CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-103

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 4, 2008

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE CITY COUNCILOR FROM EACH

COUNCIL DISTRICT AND ELECTING ONE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AT-LARGE; AND

VOTING FOR OR AGAINST AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA FE MUNICIPAL

CHARTER REGARDING REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE, RECALL, PUBLIC

FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS, RANKED CHOICE VOTING, THE POWERS AND

DUTIES OF THE MAYOR AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL

JUDGE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

Section 1. PURPOSE AND DATE OF ELECTION. A regular municipal

election shall be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 for the purpose of electing:

A. One City Councilor from District 1 to a four-year term;

B. One City Councilor from District 2 to a four-year term;

C. One City Councilor from District 3 to a four-year term;
D. One City Councilor from District 4 to a four-year term; and
E. One Municipal Judge elected at-large to a four year term.

Section 2.  **CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED.** The following proposed Charter amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe at the regular municipal election on March 4, 2008.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT 1**

**REFERENDUM**

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article III, Section 3.01 to extend the time period for collecting petition signatures from 60 days to 90 days; to change the method used to determine the number of petition signatures required from 20% of registered voters to 33 1/3% of actual voters voting for mayor in the last mayoral election, including at least 10% of the actual voters, instead of registered voters, for mayor in each council district; to permit referendums on any ordinance instead of only those ordinances that were enacted within the previous 60 days; and to include other technical amendments, with an effective date of May 5, 2008.

Based on the number of registered voters and actual voters at the last municipal election, the effect of these changes would be to reduce the number of signatures required by approximately 50%.

For ☐  Against ☐

**CHARTER AMENDMENT 2**

**INITIATIVE**

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article III, Section 3.02 to extend the time period for collecting petition signatures from 60 days to 90 days; to change the method used to determine the number of petition signatures required from 20% of registered voters to 33 1/3% of actual voters voting for mayor in the last mayoral
election, including at least 10% of the actual voters, instead of registered voters, for mayor in each council district; and to include other technical amendments, with an effective date of May 5, 2008.

Based on the number of registered voters and actual voters at the last municipal election, the effect of these changes would be to reduce the number of signatures required by approximately 50%.

For ☐    Against ☐

CHARTER AMENDMENT 3

RECALL

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article III, Section 3.03, with an effective date of May 5, 2008:

(1) to extend the time period for collecting petition signatures for recall of mayor and councilors from 60 days to ninety 90 days; and

(2) to change the method used to determine the number of petition signatures required for an election to recall the mayor from 20% of registered voters to $33\frac{1}{3}$% of the number of actual voters voting for mayor in the last mayoral election, including at least 15% of the actual voters, rather than registered voters, for mayor in each council district; and

(3) to change the method used to determine the number of petition signatures required for an election to recall a councilor from 20% of registered voters to $33\frac{1}{3}$% of the number of actual voters, voting for mayor, at the last mayoral election in the district from which the councilor was elected.

Based on the number of registered voters and actual voters at the last municipal election, the effect of these changes would be to reduce the number of signatures required by approximately 50%.
For ☐    Against ☐

CHARTER AMENDMENT 4
PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article II, Section 2.05 and
Article IV, Section 4.05 to require the governing body of the City of Santa Fe to adopt an
ordinance, within two years after the effective date of this amendment, which would
provide meaningful public financing of election campaigns for all municipal elected
officials, with an effective date of May 5, 2008.

For ☐    Against ☐

CHARTER AMENDMENT 5
RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article IV, to create a new
Section 4.06 to require that candidates for municipal office be elected by a majority of
voters through a ranked choice voting system that combines the initial vote with an
“instant” runoff in a single election. The instant runoff is achieved by allowing voters to
rank, in order of their preference, each candidate for mayor, city councilor and municipal
judge. If, after counting all voters’ first choices listed on their ballots for an office, no
candidate has received a majority of votes cast, the candidate with the fewest votes is
eliminated. Each ballot listing the eliminated candidate as first choice is then recounted
using that ballot’s second choice. If still no candidate for the office has received a
majority, the process is repeated until a candidate receives a majority of votes for that
office.

Ranked choice voting would go into effect commencing with the regular
municipal election in March 2010 or as soon thereafter when equipment and software for
tabulating the votes and allowing correction of incorrectly marked, in-person ballots are
available at a reasonable price.

For ☐ Against ☐

CHARTER AMENDMENT 6

POWERS AND DUTIES OF MAYOR

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.01 to permit the mayor to vote when his or her vote will provide the required number of votes required by law for taking action on an issue before the governing body, with an effective date of May 5, 2008.

For ☐ Against ☐

CHARTER AMENDMENT 7

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article VII, Sections 7.03 and 7.05 to require that a candidate for municipal judge be a member of the New Mexico State Bar; and to expand the circumstances under which the office of municipal judge shall become vacant to include termination of membership in the New Mexico State Bar, with an effective date of May 5, 2008.

For ☐ Against ☐

Section 3. CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS. Only qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe may vote in the regular municipal election. A qualified elector is any person whose affidavit of voter registration has been filed by the Santa Fe County Clerk on or before the twenty-eighth (28th) day prior to the election, who is registered to vote in a general election precinct established by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners that is wholly or partly within the City of Santa Fe boundaries, and who is a resident of the City of Santa Fe. Registration books for this election will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2008.

Section 4. NOMINATING PETITIONS. Candidates must file a Nominating
Petition containing the required number of valid names, addresses and signatures as follows:

A. Municipal Judge – Signatures of at least one-half of one percent of the registered voters of the City of Santa Fe.

B. City Councilor – Signatures of at least one-half of one percent of the registered voters of the district which the candidate seeks to represent.

Nominating Petition names, addresses and signatures may be collected only between October 1, 2007 and November 30, 2007. All pages of the Nominating Petition must be filed at the same time, on the same day, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2007 at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Section 5. DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY. Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, at the corner of Lincoln & Marcy Streets between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. The City Clerk shall determine the validity of candidacies on January 9, 2008 and post a list in her office of valid and invalid candidates with reasons therefore.

Declarations for Write-In Candidates shall be filed at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The City Clerk shall determine the validity of Candidacies on January 23, 2008 and post a list in her office of valid and invalid Write-In Candidates with reasons therefore.

Section 6. POLLING PLACES AND CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS.

The following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election and qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe may vote at the polling places listed below between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

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Precinct 29  Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
Consolidated Precincts 35, 74  Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road
Consolidated Precincts 38, 56  Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
Consolidated Precincts 39, 49  Kearny Elementary School, 901 Avenida de las Campanas
Precinct 50  Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road
Precinct 51  Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral
Consolidated Precincts 76, 77  Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral
Precinct 78  Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road

ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT (All Districts)

Office of the City Clerk, Room 210, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

Section 7.  ABSENTEE VOTING. Absentee voting by mail will begin on
Tuesday, January 29, 2008 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008. Absentee ballots
may be cast in person beginning on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday,
February 29, 2008. Wednesday, February 13, 2008 is the first day that registered voters may vote
absentee on a paper ballot which is counted by a M100 electronic vote tabulator. Absentee voting
will be conducted in the office of the City Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business,
Monday through Friday. Any qualified elector of the City of Santa Fe shall obtain only his or her
application for absentee ballot, or for an immediate family member, only from the office of the
City Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the City
Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 29, 2008. After 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008, all
unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will accept
completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee
ballot, until 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

Section 8.  CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS. The City Clerk shall
complete the canvass of the election results no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2008, to certify
the results of the election and take any other necessary action relating to the election.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2007.

David Coss
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY