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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING CITY OF SANTA FE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 55TH
LEGISLATURE – STATE OF NEW MEXICO – FIRST SESSION, 2021.**

WHEREAS, the 60-day Legislative Session of the 2021 New Mexico State Legislature begins on January 19, 2021 and ends on March 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish City of Santa Fe legislative priorities to be considered by the City of Santa Fe Legislative Delegation and the New Mexico State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has other legislative priorities it desires to be considered by the New Mexico State Legislature, including City of Santa Fe city-wide capital outlay priorities, City of Santa Fe statutory priorities, City of Santa Fe general fund priorities, City of Santa Fe City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be introduced during the 2021 New Mexico Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following city-wide capital
2 outlay legislative funding priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature during the 2021
3 Legislative Session:

4 1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with the addition of COVID-
5 safe elements to the construction of Southside Teen Center, the City of Santa Fe requests \$890,000 for
6 this project to provide essential services to help teens succeed.

7 2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with economic development,
8 the City of Santa Fe requests funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the expansion of the Santa Fe
9 Regional Airport terminal building and related infrastructure, including an expansion to accommodate
10 additional airlines, flights, increase seating, and enhance the flow of passenger traffic.

11 3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with municipal parks, the City
12 of Santa Fe requests funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 that will be used to renovate and repair city
13 parks that allow for COVID-safe activities for resident well-being.

14 4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with medians, the City of Santa
15 Fe requests \$8,000,000 to reduce maintenance and improve beautification and safety throughout the
16 City.

17 5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative to support economic development, the City
18 of Santa Fe requests \$10,000,000 to plan, design, and construct infrastructure within the Midtown Santa
19 Fe property including, but not limited to, digital, transportation, drainage, facility, and utility
20 infrastructure.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests the Legislature enact a
22 Joint Resolution ratifying and approving the transfer of one or more tracts of City of Santa Fe-owned
23 real property to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety in trade and exchange for the
24 transfer of multiple tracts of State-owned real property to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation

1 during the 2021 Legislative Session that would legalize the sale and consumption of recreational
2 cannabis that gives municipalities the ability to regulate it through local zoning, gives municipalities
3 an unrestricted portion of the tax on sales, establishes strict guidelines for packaging and advertising,
4 and pardons and expunges the records of those who are, or have been, incarcerated for certain
5 marijuana-related charges.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses the
7 establishment of a regional drug treatment facility that would serve the residents of Santa Fe and
8 northern New Mexico established and funded by revenue derived from the taxation on the legal sale of
9 recreational cannabis.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
11 during the 2021 Legislative Session that would allow for a New Mexico Public Bank owned by and for
12 the people of New Mexico that would direct the State's investment decisions to support and diversify
13 the economy including achieving goals in eco-tourism, food security, solar energy installations,
14 broadband expansion, health clinic upgrades, and clean energy infrastructure projects.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests the New Mexico State
16 Legislature pass legislation during the 2021 Legislative Session which would amend New Mexico's
17 tax law to allow for the imposition of additional gross receipts taxes on out-of-state vendors and
18 implement a formula for calculating the distribution of gross receipts tax revenue from out-of-state
19 vendors which ensures fair and equitable distribution to municipalities and counties.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body request the New Mexico State
21 Legislature work to ensure that the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department charges
22 administrative fees connected to the distribution of gross receipts tax revenue in accordance with
23 applicable New Mexico state statutes which limit such fees to 3% and that any repayment sought by
24 the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department pursuant to the overpayment of gross receipts tax
25 revenue to a county or municipality be limited in time as provided for by applicable New Mexico state

1 statutes.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests that the New Mexico State
3 Legislature ensure hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or further
4 reduced and returned to their original schedule and/or ensure that any tax reform continues to hold
5 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
6 tax on food and medical.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body request that the New Mexico State
8 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the Santa Fe Thrive public safety
9 program which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department to redirect
10 persons suspected of involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes to community-based services in lieu
11 of prosecution or jail.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
13 legislation that improves broadband infrastructure throughout the state, specifically as it relates to
14 associated economic development.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
16 legislation that supports the development and construction of affordable housing to decrease and/or
17 subsidize the cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
19 legislation that would authorize the development of a community solar program that provides customers
20 with the voluntary option of accessing solar energy produced by a community solar facility through a
21 subscription process.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests the New Mexico State
23 Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation
24 designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any

1 legislation that would support municipal recycling program,; product packaging changes that reduce
2 waste, and programs that support recycling market development.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports any legislation that
4 advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City of Santa Fe including carbon neutrality,
5 ecological resilience, economic vitality, and quality of life and social equity.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
7 legislation that would eliminate the 3% cap on annual property tax increases on residences that are not
8 owner-occupied as the owner’s principal place of residence.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
10 legislation that establishes an occupancy surtax, the proceeds of which would be used by municipalities
11 and counties to defray the cost of providing affordable housing or to leverage federal funding for
12 affordable housing.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
14 legislation or initiatives of the Legislature or Administration that would improve and expand early
15 childhood education.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
17 legislation that would increase funding for the New Mexico Tourism Department for use in advertising,
18 a state-wide co-op grant program, and personnel expansion that restores the reduction in services at the
19 Department between 2010-2018.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body requests the New Mexico State
21 Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing that permit business owners
22 to operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities provided business owners comply with local and
23 use and safety requirements.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation that amends
25 the Public Employees Retirement Act’s definition of “salary” in NMSA 1978, Section 10-11-2, to

1 include fire fighters’ overtime hours that are inherent to a regular shift schedule.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
3 City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide
4 infrastructure for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature during the 2021 Legislative Session:

5 1. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 1**, as identified in
6 the 2022-2026 ICIP submittal of the City, funding is requested in the total amount of **\$150,000** to repave
7 Paseo de las Vistas.

8 2. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 2**, funding is
9 requested in the total amount of **\$150,000** for pedestrian and bike safety improvements in dense
10 business areas on Pacheco Street from Alta Vista to San Mateo and on Siringo Road from Pacheco
11 Street to St. Francis Drive.

12 3. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 3**, funding is
13 requested in the total amount of **\$150,000** for improvements to the Tierra Contenta trail system.

14 4. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 4**, funding is
15 requested in the total amount of **\$150,000** to design pedestrian, bicycle, and drainage improvements
16 along Governor Miles Road.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to work
18 with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of any Municipal League 2021 Legislative Priority
19 (see attached Exhibit A) where the City of Santa Fe would benefit from the passage of such initiative.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to make
21 any capital outlay project directly or indirectly included in the City of Santa Fe ICIP Priority List a
22 priority.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City lobbyist to work to
24 advance any legislation introduced during the 2021 New Mexico Legislative Session deemed to be
25 beneficial to the City of Santa Fe.

