

**CITY OF SANTA FE
LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING OFFICER**

**Recommended
Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Lic. No./Appl. No.: DIS-000338
Name of Applicant:
Doing Business As: Star Investment, LLC
Proposed Location: 1101 Camino Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe New Mexico
Event Name: Santa Fe Prep Gala, October 4, 2025

THIS MATTER came before the Liquor License Hearing Officer for public hearing on **September 18, 2025** at 4:00 PM by video hearing, on the request of Santa Fe Preparatory School, 1101 Camino Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe New Mexico for a Special Dispenser Liquor Application.

1. Request from Santa Fe Preparatory School, 1101 Camino Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe New Mexico for a private evening Gala to be held on Saturday October 4, 2025, from 5:30pm to 11:00pm

The Hearing Officer recommends that the Governing Body adopt the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

After reviewing the record, conducting a public hearing and having provided an opportunity to be heard from city staff, the Applicant and any interested persons, the Hearing Officer hereby proposes that the Governing Body find as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Staff submitted a packet containing the following, which was reviewed by the Hearing Officer and relied on in making these findings:
 - a. New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division (NMRLD/AGD) Special Dispenser Permit Intake Application.
 - b. Premises map.
 - c. April 29, 2025 letter from Santa Fe Prep to the City of Santa Fe requesting a special dispenser permit.
 - d. List of alcohol servers.
2. City Clerk staff member Xavier Vigil presented the application.
3. The Applicant was represented by Rebecca Star.
4. Applicant was offered the opportunity to present testimony or evidence.
5. No members of the public appeared to testify.

6. Issuance or transfer will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district
7. The hearing was recorded and a copy of the recording is made a part of the record.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under the circumstances and given the evidence and testimony submitted during the hearing, the Hearing Officer CONCLUDES:

1. Notice of the Application was properly given.
2. The governing body may disapprove a transfer or issuance only if individuals opposing the transfer or issuance provide positive evidence showing that the transfer or issuance would be detrimental to the health, safety or morals of the community. This evidence must be based on authentic, relevant facts related to a specific prospective licensee and specific location. *The Southland Corporation v. Manzagol*, 1994-NMSC-099, 118 N.M. 423
3. The Applicant does not have the burden to prove that the transfer would not be detrimental to the health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district. *Dick v. City of Portales*, 1994-NMSC-092, 118 N.M. 541.
4. The Application meets the requirements of §60-6B-4(F)(2).

WHEREFORE, the Liquor License Hearing Officer recommends to the Governing Body that the Application be **APPROVED**.

/s/ Renee Barela-Gutierrez
Renee Barela-Gutierrez

Date: 09/19/2025