



1 Palace of the Governors on Palace Avenue were deemed the two highest priority safety concerns by  
2 the Plaza Task Force; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as a result, Palace Avenue in front of the Palace of the Governors was closed to  
4 vehicular traffic with the exception of loading and unloading and emergency vehicle access resulting  
5 in a safer pedestrian environment; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2006 the Governing Body unanimously approved the Santa Fe Plaza Cultural  
7 Landscape Report, a joint effort of the City, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the National  
8 Park Service; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the scope of the Santa Fe Plaza Cultural Landscape report did not include the  
10 streets immediately adjacent to the Plaza Park, and therefore included no treatment recommendations  
11 for these streets; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 23-5 of the City of Santa Fe Municipal Code (23-5 SFCC 1987)  
13 regulates the use of the Plaza, Plaza Park and Plaza periphery area and states that the usage of the  
14 Plaza and the Plaza Park should be creative, evolving, and non-institutionalized; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as Section 23-5 SFCC 1987 expressly defines the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the  
16 Plaza periphery area as follows:

17 *“Plaza means that inclusive area bounded on the north by the north curbline of*  
18 *Palace Avenue running in front of the Palace of the Governors, and on all other sides by*  
19 *the facades of the buildings, excluding portals, or property lines lying to the east, south*  
20 *and west of the Plaza.”*

21 *“Plaza Park means that inclusive area bounded by the inside back of the curb*  
22 *surrounding the Plaza as outlined in the map prepared by the city.”*

23 *“Plaza periphery area means an area outside the Plaza Park, not including the*  
24 *Plaza Park, bounded by Sandoval and Grant Streets on the west, Alameda Street on the*  
25 *south, Paseo de Peralta on the east and Marcy Street on the north. This area includes both*

1 sides of the boundary streets.”

2 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza is a destination for many visitors interested in Santa Fe history and  
3 culture; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza belongs to all of Santa Fe and is home to many annual events that  
5 draw residents and visitors to the Plaza and create social connections, economic development and  
6 funding for community non-profits, including, but not limited to, the eight major events authorized by  
7 Subsection 23-5.2 SFCC 1987; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the duty and responsibility of the City of Santa Fe is to preserve, protect and  
9 maintain the Plaza, Plaza Park and the public places in the Plaza periphery area; and

10 **WHEREAS**, many cities have found that reducing vehicle traffic and creating pedestrian-  
11 friendly city centers benefits economies by improving the experience for shopping, dining,  
12 sightseeing and other activities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, many cities are reducing vehicle traffic as a way to preserve and protect historic  
14 areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to enhance the enjoyment and beauty of the Plaza area, the  
16 Governing Body desires to restrict vehicular traffic in the Plaza annually from the observed Memorial  
17 Day to the Monday following the annual Fiesta de Santa Fe weekend; and

18 **WHEREAS**, through a public forum, email and social media the community contributed  
19 ideas for programming to bring people to the Plaza; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the top programming ideas submitted relate to the provision of music and food;  
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to increase public safety presence in the Plaza and  
23 the Plaza periphery area.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby declares its desire to bring people to the

1 Santa Fe Plaza and provide a safer environment and increased economic development opportunities;  
2 provide for creative and evolving usage of the Santa Fe Plaza; and increase public safety presence on  
3 the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby authorizes:

- 5 1. The following street closures to unauthorized vehicular traffic, around the Plaza Park:
- 6 (a) Continuation of the closure of Palace Avenue; and
- 7 (b) Annually, from the observed Memorial Day to the Monday following the
- 8 annual Fiesta de Santa Fe weekend, the closure of Lincoln Avenue and Old
- 9 Santa Fe Trail.

10 Staff is directed to make accommodations for the provision of accessible parking

11 spaces and loading zones for deliveries to the merchants on the Plaza.

- 12 2. An increased public safety presence in the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the Plaza
- 13 periphery.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City Manager to

15 designate a staff team to:

- 16 1. Analyze the effects of the street closures, which shall include at a minimum:
- 17 (a) The economic impact of the street closures; and
- 18 (b) Modifications to fee structures to make downtown parking more practical for
- 19 the greatest number of residents and visitors and increase the use of
- 20 underutilized parking facilities.
- 21 (c) The number of public safety incidents that occurred in relation to the
- 22 increased public safety presence in the Plaza area.
- 23 2. Coordinate the purchase tables, chairs and umbrellas for public use and placement on
- 24 Lincoln Avenue and/or Old Santa Fe Trail or other locations as needed.
- 25 3. Designate cruise nights which will permit all four streets surrounding the Plaza to be

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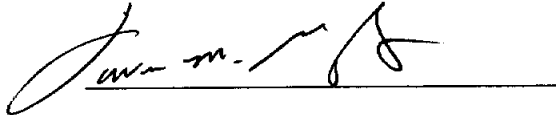
- 4. Analyze current City ordinances related to food sales on the Plaza and recommend, if necessary, ordinance amendments.
- 5. Ensure that the measures authorized by this resolution do not conflict with the eight major commercial events that are allowed on the Plaza pursuant to §23-5.2 SFCC 1987.
- 6. Provide opportunities for ongoing engagement and facilitation of community led programming in and around the Plaza area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that within six months of adoption of this resolution, the staff team shall bring forward additional recommendations to the Governing Body that would:

- (a) Enhance the experience of the Plaza for residents and visitors;
- (b) Increase economic development and public safety in the Plaza area;
- (c) Provide additional parking opportunities in the Plaza area, if necessary; and
- (d) Ultimately bring people to the Plaza.

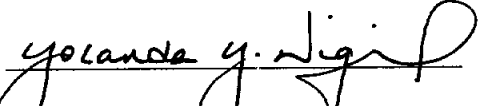
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the authority granted by the adoption of this resolution shall be implemented as soon as practicable and shall extend through the Monday following the annual Fiesta de Santa Fe, September 8, 2014.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2014.



JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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