

Agenda



Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 9:00 to 11:00

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SUMMED BY Sue Perry

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL** B.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA, Prioritization of 3 Initiatives/Actions

5 minutes

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2 minutes/person

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 - 1. BCC presentation
 - 2. Proposed changes to Agenda; Check In, Council meeting facilitation, Ground rules, Prioritization
 - 3. Relationship of SFFPC and Farm to Table
- H. CHECK IN: "How does supporting local agricultural production relate to accessibility?" 45 minutes
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 - b. Upstream Process
 - c. Food Production and Land Use Committee
 - i. Agricultural Tax Exemptions; Commissioner O'Malley of Bernalillo County
 - d. Education and Outreach
 - i. Website development update
 - e. City-County GMO Task Force
 - i. Draft Resolution update: Health-Agriculture-Economy
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SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY 1222 SILER ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87501

THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by Susan Perry, Chair on this date at approximately 9:05 a.m. at the Angel Depot, Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Susan Perry, Chair Emigdio Ballon Patricia Boies Maria Bustamante-Bernal Tony McCarty Katherine Mortimer Susan Odiseos Pamela Roy Lynn Walters Mark Winne

Staff Present

Erin Lloyd Ortigoza

Others Present

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

Members Absent

Robert Griego Steve Warshawer

Chair Perry explained that in response to the training they would try to make the agenda and the operations of the meeting more meaningful and useful. She noted there would be three initiatives/actions she would like approved and the Food Council would establish ground rules for their meetings.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ Prioritization of 3 Initiatives/Actions

Ms. Walters moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Roy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 23, 2014

Ms. Mortimer moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2014 as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Tom Guthrie said he was invited by Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza. He is a cultural anthropologist doing research on efforts to revitalize small scale agriculture in northern New Mexico.

Richard Welker said he is interested in urban agricultural ordinances in the country and in New Mexico.

Jeff Ethan Green said he works with the national nonprofit Real Food Challenge to increase healthy, sustainable food. The Real Food Summit was just held in Santa Fe last weekend and was very successful and about 10 colleges, universities and some high schools participated. He came to find out what is happening on the GMO resolutions, etc.

Angel Benyosky said she is the director of a small community group called *Making a Difference*. They work with things that pertain to families; low income families in particular. She said she wanted to be a part of presenting solutions and bringing people together.

She said she met Michael, the developer of the Farm Pod (Exhibit 1), which is an option to provide fresh organic produce with a small carbon footprint and low maintenance. The Pod is a miniature eco system and self sustaining and self feeding and produces 100 pounds of food a week.

The Food Policy Council members introduced themselves.

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS- There were none

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BCC Presentation

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said a presentation was made February 11 to the BCC (Board of County Commissioners) to provide update on the Food Plan. The Food Plan was well received and Commissioner Holian and other Commissioners are supportive and interested in the policies. She said she would discuss later the steps taken with a resolution.

Ms. Odiseos acknowledged the fantastic job Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza did by and the receptivity from the Commissioners. She said the FPC is very proud. A round of applause was given to Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza.

Chair Perry noted that as a result the County is more engaged.

2. Proposed Changes to Agenda; Check In, Council Meeting Facilitation, Ground Rules, Prioritization

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she met with Roberto Chenet and others with the Cultural Competency training in mind. They looked at how the agenda could reflect the discussions in the meeting. One change is a check-in question. She invited members to think about questions that would develop deep conversations and elicit ideas and allow them to get to know each other around some of the issues.

She said also a rotation of facilitators is proposed. Each member would have an opportunity to facilitate the meeting and that will help them understand the responsibilities, roles and challenges. April training is being looked at that will focus on facilitation skills.

Chair Perry added that she and Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza would continue to organize the agenda, etc. She said members would formalize the top three priorities to be sure they are discussed, but the other items would not be eliminated.

Ms. Mortimer said she wouldn't mind trying the ideas, but was concerned that "front-loading" would mean more discussion and lengthen the meeting. She suggested the agenda be prioritized prior to the meeting.

Mr. Winne also had concerns about the time spent on one question. He noted that Initiatives and Actions items would typically take an hour and even that doesn't do them justice.

Chair Perry explained she felt constricted trying to get through the agenda. She said everyone has agreed that some topics and conversations were an important use of their time. She said if this doesn't work well, it is easier to edit something than to create it.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal moved that Item H: Check In be moved after Item I: Initiatives. Ms. Mortimer seconded the motion.

Ms. Odiseos asked if everyone had to take a turn at facilitation. Mr. Winne suggested an option to pass.

Chair Perry said this is more about the gifts, resources and personalities of each member. She was concerned about two or three people being the main speakers.

Ms. Roy suggested they build on the check-in question and integrate that into their report. She agreed with not making facilitation mandatory. She added this is about honing member's skills. She said this would build the leadership of the organization and potentially the next round of leadership.

Ms. Mortimer called the question.

The motion to move H after I on the agenda was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Mortimer said to facilitate a general meeting has a different skill set than facilitating the monthly Food Policy Council meeting with Roberts Rules of Order, etc. She suggested facilitation of a discussion or piece of the agenda, instead of the entire meeting.

3. Relationship of SFFPC and Farm to Table

Chair Perry said the concerns were looked at and what was discussed was reengineering the way they work as a council, etc. She said the consensus of the Food Council was a clear definition between Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza as the coordinator for the Food Policy Council and the relationship of Farm to Table as the Fiscal Agent. Ms. Roy added that Farm to Table partially covers the costs.

She said the e-mail address is the Food Policy Council's and the web page is clearly the Food Policy Council's. She said members should consider if there is a switch [of agents], where Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza might be sitting and how that would work, etc. with City/County co-funding and support. They need to be sure the appearance isn't that the City or the County has more influence.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the Food Council website could be housed under Farm to Table and look like the Food Council landing page. There is no mention of Farm to Table or their logo and the domain name belongs to the Food Council. Many of the pages are ready, but all are under construction. The Food Plan page is ready to be populated; the Bio page has pictures and the bios of those who have sent them to her.

Ms. Mortimer said she wants to give the organizers of the Learning Academy the information on how to contact people to do presentations or be part of a panel, etc. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza offered to e-mail the link to the Bio page.

I. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS (Revised Agenda Order)

Establish Ground Rules for Council Meetings

Chair Perry said in the interest of time, the members could throw out some ideas and those could be e-mailed to everyone. She said these concepts are already in people's minds or informally practiced, but the rules would give members something to respond to if the rules are not practiced.

Ms. Mortimer suggested Roberts Rules of Order as a baseline because a lot of items are understood and wouldn't have to be restated. She said Roberts Rules has to be followed unless otherwise stated in the resolution and certain things apply to all City/County boards and commissions in terms of how they operate. Chair Perry offered to send the link for the Rules to the members.

Mr. Winne suggested members brainstorm as he lists the items on a chart.

The members discussed ideas, which are summarized as follows:

- Cell phones would be turned off and people would leave the room when they need to talk. There should be no texting, etc.
- People should make an effort to be ready to start at nine.
- Everyone would be given the opportunity to speak and every voice would be heard at every meeting.
- The facilitator should ask people not participating if they want to add something, but comment would not be required.
- The facilitator could open the monologue conversation to other perspectives; redirect the monologue or limit the monologue. Everyone should have time to discuss the topics.

- Conversations should come to a point; an actionable item or summary. Repetition should be avoided and people should be concise.
- The facilitator should provide a synopsis of the discussion and the next steps.
- People should raise their hands and be acknowledged before speaking.
- When someone is unable to attend the meeting or has to leave early, the chair should be informed.
- Ending on time should be respected.
- The rules should be posted at every meeting; a suggestion was to print them on the back of the agenda.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the list would be e-mailed to everyone and the ground rules could be approved electronically. Additional suggestions could be e-mailed to her.

2. Policy Committee

- a. Food Plan
 - i. Community Building Events: Pojoaque, Seed-Saving Conference

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she met with Mr. Ballon and Richar(?) from Pojoaque Pueblo and there would be an event at Tesuque the end of March or April.

Mr. Ballon explained the Pueblo usually holds a meeting with the farmers going into the planting season to discuss the water situation and schedule etc. He said the Pueblo is trying to get more farmers in the community and why there are preparations to buy seeds outside of the Pueblo. He said he has a flyer out already and would let members know the exact date of the meeting.

Ms. Mortimer asked if the idea is to discuss the draft Food Plan during the meeting.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said it was. She said they would work with groups who have established gatherings and this is an opportunity to go to the meetings.

Ms. Mortimer recommended sending an invitation to the entire governing group in the jurisdiction to make people aware that the meeting is more than just to talk about planting. She said if the jurisdiction is in the City, the City Councilors should be invited and if in the County, the County Commissioners invited, etc. She said that would hopefully help the communication with the decision-makers and help them feel a part of the process.

Ms. Roy suggested they be thoughtful about who is invited. She said for instance if at Tesuque; it is their agenda. The FPC would participate and should go as listeners. She said she doesn't want to force FPC's agenda on the Pueblo.

The members discussed the Food Plan presentation and whether possible to extend the meeting time. One suggestion was for the agenda to give the time that business would be conducted and when the presentation and discussion would be afterwards.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said other opportunities to present the Food Plan are: tentatively at the Pojoaque Pueblo the last Wednesday of April when farmers meet to prepare for the Pojoaque Farmers Market and the Ninth Annual Seed Saving Conference at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. She said that is hosted collaboratively by the Acequia Association and the Tewa Women's Group.

Chair Perry added that Rio Arriba County is interested in the basics of seed saving and respecting the land as well as practical issues and she was asked to do a presentation. The event is on April fifth and is free for those who exchange seeds and five dollars for everyone else.

Mr. Ballon suggested the presentation be simple, specific and not too long.

Ms. Odiseos said the FPC might be overwhelming their audiences. She was concerned with not only the time, but the content. She said there could be a quick assessment of how things are going early on so if adjustments are needed that could be done before getting too far into the presentation.

Ms. Mortimer suggested after each meeting the presenters should look at what was good and bad and what should be changed. She said to do that on the fly is a great idea, but would be a huge challenge. She said one way to focus the presentation is to work with Mr. Ballon. A couple of his growers could do a 'pre-meeting' to figure out key issues for that audience and tailor the presentation to that.

Ms. Roy noted that the Santa Fe Food Policy Council was asked to sponsor \$250 for the Seed Saving Conference. The budget has a line item for the funding.

Ms. Benyosky asked how a group could be considered if they want to give a presentation. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza offered to talk with her after the meeting.

Mr. McCarty voiced concern whether there would be time to talk about the resolution.

Mr. McCarty moved to discuss item e. i. *Draft Resolution Update* next on the agenda. Ms. Odiseos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza continued; she would attend a conference on March 15th and talk to growers and there is an opportunity to work with Adelelante Cooking with Kids and several other events. She said Monday she would meet with the Dean of IAIA and she talked with Paolo from the Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute about partnering on the Southside Farmers Market.

Ms. Mortimer asked Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza to send scheduled events out to everyone so people could volunteer and be with her at the table. She said she and Councilor Dominguez and Senator Heinrich's office have been working on quality of life on the Southside through the Empowerment Congress model.

e. City-County GMO Task Force (Revised Agenda Order)

i. Draft Resolution update: Health-Agriculture-Economy

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said this began last April in response to the City's resolution for the exploration of prohibiting GMO cultivation in Santa Fe County and mandated labeling.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said earlier this year she and Mr. Griego and Commissioner Holian met. They discussed how to maximize the work from one initiative and came up with an umbrella approach, which GMO could be a facet.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said after discussion with the County Planning Office the needed to continue with the resolution was clear. They would be on record that the County supports initiatives that help agriculture,

sustainable agricultural practices and public health. A separate scope of work is needed to describe an initiative that would do that.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the resolution was drafted with that in mind and would link agricultural economy, environmental health and public health. She said the idea is not to limit to GMO, but to address it through a holistic initiative.

Ms. Mortimer said she appreciates the work that has been done and understands being broad. She suggested the resolution have specifics. She said the GMO group has developed 4 or 5 specific actions that could be referenced. She noted that the third resolution is more specific and addresses the issues raised by Mr. Warshawer, but the first two are too broad.

Mr. Winne said this is a two-part process; the resolution and proposal. The proposal would go through Planning and Economic Development to develop a "Santa Fe grown" brand and incorporate food grown sustainably that is good for health and the environment and the farmer. He said the idea is to help get funding and the proposal through the County. The resolution should precede the proposal and provide a policy-base or a foundation that expresses the will of the County to support the proposal.

Mr. Winne said they want to acknowledge the other work done and ideally get this before the BCC and acted upon before a decision about the proposal is made.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she is working with Commissioner Holian, who would present the resolution. She offered to ask the Commissioner if she has recommendations.

Ms. Mortimer said resolve #1 should be less vague and reference specific things in the proposal, etc.

Ms. Roy thanked Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza for her work. She suggested the first area hit closer to home instead of global and get more quickly to the local statistics, state and county. She said there could be a summary of the work and what the proposal is about. She asked if the final document (proposal) could be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Ms. Mortimer said she sees the role of the Food Policy Council as staff working with the County. She said County staff would bring this forward and the Food Policy Council supports them. She said FPC would not have to weigh in.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal had to leave the meeting at this time.

Mr. Ballon brought up concern over the seed sovereignty resolution.

Mr. Winne assured Mr. Ballon that the County has continually referenced the Seed Sovereignty Resolutions and has been discussed with Commissioner Holian, and others etc. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza added that some *whereas* statements and references were to reaffirm that and keep it alive.

Ms. Odiseos asked about the credibility of the statement in the resolution that 21,000 people have food insecurity. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza explained the reference was from the survey by the USDA. Ms. Mortimer suggested the reference source be added.

- 2. Policy Committee (continued and Revised Agenda Order)
 - b. Upstream Process not discussed
 - d. Education and Outreach- previously discussed
 - i. Website development update
 - c. Food Production and Land Use Committee (Revised Agenda Order)
 - i. Agricultural Tax Exemptions; Commissioner O'Malley of Bernalillo County

Ms. Roy said they have been working with the County and with code, etc. and have moved to the in-depth code process now. The County Assessor Director and Deputy Director were at the last subcommittee meeting.

She said the issue is statewide and they want to address the tax exemptions for agricultural land use in a creative way. She and Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza and Mr. Griego met with the County Assessor Director, Deputy Assessor and Commissioner O'Malley of Bernalillo County. All of the agricultural exemptions in Bernalillo County would be reviewed. She said state rules are vague on who gets a lower tax for property used as agricultural land, but counties could adapt to their own situations.

She said Taos and Grant County is looking at this as well. She explained there are instances where the land is left fallow and collects the exemption. She said that exemption might be removed and the owner would have to pay market value tax and possibly have to put the land up for sale.

She said they want to look at creative options county by county throughout the state. She noted that the two bills at the state legislature to change tax implications to agricultural land use did not pass. She said that implies this is a serious issue and the FPC needs to be at the table. She has taken progressive measures to ensure they continue the conversation.

Ms. Mortimer asked if there are other land use policy issues that were a disadvantage to local farmers that Mr. Warshawer had raised about the code as written. She asked if there are other aspects, if they are being addressed and if Mr. Warshawer is involved.

Ms. Roy said Mr. Warshawer is involved and the original conversations with the County were based partly on his suggestions. She noted he had been invited, but was unable to attend the subcommittee meetings.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said Mr. Griego recognizes the resolution resolves that the County work with the Food Council on the land use code.

Ms. Mortimer said the code was adopted but hasn't been enacted, because of the land use map. She said it is discouraging that there are problems with it, but not time to resolve very complex issues.

Mr. Winne asked if it would be helpful to have someone from the County Assessor come to a meeting. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza offered to invite them.

Mr. Winne said he read about Pennsylvania or Philadelphia recently changing their tax code on hoop houses and high tunnels. He wanted to be sure that is considered.

Ms. Mortimer said Santa Fe County has been reassessing all properties. She thought it would be interesting to find out what the County is doing in assessment of accessories, structures and rates.

Ms. Odiseos said a prevailing problem is there are a tremendous amount of people who got exemptions and shouldn't have.

Mr. Ballon said farmers depend on technology and the people at the table could give technical ideas.

Ms. Mortimer said key is to work with the statewide Food and Agricultural Policy Council. She said they can create great policy in Santa Fe, but they are within a watershed.

Ms. Roy said she hopes there is a presentation at the next New Mexico Food and Agricultural Policy Council meeting on April third. She said the Deputy Director of Bernalillo County has worked on this prior to his role as an attorney with the State. She offered to ask about a presentation for the Food Council in April, but said she would want time for the presentation. She would be sure everyone gets an invitation to the April 3 meeting.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said one creative idea discussed is to create a systematic way for young generations of farmers to partner with older generation landowners at a county level.

f. State & National Issues- (Revised Agenda Order)

Ms. Roy said she sent a report to everyone on the outcome of the legislative session and summarized things of interests and the New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. She thanked everyone for their support. She said the initiative recommended is in front of Governor Martinez and asks for 240,000 recurring dollars to go to New Mexico Grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school meals.

She suggested if a letter has not been sent from the Food Policy Council to the Governor that should be done.

Chair Perry said Ms. Roy sent out the letter and draft and it is important that everyone read that and respond.

Ms. Roy said the Farm Bill passed. She said language for newer programs is being worked on and one is a double box program for farmers market (food stamps and SNAP-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Also there is a local food promotion program: the Farmers Market Promotion Program Assistance and the Community Food Project Grant Program.

H. CHECK IN: "How does supporting local agricultural production relate to accessibility"

Chair Perry suggested modifying the Check In idea at the next meeting. She thought the question had been woven into the discussion today.

- 3. Executive Committee (Revised Agenda Order)
 - a. Clarifying Additional Responsibilities for Coordinator Position

Chair Perry said regarding additional responsibilities there is a shift of Ms. Paisano's focus and where Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza needs to take that up. She said that has been discussed and a new scope of work is needed and the position has changed since last summer.

Chair Perry said Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza and Ms. Roy would put that together for the Food Council to review. A question is whether at 20 hours a week Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza would have sufficient time to do the tasks and that speaks to how many hours a coordinator would be needed. She said if the members agree on that they will need to look at funding.

Ms. Mortimer recommended if a specific proposal is coming back it should be noticed as an action item and included in the materials sent.

b. Replacement Suggestions for Community Member

Chair Perry asked for comments on replacement suggestions.

Mr. Winne moved that a notice be sent requesting proposals from members for a community member and that the decision be made [on the member] at the next meeting. Ms. Roy seconded the motion.

Ms. Mortimer said there is no reason to wait if a community member is qualified and interested. She explained the process; the person would apply to the City or County through staff facilitation. She said if Mr. Piottin is interested she encouraged him to write a letter of interest and provide his resume and send that to Chair Perry. She said Chair Perry would write a letter that recommends Mr. Piottin to the Mayor.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza offered to direct Mr. Piottin to the website which has the application process and a link to the form and instructions of application requirements.

The members discussed other possibilities. Chair Perry said she would follow up with Mr. Warshawer on his status.

Ms. Roy called the question.

The motion for a notice to be sent for proposals from members and a vote by the next meeting was passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. Proposed honorary youth positions Not discussed
- J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR There were none.

K. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Ms. Mortimer said the Food and Water Learning Academy dates may change from what she previously sent. She would give them the Food Policy Council member biographies and work with them via e-mail once they hone in on the kinds of presentations that fit their agenda.

Mr. McCarty said the New Mexico Stop Hunger Conference is in mid July in Albuquerque and is free of charge. The group is a state group called by the agency on Aging and Long Term Care and they have representation from non-profit government facilities. He asked if FPC wants a presence at the Conference or to do a presentation of the Food Plan.

Ms. Roy said this could be an overall food policy, state/local workshop.

Chair Perry thought that could be useful. She said people are not aware of the connections available in the state.

Ms. Mortimer said the focus should be food policy councils. She suggested they invite the other food policy councils in the state to join in Santa Fe Food Policy Council's proposal. She said the Food Plan could be a tool they are exploring, but should not be the focus.

Mr. Winne said he wanted to thank Ms. Boies for the recommendation she sent and for taking the lead in putting the recommendation together. He said he assumes that will show up in the County Health Plan.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Approved by:

Susan Perry, Chair

Submitted by:

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

HOW DOES FARMPOD REVOLUTIONIZE OUR

RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD?

FarmPods revolutionize our relationship to food by:

- Increasing availability
- Increasing sustainability
- Increasing quality
- Decreasing resource requirements Decreasing labor costs
- Decreasing environmental impact
- Decreasing food waste

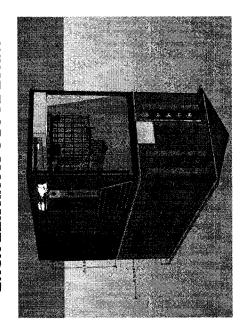
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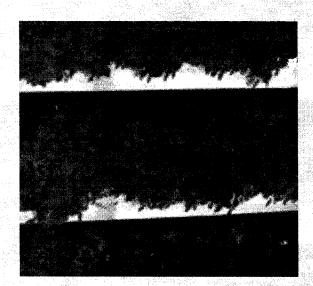
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- Schools
- Restaurants
- Hospitals
- Community food kitchens
- Churches
- Neighborhood markets
- CSAs
- Family corporatives
- Small communities
- Anyone who wants to join us in revolutionizing their relationship with food



A RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING CONCERNS ABOUT GMO FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, UNSUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, AND RESIDENT NUTRITION IN SANTA FE COUNTY; THEREFORE, A STRONG LINK BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY'S FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, THE HEALTH OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND THE HEALTH OF THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE ESTABLISHED AS A UNIFYING POLICY FOCUS OF SANTA FE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, food availability, safety and quality are foundational to the health of the population and are vital to the growth, prosperity of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the current world population of 7.2 billion is projected to increase by 1 billion over the next 12 years and reach 9.6 billion by 2050, according to a United Nations report launched in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, gaps in the global food system have far reaching environmental and health implications which affect availability of quality fresh food at a local level and the quality of local resources needed to continue growing food locally; and

WHEREAS, a robust local food economy that preserves and augments our natural resource base, that provides fresh, nutritious food for residents, and that promotes the County's unique and historic agricultural character is a notable area of development; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County 2013: A Community Health Profile highlights environmental factors that affect health, including access to nutritious food, grocery stores, food assistance programs, (SNAP, WIC and free/reduced price school lunch) school nutrition, prevalence of fast food outlets; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 draft Food Plan for Santa Fe City and County examines various issues through the lens of food, including health, distribution, economy, education, agriculture, land and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County recently passed a resolution to support New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals at the 2014 State legislature; and

WHEREAS, as there are at least 21,270 individuals living in Santa Fe County who do not know where their next meal comes from; and

WHEREAS, the current generation of youth is poised to be the first generation with a lower life expectancy than that of their parents, with almost 30,000 county residents experiencing the effects of obesity; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Growth Management Plan has a chapter dedicated to the issues facing agriculture and ranching practices in Santa Fe County including food security, diminishing number of farms and ranches due to financial constraints and development pressures and limited resources and incentives; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the County of Santa Fe that:

- 1. Santa Fe County supports policies and initiatives that establish a unified focus incorporating the target areas of agricultural economy, the health of County residents and the health of the environment.
- 2. Santa Fe County supports the implementation of programs and policy initiatives that are consistent with the following plans: Santa Fe County 2013: A Community Health Profile, the 2013 draft Food Plan for Santa Fe City and County, the Sustainable Growth Management Plan, the Santa Fe County Regional Economic Development Initiative's 2010 Agriculture Study, and 2014 Draft Santa Fe County Economic Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff is directed to work with the Santa Fe Food Policy Council as the Santa Fe Sustainable Land Development Code develops mechanisms to sustain agricultural economies, land base and resources in the County.