

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier Gonzales

6 Councilor Peter Ives

7 Councilor Patti Bushee

8 Councilor Signe Lindell

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE NEW**  
12 **MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A**  
13 **PERMANENT LOCATION FOR THEIR CAMPUS WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA), the state's only residential, dual  
16 curriculum, public high school, was established in Santa Fe in 2010 and has served students from  
17 more than 37 New Mexico communities; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a high percentage of children enrolled at NMSA are from low-income families,  
19 therefore, NMSA is a Title I school, as defined by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education  
20 Act; and

21 **WHEREAS**, NMSA's current enrollment is 200 students, 46% of which are children of  
22 socio-economically disadvantaged families; and

23 **WHEREAS**, each NMSA student receives approximately \$7,000 in art training and artistic  
24 programming and each residential student receives an additional \$8,000 to \$10,000 in scholarships;  
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**WHEREAS**, NMSA’s average graduation rate is 96% and its college placement rate is 93%;  
and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the NMSA graduating senior class received over \$5.0 million in scholarships and financial aid from higher education institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, NMSA employs 85 full-time and part-time faculty and staff, approximately 90% of whom reside within the city of Santa Fe; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent study performed by the University of New Mexico’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), in Fiscal Year 2013 alone, NMSA has:

- Expended more than \$2.2 million on employee compensation and \$1.0 million on purchases of goods and services;
- Secured 65% of its revenue from sources outside Santa Fe County;
- Generated a total economic impact of \$3.4 million, \$1.9 million in income and 78 jobs from the revenue it secured from sources outside Santa Fe County; and
- Generated approximately \$2.84 in total revenue for every \$1.00 in revenue it secured from sources within Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s official Economic Development Strategy entitled “Cultivating Santa Fe’s Future Economy” adopted in 2004, established arts and culture as a targeted industry sector and recommended that the City focus on workforce development and education with the following goals:

- “Goal One: The community will place an increased value on education, realizing that education performance increases the quality of life for all Santa Fe residents and makes the community better able to retain a talented workforce. Pre-K–12 education will be as strong as possible because the community invests in it.” and
- “Goal Two: Educational and workforce development programs will be well-coordinated and in tune with the needs of the city’s targeted business sectors.” and

1           **WHEREAS**, the enrollment and operations of NMSA have expanded to the point that a  
2 larger permanent campus is now required; and

3           **WHEREAS**, NMSA has explored numerous publically- and privately-owned properties in  
4 the city of Santa Fe to locate and construct its permanent campus; and

5           **WHEREAS**, NMSA has now identified a group of state-owned properties in the city of Santa  
6 Fe at the intersection of Alumni Drive and Siringo Road as its potential permanent campus.

7           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
8 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that Governing Body hereby declares its continued support for the New  
9 Mexico School for the Arts and their efforts to establish a permanent location for their campus within  
10 the city of Santa Fe, and that:

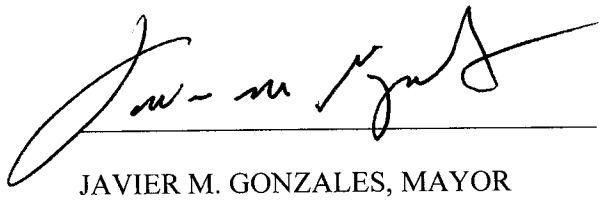
11           1.       It is in the best interest of the public for the permanent campus of the New Mexico  
12 School for the Arts to be located in the city of Santa Fe; and

13           2.       The City of Santa Fe supports NMSA's efforts during the 2015 New Mexico  
14 Legislative Session to secure the property at the intersection of Alumni Drive and Siringo Road, or a  
15 comparable site in the city of Santa Fe, for NMSA's permanent campus.

16           3.       A permanent campus location for the NMSA shall exclude any location within an  
17 existing City of Santa Fe park.

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to meet with NMSA to discuss any  
19 issues that may arise with the development and operation of NMSA at the identified location and to  
20 explore potential solutions to those development or operational issues.

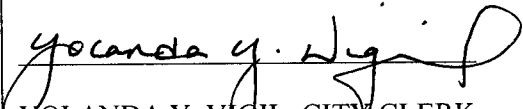
21           PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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24 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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