

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Carmichael Dominguez

6 Councilor Joseph Maestas

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH A QUALIFIED CONSULTANT IN A**  
12 **TRANSPARENT, PARTICIPATORY PROCESS TO DEVELOP A PARKS AND**  
13 **RECREATION TEN-YEAR MASTER PLAN.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the parks and recreation system is an important part of the City's infrastructure  
16 and includes more than 1,700 acres of park land and open spaces and four recreation facilities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the parks and recreation programs have been structurally combined pursuant to  
18 Ordinance No. 2014-22 which the Governing Body adopted on July 9, 2014, to create the Parks and  
19 Recreation Department; and

20 **WHEREAS**, master plans are critical tools to help the City analyze existing resources,  
21 project needs and develop strategies more efficiently; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the last Parks Master Plan was developed in 2002 and there is not a City  
23 recreation master plan; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the city's green infrastructure plays an important role in climate mitigation  
25 through pollution abatement and cooling and controlling storm water runoff; and

1           **WHEREAS**, projections are that, in the next fifty years, Santa Fe weather will be hotter,  
2 dryer and more variable and our population will have increased - putting extreme pressure on these  
3 vital resources; and

4           **WHEREAS**, there is a need for the City to plan now to be ready for such changes; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Healthy Lifestyles Task Force Report  
6 (Resolution 2008-72) concludes “city government can and should promote and encourage  
7 a healthy lifestyle among its citizens”; and

8           **WHEREAS**, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$4.6 billion  
9 was spent on advertising by fast food restaurants in 2012;

10           **WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, less than 48% of all adults meet 2008  
11 physical activity guidelines; and

12           **WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, less than 3 in 10 high school students get at  
13 least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, and that the CDC recommends at least 60  
14 minutes of physical activity a day to prevent chronic illness; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the CDC has found that “there is a clear association between poor  
16 health and poverty” in the Center’s Healthy People 2000 report; and

17           **WHEREAS**, data collected from the 2000 census, the CDC and the journal of the  
18 American Medical Association leads to the conclusion that residents in the Airport Road  
19 area may have a higher likelihood of developing diabetes, and children in the Airport  
20 Road area are more likely to be obese; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Americans living in the South are more likely to be less physically active  
22 than those living in the West, Northeast and Midwest regions of the country; and


23           **WHEREAS**, both the Mayor’s Climate Change Task Force – Water, Land Use and Food  
24 Security Sub-Committee and the Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Commission have recommended  
25 creating a Ten-Year Master Plan for City parks and recreation facilities.

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
2 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to contract and work with an outside consultant in a  
3 transparent, participatory process to develop a Ten-Year Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation  
4 Department.

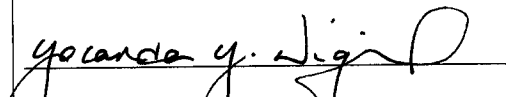
5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the costs associated with the 10-year Parks and  
6 Recreation Master Plan shall be included in the FY 15/16 operational budget for the Parks and  
7 Recreation Department.

8           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks and Recreation Department is directed to  
9 include the development, establishment and operation of “community gardens” throughout the City of  
10 Santa Fe in the 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

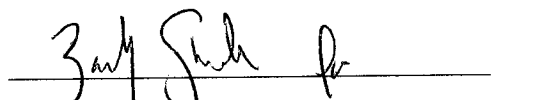
11           PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

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15 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

16 ATTEST:

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19 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY  
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