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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-19**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

- Councilor Bushee
- Councilor Calvert
- Councilor Wurzburger
- Councilor Dominguez
- Councilor Ives

**AN URGENT RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL 394 (“SB 394”),  
RELATING TO UTILITIES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT  
TO PROVIDE FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITIES TO QUALIFY AS DISTRIBUTED  
GENERATION FACILITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the 60 day session of the 2013 Legislative Session began on January 15, 2013;  
and

**WHEREAS**, SB 394, has been introduced for consideration by the 51<sup>st</sup> Legislature - State of  
New Mexico - First Session, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 394 would provide public electric utilities a vehicle to administer  
community solar programs within their service territories; and

**WHEREAS**, community solar advocates are driven by the recognition that the on-site solar  
market comprises only one part of the total market for solar energy; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2008 study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory found that only  
22% to 27% of a residential rooftop area is suitable for hosting an on-site photovoltaic (PV) system

1 after adjusting for structural, shading, or ownership issues; and

2 **WHEREAS**, clearly, community options are needed to expand access to solar power for  
3 renters, those with shaded roofs, and those who choose not to install a residential system on their  
4 home for financial or other reasons; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as a group, ratepayers and/ or taxpayers fund solar incentive programs and as a  
6 matter of equity, solar energy programs should be designed in a manner that allows all contributors to  
7 participate; and

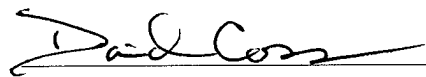
8 **WHEREAS**, the secondary goals met by many community solar projects include:

- 9 • Improved economies of scale
- 10 • Optimal project siting
- 11 • Increased public understanding of solar energy
- 12 • Generation of local jobs
- 13 • Opportunity to test new models of marketing, project financing and service delivery.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports SB 349.

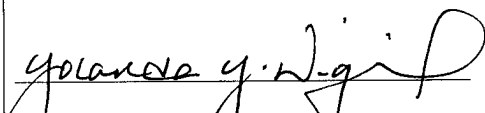
16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
17 resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist and the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation.

18 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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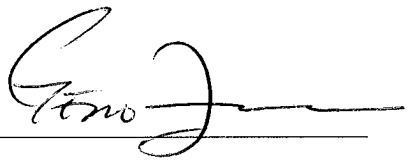
21 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY