1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO		
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2015-37		
3	INTRODUCED BY:		
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5	Councilor Carmichael Dominguez Councilor Chris Rivera		
6	Councilor Bill Dimas Councilor Peter Ives		
7	Councilor Patti Bushee		
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10	A RESOLUTION		
11	DIRECTING STAFF TO PROPOSE AN OPERATIONAL PLAN AND PROGRAMMING		
12	OPTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEEN CENTER THAT WOULD BENEFIT		
13	THE YOUTH OF SANTA FE.		
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15	WHEREAS, in 2007 a youth summit was held in Santa Fe wherein 168 youth in attendance		
16	identified the development of a teen center as a critical need for young people; and		
17	WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Steering Committee held a youth summit in 2014 and again		
18	the youth in attendance identified the development of a teen center as a critical need for young		
19	people in Santa Fe; and		
20	WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe is dedicated to providing quality services for all members		
21	of the community, including teens; and		
22	WHEREAS, statistics show that over 70% of Santa Fe Public School students qualify for		
23	free or reduced price lunch, teen pregnancy rates are high and drug use by youth continues to be a		
24	significant challenge; and		
25	WHEREAS, a teen center was established over twenty years ago in Santa Fe and is now		

2	WHEREAS, many experts believe and teens have indicated that a dedicated teen center in
3	Santa Fe will lower drug and gang-related crime, increase graduation rates and provide opportunities
4	for a better skilled job force; and
5	WHEREAS, TC19, a group of youth advocates, is committed to collaborating with the City
6	of Santa Fe and the community at large, including businesses and nonprofit organizations, to create a
7	world class teen center in Santa Fe; and
8	WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Steering Committee, a group of community organizers is
9	also committed to collaborating with the City of Santa Fe and the community at large, including
10	businesses and nonprofit organizations, to create a world class teen center in Santa Fe; and
11	WHEREAS, four out of the five largest public schools in the community exist in the far
12	southwest section of our city; and
13	WHEREAS, youth population city-wide has decreased, however youth population under 18
14	has increased by 22%, in the far southwest section of Santa Fe; and
15	WHEREAS, 44% of children under the age of 18 live in the far southwest section of Santa
16	Fe; and
17	WHEREAS, Tierra Contenta may continue to absorb much of the City's growth during the
18	next ten years; and
19	WHEREAS, safe, reliable and affordable transportation to and from youth facilities
20	continues to be identified by youth and their caregivers as a barrier; and
21	WHEREAS, a successful teen center should meet the following criteria:
22	Easily accessible to teenage youth;
23	Within walking distance of a comprehensive high school;
24	• Located in an area that is within walking distance for a significant portion of Santa Fe's
25	youth;

1 | serving as an overflow site for the Monica Roybal Center and is mostly 6th grader students; and

1	•	Free transportation services available for youth to provide access to and from the teen
2		center;
3	•	Staffed by people deeply committed to serving Santa Fe youth;
4	•	Safe space that welcomes all youth;
5	•	Opportunities for off-site excursions and activities with free transportation provided;
6	•	Tutoring and other educational support;
7	•	Access to latest technological resources;
8	•	Space for youth to hang out;
9	•	Entertainment center to show movies, host live performances, etc.;
10	•	Workforce development opportunities;
11	•	Employment opportunities;
12	•	Other resources as maybe identified by youth.
13	NO	W, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
14	CITY OF	SANTA FE that staff is directed to propose to the Governing Body an operational plan
15	and program	nming options for the establishment of a teen center that would benefit the youth of Santa
16	Fe, along w	rith the community at large. The operational plan and programming options shall include,
17	without lim	itation, the following:
18	1.	Services and activities to be provided;
19	2.	Numbers of clients to serve, cost, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
20	3.	Whether it is possible for a new teen center to be established in the current Zona del
21		Sol space;
22	4.	If the Zona del Sol space is not feasible, then propose what would be needed to
23		create a new teen center at the site, including the infrastructure costs;
24	5.	Possible private/public partnerships for operations and capital expenses;
25	6.	Transportation options that would make a teen center at the Zona del Sol site or any
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1	other proposed site easily accessible for youth.		
2	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above, staff is directed to:		
3	1. Propose an operational plan and programming options for early childhood development		
4	programming and teen center programming in the Hopewell/Mann Neighborhood;		
5	2. Review the cost analysis that was done in 2010 that related to the establishment of a teen		
6	center at Tino Griego Pool.		
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is an ambition to open the Teen Center by		
8	2019, and staff is directed to present the plan, programming options and fiscal impact to the		
9	Governing Body within 90 days of adoption of this resolution.		
10	PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29 th day of April, 2015.		
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25	M/Legislation/Resolutions 2015/2015-37 Teen Center		