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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-12

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger

Councilor Peter Ives

Councilor Patti Bushee

A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROCESS TO REVITALIZE CENTRAL SANTA FE AND OUTLINING THE NEXT STEPS
OF THE REMIKE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has repeatedly recognized the importance of the St. Michael's Drive area in many ways, including the City's investment in the property that is home to the Santa Fe University of Art and Design, the adoption of numerous resolutions including: 2008-112, 2011-18, and 2012-22 and through the support of the REMIKE Demonstration event held in September 2012; and

WHEREAS, revitalization of the area is critical to the evolution of Santa Fe into a city with different centers of commerce, culture and community; and

WHEREAS, the St. Michael's Drive area includes the population center of Santa Fe (according to the 2010 census) and key educational institutions like De Vargas Middle School, Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe University of Art and Design, and the planned Higher Education Center of the Santa Fe Community College; and

1 **WHEREAS**, CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and the surrounding
2 businesses provide valuable medical services and form a significant employment center and engine of
3 job creation in the region; and

4 **WHEREAS**, numerous other businesses and community organizations are invested in the
5 area; and

6 **WHEREAS**, at Cerrillos Road and St. Michael's Drive all four City Council districts
7 connect; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization identified St. Michaels Drive
9 for further study in the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the residential neighborhoods bordering both sides of St. Michael's Drive have
11 Median Household Incomes that range between \$23,260 and \$38,405 and are just 44% and 73%,
12 respectively, of the U.S. Median Household Income of \$52,762, for the same period,, thereby
13 qualifying these areas for the designation of "economically distressed"; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the community development process thus far has brought forward the
15 importance of addressing the road, traffic and safety issues as well as the zoning and business
16 environment issues; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the REMIKE report identifies key action items designed to catalyze
18 revitalization in the area.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports the continuation of the community
21 development process to revitalize central Santa Fe and outline the next steps of the Remike project.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an interdepartmental staff team shall bring forward the
23 following action items:

- 24 1. A plan to mobilize one or more catalytic projects to jump start revitalization in the
25 area that may include development of housing, commercial, retail and/or green space,

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and a slate of incentives to support the selected proposal which may include city investments, fee waivers and/or allocation of other city resources as well as a special designation of zoning for economic development purposes.

2. A draft overlay district to be implemented in phases which may include development incentives such as fee waivers and allocation of other city resources as well as a special designation of zoning for economic development purposes.
3. Investigation into taking control of a section of property currently leased to Santa Fe University of Art and Design.
4. A traffic study to be used for attraction and justification of federal and state funding for road and transportation improvements.
5. Recommendations on funding and integrations with the priorities of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Organization.
6. A demonstration project on safety improvements for the crossing of St. Michael's Drive at Llano Street.
7. A working partnership with the New Mexico Department of Transportation on all relevant issues including the crossing at the Rail Trail, the intersection of St. Michael's Drive and Cerrillos Road, ongoing maintenance and service of St. Michael's Drive, public transportation and more.
8. A land survey of the area to include all relevant factors such as the infrastructure, buildings and utilities on both sides of the street.
9. Working partnerships with key private sector partners which leverage investment and effort.
10. A draft ordinance to galvanize business in the area through creation of pop-up businesses and provision for temporary uses of existing spaces.
11. Mobilization of an incentivized selection of creative professionals, in partnership

1 with the Arts Commission, to create mobile business and/or parklet facilities, to be
2 utilized in this and other areas, as recommended in the REMIKE Report

- 3 12. Mobilization of an incentivized selection of creative professionals to create an
4 identity for the area as a vibrant district and provide a foundation for the formation of
5 a district business association.

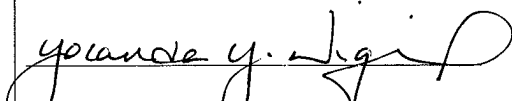
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all actions should include outreach and work to
7 improve adjacent neighborhoods for relevant factors including; increased safety for pedestrians and
8 bicyclists, access to improved community services in the area; access to resources to enhance
9 economic success and mobility; preservation and expansion of affordable housing assets; and
10 preservation of existing families and neighborhoods.

11 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2014.


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14 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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18 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Melissa/Resolutions 2014/2014-12 Remkie Project*