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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-96

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Dominguez
Councilor Bushee

**A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-GRAFFITI TASK FORCE.**

WHEREAS, Section 16-10.2 SFCC 1987 makes unauthorized graffiti on personal or real property a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-4.2 SFCC 1987 is a public safety regulation that created the *Graffiti Vandalism Ordinance*; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the *Graffiti Vandalism Ordinance* is to eradicate or minimize the visual blight that graffiti causes; and

WHEREAS, part of the *Graffiti Vandalism Ordinance* established the Office of Anti-Graffiti Coordination whose sole purpose is to eradicate graffiti in the city of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2006, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-147 which directed staff to design and create a “Graffiti Busters” program to encourage and reward those who assist the City in the arrest and prosecution of those who commit graffiti vandalism; and

WHEREAS, the Community Youth Mural Program (CYMP) began in 1995 by teaming

1 professional artists with youth artists to produce public art as a positive way to address the city's
2 growing graffiti problem; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the CYMP links youth and adult artists, community groups and social
4 service agencies to create projects that enhance community pride and foster youth achievement;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the CYMP began employing youth artists as a positive, pro-active approach
7 to addressing a growing graffiti problem; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since 1995, numerous mural projects have been completed, from walls to
9 traffic control boxes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, considering the many approaches the City of Santa Fe has taken to
11 eradicate graffiti, graffiti continues to be a dilemma; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the city desires to find community solutions to eradicate graffiti problems.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby establishes an Anti-Graffiti Task Force.

15 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

16 Section 1. **NAME.** Anti-Graffiti Task Force.

17 Section 2. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the task force is to recommend
18 innovative solutions to the continuing graffiti problem.

19 Section 3. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

20 A. The task force shall make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding
21 innovative and proactive solutions to the community-wide graffiti problem.

22 B. The task force shall make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the
23 enforcement of existing graffiti laws and the development of new legislative initiatives.

24 C. The task force shall make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding
25 mechanisms to encourage and aid in the clean-up of graffiti.

1 D. The task force may solicit community input in developing recommendations for
2 the Governing Body.

3 E. The task force shall report to the Public Works Committee every other month on
4 the progress of their tasks.

5 Section 4. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS.

6 A. The task force shall consist of nine members:

7 (1) Three staff members shall be appointed by the city manager: one staff
8 member from the police department; one staff member from the public works
9 department; and one staff member from the community services department.

10 (2) The remaining six members shall be appointed by the mayor with the
11 approval of the city council. The six members shall be persons who have expressed an
12 interest in serving on the task force who represent an interest in anti-graffiti issues. The
13 City will solicit members from the community to include business owners, homeowners,
14 youth, young adults and representatives from local youth organizations that provide youth
15 services.

16 B. The mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint the chairperson.
17 The chairperson shall designate the vice chairperson.

18 C. The chairperson shall appoint sub-committees and sub-committee chairpersons as
19 needed.

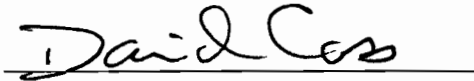
20 Section 5. TERMS. Members shall be appointed for terms of 18 months, at
21 which time the work of the task force should be complete. The governing body, at its discretion
22 may amend this resolution so that the work of the task force may continue.

23 Section 6. MEETINGS. A quorum shall be at least five members. The task force
24 shall meet at least once per month and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with adopted city
25 policy and procedures.

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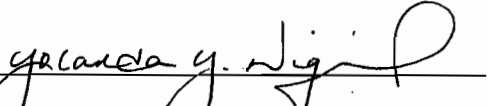
Section 7. STAFF. The parks division and the police department shall serve as the primary liaisons to the commission. Depending upon the issue, other city staff may also be required to assist the task force.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2007.




DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY