



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: July 23, 2025

To: Governing Body and Quality of Life Committee

From: Marci Eannarino; Legislation and Policy Innovation Manager ME

Via: Erin K. McSherry; City Attorney EM

RE: Charter Amendment Regarding Mayoral Voting Powers

SUMMARY:

The resolution proposes to submit a ballot question to the City of Santa Fe (“City”) voters during the November 4, 2025, regular election. Currently, Section 5.01(B) of the City’s Charter allows a mayor to “have a vote on all matters that come before the governing body”. The ballot question would amend the City’s Charter to allow the mayor to vote only when there is a tie.

- Before 2008, the Charter limited the mayor’s vote to ties.
- Between 2008 and 2014, the Charter provided the mayor could vote in a tie “or when his or her vote will provide the necessary number of votes required by law for taking action on an issue before the governing body.”
- In 2014, the Charter was amended to authorize the mayor to "have a vote on all matters that come before the governing body.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report