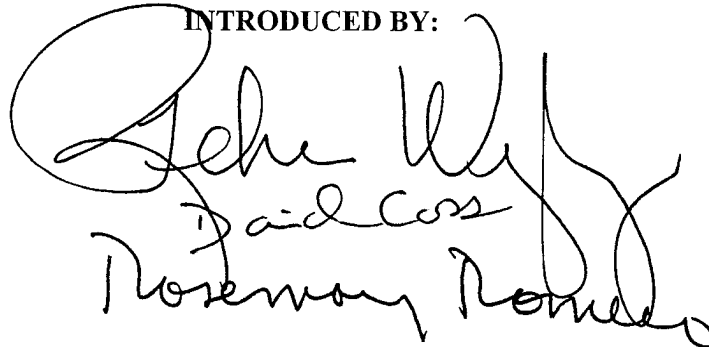


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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

INTRODUCED BY:



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A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING THE RAILYARD STEWARDS EFFORTS AT THE RAILYARD PARK
AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
THE RAILYARD STEWARDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE RAILYARD PARK.**

WHEREAS, the Railyard Stewards is a grassroots organization working in partnership with the City of Santa Fe, The Trust for Public Land, and the Santa Fe Railyard Community Corporation in a care, conservation and education effort that encourages residents to actively participate in the Railyard Park, the City's newest and largest city park, and adjacent community plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Stewards have existed as a citizen group for over a decade, formalized as the Railyard Stewards in 2009, and are recognized as an official city partner in the official policies and procedures for the Railyard Park, Plaza and Alameda approved by the Governing Body in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Stewards mission is to provides community stewardship and advocacy for the care and programming of the Railyard Park and Plaza; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Railyard Park is intended to be a vibrant, beautiful, popular and safe
2 community gathering place representing the history, values and aspirations of the people of Santa
3 Fe; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2009 the Stewards provided approximately 3600 hours equivalent to
5 \$118,000 that the city did not have to spend including: specialized horticultural care and training
6 (260 hours at \$25/hour totaling \$6,500); coordination for outreach, volunteers and fundraising
7 (1484 hours at \$35/hour totaling \$51,940); programming, events and marketing (\$9,500);
8 Railyard park care (754 hours at \$20/hour totaling \$15,080); direction and specialized skills (710
9 hours at \$35/hour totaling \$24,850); and community garden coordination (450 hours at \$35/hour
10 totaling \$9,000) as well as donated materials (\$1,500); and

11 **WHEREAS**, the above includes 1300 hands-on hours of care in the Railyard Park and
12 community garden, with over 150 people participating totaling 90 community work days
13 equivalent to \$26,000; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Stewards coordinated workshops featuring speakers on topics
15 ranging from tree care to compost to integrated pest management, with opportunities for City
16 outreach including two workshops presented by the City's pest management coordinator to over
17 50 community members on tree pruning, in workshops organized by the Stewards; and

18 **WHEREAS**, efforts by the Stewards offsets costs by Parks, Trails and Watershed
19 Division of the City of Santa Fe for specialized maintenance of the Railyard Park; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Stewards have raised over \$135,000 for the care and programming of
21 the Railyard and will continue to work to raise funds from businesses, foundations and
22 individuals; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Stewards work hard to leverage funds through volunteers and shared
24 resources, keeping costs low while providing quality service to the City of Santa Fe and its
25 residents, businesses and tourists; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Stewards budget for 2010 is approximately \$100,000 of which the
2 Stewards have raised \$30,000; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Stewards have requested \$25,000 per year from the city for three years
4 towards the ongoing efforts of the Railyard Stewards; and

5 **WHEREAS**, because of the volunteer labor provided by the Stewards, an investment of
6 \$25,000 per year by the city most likely results in three to five times that in services to the city for
7 the Railyard Park; and

8 **WHEREAS**, public/private partnerships are a benefit to the community and the city,
9 particularly in these difficult economic times, because the city does not have the resources for the
10 proper care of the Railyard park that the Stewards are providing and this huge investment
11 deserves.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE that** the Governing Body supports the Railyard Stewards efforts at the
14 Railyard Park and directs staff to identify funding and enter into a three year agreement with the
15 Railyard Stewards for \$25,000 per year to provide services for the Railyard Park including such
16 services as:

17 1. Coordinating community hands-on volunteers in the Railyard open space areas
18 for specialized plant care, invasive species removal and coordination and care of the community
19 food gardens.

20 2. Continuing the “Outdoor Classroom” program in the Railyard Park to provide
21 educational programming for youth groups and public school groups, helping to provide care of
22 the Railyard Park and educating the public about the Railyard Park and horticultural and
23 agricultural techniques.

24 3. Continuing “Garden in the Park” workshop series, featuring speakers on
25 horticultural and agricultural, with opportunities for City outreach in workshops organized by the

1 Stewards.

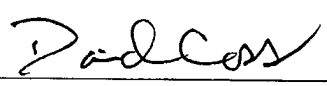
2 4. Raising funds for the Railyard Park.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2010.

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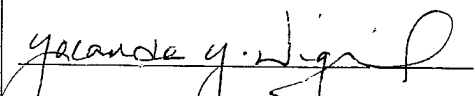
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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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12 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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