



# MEMO

DATE: January 8, 2015  
TO: Finance Committee  
City Council  
FROM: Zachary Shandler, Assistant City Attorney *ZS*  
CC: Kelley A. Brennan, City Attorney  
SUBJECT: Money to hire Independent Consultant for Redistricting

## **ITEM AND ISSUE:**

The City Attorney's office is seeking money to hire an independent consultant and the City Clerk's office is seeking money to hire a stenographer and provide for maps for the new Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission in planning for and completing the city council redistricting in advance of the 2016 election.

## **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:**

On or about January 2, 2014, the City of Santa Fe annexed new portions of land, which included approximately 13,250 citizens, most of whom reside in Council District 3. (This discrepancy in citizens per council district will likely expose the City to legal challenge prior to the 2016 city elections.) On March 4, 2014, the voters of Santa Fe adopted a new provision in the City Charter to require the City Council to create an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. On October 8, 2014, Councilor Dominguez (along with Councilors Trujillo and Ives) introduced a bill to create an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. It will be heard at PWC on October 27, 2014 and FC on November 3, 2014. One provision of the bill requires City staff to procure the services of an independent consultant to advise the Commission on map boundary issues. Another provision of the bill requires the Commission to begin work on or about February 1, 2015.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

\*The City Attorney's office recommends approval to: (a) receive money to hire an independent consultant, set the budget amount at no more than \$25,00 and receive \$25,000 from an unidentified source to Business Unit 12005, Line Item 510200-Legal Services; (b) receive money to hire stenographer services and pay for GIS Precinct/District maps, set the budget amount at no more than \$3,100 and receive \$3,100 from an unidentified source to the City Clerk's Office, Business Line 12006, Line Item 561800.

\*The City Attorney's office seeks direction from the Finance Director to:  
(a) identify the unidentified source of funds.

# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

## BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST (BAR)

DEPARTMENT / DIVISION / SECTION / UNIT NAME				DATE		
City Attorney's Office				10/27/14		
ITEM DESCRIPTION	BU / LINE ITEM	<--(Finance Dept Use Only)-->		INCREASE	DECREASE	
		SUBLEDGER / SUBSIDIARY	DR / (CR)			
Legal Services	12005.510200			25,000		
Professional Services	12006.510300			2,100		
Print/Publish	12006.561800			1,000		
<b>JUSTIFICATION:</b> (use additional page if needed) --Attach supporting documentation/memo				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 28,100	\$ -

Mandatory expenditures that was not budgeted on Redistricting: Consutant, stenographer and Pct/District Maps.

Irene Romero Prepared By Date: 10/27/14	<b>CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL</b> City Council Approval Required <input type="checkbox"/> City Council Approval Date: _____ Agenda Item #: _____	AHG-CP Budget Officer Date: 12/22/14 1-14-2015 Finance Director Date: 12-30-2014
Division Director Date: _____	Department Director Date: 10/27/14	City Manager Date: _____