CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE CITY OF SANTA FE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") AND CALL ON INTERESTED PERSONS, WHO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP, TO APPLY FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2014, the voters of Santa Fe approved an amendment to Section 6.03 of the of *Santa Fe Municipal City Charter* ("*Charter*") that mandated the Governing Body to establish, by ordinance, a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of an Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission ("*Commission*"); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. 2014-37 to create a new section 6-18 SFCC 1987 to establish the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is charged with reviewing and revising, at least every ten years, the four dual-member council districts in the city of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, currently there is a need to redistrict the four council districts because on

January 2, 2014, the City of Santa Fe annexed approximately 4100 acres, primarily on the southern and western borders of the City, into the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the annexation incorporated at least 13,250 new residents into the City limits; and

WHEREAS, because of the areas in which they lived, those residents are not equally absorbed into the four City Council Districts; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe is a diverse community that embodies a rich history, melding Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures; and

WHEREAS, the people of Santa Fe derive invaluable benefits from our multi-cultural heritage and multi-ethnic and multi-racial residents who have made their homes in Santa Fe over the centuries have each left their unique cultural mark on our city; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires for residents of Santa Fe, who are registered voters, and are knowledgeable about such things that include, but are not limited to, demographics, statistics, the history, geography, governmental structure and community dynamics of the city of Santa Fe to apply for membership on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for establishing the Commission because the next regular municipal election is set for March 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that in order for redistricting to be finalized prior to the beginning of the campaign cycle for the 2016 election, the Commission members shall be selected by February 1, 2015, pursuant to the mandate in Ordinance No. 2014-37.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that between December 15, 2014 and January 15, 2015, staff, using existing city resources, is directed to provide outreach and education to the public regarding the City of Santa Fe Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission and call on residents of Santa Fe, who are registered voters, and are knowledgeable about such things that include, but are

not limited to, demographics, statistics, the history, geography, governmental structure and community dynamics of the city of Santa Fe to apply for one or more of the following membership positions on the Commission:

(1) One resident of city council district 1;

(2) One resident of city council district 2;

(3) One resident of city council district 3;

(4) One resident of city council district 4;

(5) One resident of the city of Santa Fe, who is a statistician, except that if a city resident is not available, then a resident of Santa Fe county may be appointed;

(6) One resident of the city of Santa Fe, who is either a geographer or cartographer except that if a city resident is not available, then a resident of Santa Fe county may be appointed; and

(7) One resident of the city of Santa Fe who resides in the newly annexed area of the city that became effective on January 1, 2014.

For purposes of membership on the Commission:

(1) *Cartographer* means a person who makes maps and has a minimum of three years of work experience as a cartographer.

(2) *Geographer* means a person who specializes in geography and has a minimum of three years of work experience as a geographer.

(3) *Statistician* means a person who is versed in or engaged in compiling statistics and has a minimum of three years of work experience as a statistician.

Applications for membership on the Commission shall be received by the City Clerk between December 15, 2014 and January 15, 2015. No later than January 30, 2015, the City Clerk shall select the members of the Commission in accordance with the procedure established in Ordinance No. 2014-37.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicants for Commission membership shall submit a written narrative describing the:

(1) Applicant's qualifications for serving on the Commission;

(2) Reasons why the applicant is interested in serving on the Commission; and

(3) Applicant's knowledge about the history, geography, governmental structure and community dynamics of the city of Santa Fe.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2014.

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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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