



To: Mayor Alan M. Webber
Andrea Salazar, City Clerk

From: Christa Hernandez, Youth & Family Services Program Manager *CH*

Via: Henri Hammond-Paul, Community Health and Safety Director *HH*
Julie Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director *jjs*

Date: December 16, 2024

Re: Request for approval of appointment of Children and Youth Commissioner

The Children and Youth Commission was established to assess the needs of the children and youth within the city of Santa Fe; identify and recommend to the governing body legislation, policies, and programs that promote the healthy development of young people; determine priorities for program development; advocate in the community on behalf of children and youth; and plan short- and long-range improvements for young people by applying a results-based framework, from birth through the age of 21.

The Children and Youth Commission also oversees the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Alternatives to Detention grant funding. Pursuant to Section 9-2A-14.1 NMSA 1978, at least one appointee must represent each of the following entities: children's court, district attorney's office, public defender's office, public schools, and local law enforcement. Having at least one member from each of these agencies allows eligibility for funds from the state of New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department.

The Commission receives three percent (3%) of the gross receipts tax and administers funding to local nonprofits on a two-year cycle at approximately \$1.2 million annually. The Commission works in partnership with the City liaison and the Youth and Family Services Division to provide advice on ways to effectively plan, coordinate, and support child and youth efforts in the Santa Fe community and present a plan to the governing body for approval.

The commission consists of a minimum of 7 residents of Santa Fe County appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Governing Body. As longstanding leaders in the criminal justice and law enforcement sectors, Ms. Conklin and Ms. Silva will bring rich insight and highly relevant experience to the Children and Youth Commission's efforts focused on youth at risk for arrest.

The Children and Youth Commission would like to formally submit a recommendation for the appointment of Sergeant Dianna Conklin and Danielle Silva per the CYFD guidelines in Sec. 9-2A-14.1 NMSA 1978 to the Children and Youth Commission.

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