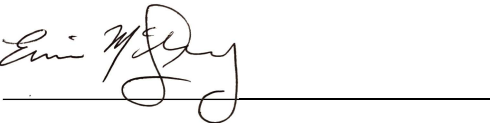
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KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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