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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 103

INTRODUCED BY:



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;

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- 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

1 election, including at least 10% of the actual voters, instead of registered voters, for
2 mayor in each council district; and to include other technical amendments, with an
3 effective date of May 5, 2008.

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

7 For Against

8 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 3**

9 **RECALL**

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

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

14 (2) to change the method used to determine the number of petition signatures
15 required for an election to recall the mayor from 20% of registered voters to 33^{1/3}% of the
16 number of actual voters voting for mayor in the last mayoral election, including at least
17 15% of the actual voters, rather than registered voters, for mayor in each council district;
18 and

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

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

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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

1 available at a reasonable price.

2 For Against

3 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 6**

4 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF MAYOR**

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

9 For Against

10 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 7**

11 **MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

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

17 For Against

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

25 **Section 4. NOMINATING PETITIONS.** Candidates must file a Nominating

1 Petition containing the required number of valid names, addresses and signatures as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

20 **Section 6. POLLING PLACES AND CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS.**
21 The following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election and
22 qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe may vote at the polling places listed below between the
23 hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

<u>DISTRICT #1</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
Consolidated Precincts 8, 10	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.

1	Consolidated Precincts 9, 28	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
2	Consolidated Precincts 11, 20	Gonzales Elementary School, 851 W. Alameda
3	Consolidated Precincts 21, 83	Gonzales Elementary School, 851 W. Alameda
4	Precinct 22	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
5	Consolidated Precincts 24, 25	Alameda Middle School, 450 La Madera
6	Consolidated Precincts 26, 27	Alvord Elementary School, 551 Alarid
7	Precinct 30	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
8	<u>DISTRICT #2</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
9	Consolidated Precincts 36, 44	Wood Gormley Elementary School, 141 E. Booth St.
10	Consolidated Precincts 37, 54	Capshaw Middle School, 351 W. Zia Road
11	Consolidated Precincts 42, 43	Kaune Elementary School, 1409 Monterey Drive
12	Consolidated Precincts 45, 46	Unitarian Church, 107 W. Barcelona
13	Precinct 47	Acequia Madre Elementary School, 700 Acequia Madre
14	Precinct 48	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail
15	Precinct 52	E.J. Martinez Elementary School, 401 West San Mateo Road
16	Precinct 53	Public Schools Administration Building, 610 Alta Vista
17	Precinct 55	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail
18	<u>DISTRICT #3</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
19	Consolidated Precincts 12, 64, 80, 86	Ortiz Middle School, 4164 S. Meadows Road
20	Consolidated Precincts 31, 41, 66	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
21	Precinct 32	Larragoite Elementary School, 1604 Agua Fria Street
22	Precinct 33	Larragoite Elementary School, 1604 Agua Fria Street
23	Precinct 34	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
24	Consolidated Precincts 62, 67, 75	Ortiz Middle School, 4164 S. Meadows Road
25	<u>DISTRICT #4</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>

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

9 **ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT (All Districts)**

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

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

24 **Section 8. CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.** The City Clerk shall
25 complete the canvass of the election results no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2008, to certify

1 the results of the election and take any other necessary action relating to the election.

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

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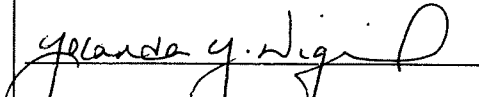
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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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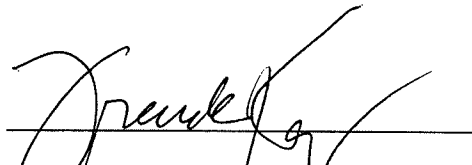
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