

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-100**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4
5 Mayor Coss
6 Councilor Calvert
7 Councilor Bushee
8 Councilor Ives
9 Councilor Wurzbarger

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA DENY THE PERMIT**
12 **APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL TAR SANDS**
13 **PIPELINE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, President Obama must issue a Presidential Permit declaring that construction of
16 the 875-mile northern segment of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline through America's heartland is
17 in the national interest; and

18 **WHEREAS**, President Obama told the nation on June 25, 2013 that "our national interest
19 will be served only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution";
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, the 830,000 barrels of tar sands oil proposed to be carried daily from Alberta,
22 Canada to the Gulf Coast would increase climate changing emissions yearly by 24.3 million tons, the
23 equivalent of Americans driving an additional 60 million miles per year; and

24 **WHEREAS**, over the course of the project's lifetime carbon emissions would increase by up
25 to 1.2 billion metric tons at a time when the World Bank and International Energy Administration are

1 warning that 66 percent of known fossil fuel reserves must be kept in the ground if we are to have
2 even a small chance at stopping the climate crisis

3 **WHEREAS**, life cycle GHG emissions from oil sands crude could be 81% greater than
4 emissions from the average crude refined in the U.S. according to the Environmental Protection
5 Agency; and

6 **WHEREAS**, an area of pristine boreal forest the size of Florida will be mined to extract tar
7 sands oil, causing the loss of millions of migratory birds and other wildlife; and

8 **WHEREAS**, about three barrels of water are dumped in toxic tailing ponds for every barrel
9 of oil produced; and

10 **WHEREAS**, high rates of rare cancers, renal failure, lupus, and hyperthyroidism have been
11 documented in indigenous communities living downstream from tar sands extraction; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in the last decade, there have been over 2,500 pipeline mishaps, leading to 161
13 deaths, including recent tar sands pipeline breaks in Kalamazoo, Michigan and Mayflower, Arkansas;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, refining tar sands oil emits higher levels of mercury and other disease-causing
16 air pollutants than conventional oil, worsening the already unacceptable air quality of impacted Gulf
17 Coast communities; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. State Department confirms that the majority of tar sands crude oil will
19 be exported internationally after it is processed in Gulf Coast refineries.

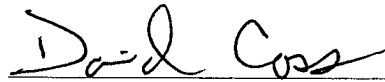
20 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body hereby respectfully requests and strongly urges
22 President Obama and the State Department to reject TransCanada's permit application to construct
23 the Northern segment of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body strongly support public
25 expression of resistance to approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline, up to and including peaceful,

1 nonviolent and dignified expressions of civil disobedience.

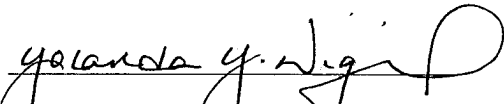
2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the this
3 resolution to President Obama and members of the Santa Fe's congressional delegation.

4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2013.

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7 ATTEST:

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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10 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY