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1 influenced growth in the soccer community; and

2 **WHEREAS**, with the increase in interest in the sport there has been a consequential upsurge
3 in the demand for adequate facilities such as fields and stadiums; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has designated limited parks and recreation spaces for
5 soccer use; and

6 **WHEREAS**, problems specific to use, design and maintenance of said fields include,
7 drainage, sprinkler units, turf quality and upkeep; and

8 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico faces a litany of challenges related to literacy, teen pregnancy and
9 health; and

10 **WHEREAS**, statistically, communities that devote resources to youth programs, in particular
11 sports programs, can see a notable benefit for the general health of at risk populations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, investing in a project to enhance the City's soccer fields will not only have a
13 positive impact on the local soccer community, it will also have a positive effect on the regional
14 population; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a single, average size soccer tournament can yield approximately \$600,000 of
16 direct and indirect economic benefit for the hosting entity; and

17 **WHEREAS**, although there is obvious support for the renovations as well as a collaborative
18 effort on the part of the regional soccer associations, there is no clearly identified project.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that City staff, including staff from the Municipal Recreation Complex, Parks,
21 Recreation and Economic Development are directed to:

- 22 1. Collaborate with the regional soccer leagues to identify necessary improvements to
23 the MRC soccer facilities and the possible construction of an indoor soccer facility;
- 24 2. Explore funding mechanisms for such improvements, including planning, design and
25 construction; and


3. Identify the direct and indirect economic benefits of pursuing and hosting regional and national soccer tournaments.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2013.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED ~~AS~~ TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY