

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-115**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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6 Councilor Romero

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING STAFF TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT**  
12 **OF A SUSTAINABILITY DEMONSTRATION CENTER, INCLUDING A SITE ANALYSIS,**  
13 **TO DETERMINE WHERE ON CITY AND/OR COUNTY OWNED LAND, INCLUDING**  
14 **THE AREA OF GENOVEVA CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE COUNTY FAIR**  
15 **GROUNDS OR ADJACENT TO THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, A SUSTAINABILITY**  
16 **DEMONSTRATION CENTER COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.**

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection  
19 Agreement through the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-54; and

20 **WHEREAS**, by adopting Resolution No. 2006-55 the Governing Body  
21 encourages more aggressive green building development through incentives and rewards  
22 to work toward the goals of the 2030 challenge; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan ("Plan") includes a strong education and  
24 outreach program as the key to implementation of all aspects of the Plan; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Plan includes the development of ecological intensive greenhouses such  
2 as the urban model “Growing Power”; and

3           **WHEREAS**, Frank Oppenheimer, physicist and founder of the Exploratorium in Santa  
4 Francisco said “The hands-on science movement has been – and remains – the single most potent  
5 force for change in museums of science...enabling people to feel at home with scientific insights  
6 into the natural world, by giving them the opportunity to develop these insights for themselves  
7 through first-hand experience”; and

8           **WHEREAS**, much of the information needed to fully understand the components of  
9 sustainability are technical and lend themselves to hands-on learning; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe City and County have been working together to further the  
11 benefits of sustainable technologies for both community well-being and green job creation; and

12          **WHEREAS**, several local non-profit organizations have expressed the desire to partner  
13 with the City and County to develop a Center that would demonstrate and teach concepts of  
14 sustainable technologies to the general public; and

15          **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Community College has recently broken ground on the new  
16 Sustainable Technologies Center; and

17          **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Community College has expressed its support of a  
18 Sustainability Demonstration Center as an introduction to sustainability technologies to the  
19 community; and

20          **WHEREAS**, the Genoveva Chavez Community Center and the Santa Fe County Fair  
21 Grounds are places where the Santa Fe community goes for a wide range of community activities.

22          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY**  
23 **OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to study the feasibility of  
24 developing a Sustainability Demonstration Center, including a site analysis, to determine  
25 where on city and/or county owned land, including the area of Genoveva Chavez

1 Community Center and the County Fair Grounds or adjacent to the Children's Museum, a  
2 Sustainability Demonstration Center could be accommodated.

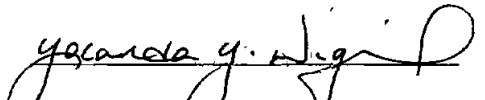
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body encourages Santa Fe County  
4 to pass a similar resolution and that both entities convene a group of City and County staff along  
5 with appropriate local non-profits to develop a detailed vision and program for a Sustainability  
6 Demonstration Center including a budget and plan for on-going funding after such a Center is  
7 established.

8 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2009.


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11 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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13 ATTEST:

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16 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY  
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25 *mdb/jep&mdb/resolutions2009/Sustainable Demonstration Center*