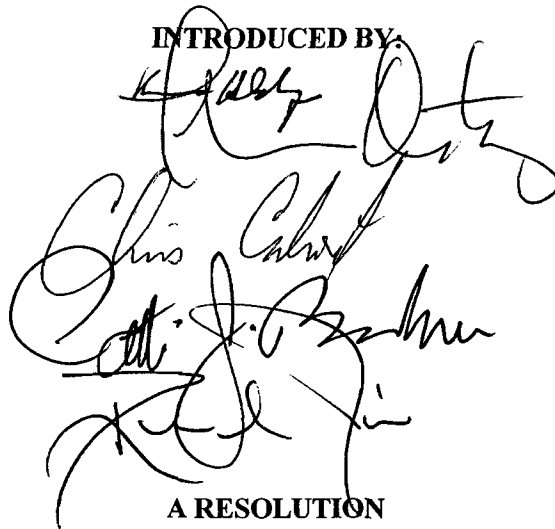


CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22

INTRODUCED BY:



A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO PLACE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE IN THE CITY'S BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe maintains 1,202 acres of developed parkland which includes medians, arterial landscapes and walkways, and conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, this includes Neighborhood Parks, Regional Parks, Community Parks, Pocket Parks, Open Space Parks, and Special Use Parks, which together constitute the approximately 43 parks maintained by the Parks Division; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5,938 acres of undeveloped parkland; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe maintains approximately 67.5 miles of trails including the Arroyo Chamisos Urban Trail, the Rail Trail, the Santa Fe River Trail, the Dale Ball Trails and the Atalaya Trail; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is charged with maintaining these parks, trails, and open spaces, and other similar facilities that may be acquired or developed in the future, in a manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of all those who use these facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division of the Public Works Department of the city of Santa Fe
2 currently does not have enough personnel to adequately maintain its current inventory of
3 recreational lands; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the task of the Parks Division will expand as new facilities, such as the
5 Railyard Park, are acquired and developed; and

6 **WHEREAS**, one of the issues affecting the number of personnel available for the
7 operation and maintenance of the parks and other types of recreational land is that the city of
8 Santa Fe must provide personnel to deal with the large number of special events that occur on
9 public land; and

10 **WHEREAS**, since a majority of these special events occur in and near the downtown
11 area, the parks, trails, and open space that surround the downtown area are particularly likely to
12 be understaffed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division has developed, through strategic planning, a plan that
14 will insure that the parks, trails, and other open spaces will receive adequate care and
15 maintenance.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the city manager is directed to do the following:

18 1. To direct the Parks Division to establish a system of providing personnel to special
19 events so that the parks in any single park district are not unduly impacted by the demands of
20 such events.

21 2. To provide additional funding to the Parks Division on an annual basis for the next
22 four years so that, at a minimum, the Parks Division can hire four to five new, permanent
23 employees annually in order to meet the work load expectations of the Parks Division as outlined
24 in Parks Strategic Plan.

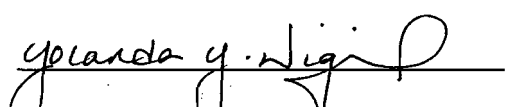
25 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 27th day of February, 2008.

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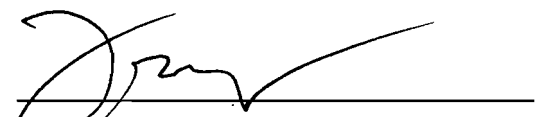


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FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY