

10/29 Petitions from the floor

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October 29, 2025

To: Mayor Alan Webber and the Santa Fe City Council

Petition for Remedy and Notice of Liability

Good evening, Mayor Webber and Members of the City Council —

I am here tonight on behalf of concerned Hispanic residents and allies of Santa Fe to present our Petition for Equitable Governance and Respectful Representation, and to issue this Notice of Liability for the ongoing cultural harm and marginalization our community has endured – and continues to endure – under this administration.

Since stepping into office in 2018, Mayor Webber and his administration have gone the distance to disrespect our community and to erase our history, monuments, and traditions — from the banning of Fiesta rituals, to the removal of the Don Diego de Vargas statue, to the destruction of the Soldiers' Monument, which – despite a federal court order – has yet to be restored or reinstalled.

These instances of historic erasure have divided and harmed ALL Santa Fe communities by creating an exclusionary environment wherein Hispanic community members do not feel safe, seen, respected, or valued.

We demand immediate, expedited remedy, including a public apology from the Mayor and the Council, the restoration of the Soldier's Monument, the Kit Carson Obelisk and the Don Diego de Vargas statue to their rightful/original places, and the full reinstatement of Fiesta traditions as they existed before 2018 — all with clear action steps and timelines to be delivered to our coalition within 21 days.

We are here to make this very clear: Our community will no longer be dismissed, erased, disrespected, or ignored. Accountability and restitution begin now.

Thank you.



Union Protectoriva de Santa Fe Nuevo Mejico

Preserving Our History and Culture for Future Generations

August 26, 2025

P.O Box 171
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Reference: of Support for Petition to Remediate Harm to the Hispanic Community

The Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
200 Lincoln Ave.
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Santa Fe City Council.

On behalf of Unión Protectoriva de Santa Fe, the oldest Hispanic fraternal organization in New Mexico established in 1915, we unequivocal support the petition submitted to the City of Santa Fe demanding accountability, cultural restoration, and respect for the long-standing traditions and historical legacies of our Hispanic community.

For generations, Unión Protectoriva has stood as a guardian of our heritage, our families, history and our cultural contributions to this land. We have watched with increasing dismay as sacred symbols, time-honored rituals, and key markers of our historical presence have been erased, vilified, or abandoned under the pretense of political expediency and misguided appeasement.

We stand behind the petition's demands, specifically the following:

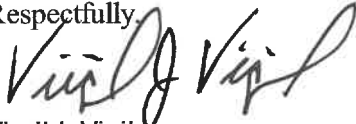
1. A public apology from the City acknowledging the pain and division caused by its actions and omissions.
2. The restoration of the Soldiers' Obelisk to its original location on the Plaza.
3. The reinstatement of all Fiestas traditions removed in 2017/2018, including those rooted in faith, family, and ancestral memory.
4. Return of the Don Diego de Vargas statue to its rightful place (Cathedral Park) affirming the deep historical ties and cultural significance he holds for our community.

These are not mere symbolic gesture as they are essential steps toward healing, mutual respect, and the restoration of balance in a city that claims to celebrate diversity while selectively silencing one of its foundational cultures.

We understand the Stonewall policy you are pursuing. Your hope is to delay this issue until the end of year as most of you will be out of office. Since you created this problem under your leadership; we hope you have the courage to correct these discriminatory acts against the community particularly the Spanish citizenry.

Once again, we urge you to treat this petition with the seriousness and sincerity it deserves. The time for reconciliation is now!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virgil J. Vigil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Virgil J. Vigil

Presidente

(505) 603-2448

**Petition for Equitable Governance and Respectful Representation
in Santa Fe, New Mexico**

To: Mayor Webber, Members of the Santa Fe City Council and Santa Fe City Administration

From: Concerned Hispanic Residents and Allies of Santa Fe

We, the undersigned residents of Santa Fe, New Mexico, are writing to formally express our deep concern and disappointment regarding what we perceive as a clear and consistent pattern of discriminatory practices and systemic biases against the Hispanic community by the current Mayor and City Council.

Our community is an integral part of Santa Fe's foundation and fabric, contributing significantly to its culture, economy, and social vitality. Yet, we have observed and personally experienced actions, inactions, and policies that indicate a fundamental disregard for the equitable treatment and representation of our Hispanic residents.

Specifically, our concerns include, but are not limited to public statements and actions by elected officials that dismiss and demonstrate a lack of understanding of and respect for the Hispanic community's needs, concerns, history and relevance.

Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Entrada Pageant

The banning of the reenactment of Don Diego de Vargas's 1692 "reconquest", which was an integral part of the annual Fiesta de Santa Fe celebration for 92 years, before it was banned by the City of Santa Fe in 2018, when Alan Webber stepped in as mayor.

2. Fiesta Court School Visits (part of Fiestas de Santa Fe)

In 2020/2021, the Santa Fe Public School Board limited the traditional Fiesta Court School visits – which had been an annual tradition dating back to *at least* the 1940s – to only New Mexico history classes, and to after-school hours, only.

3. Statue of Don Diego de Vargas

The Don Diego de Vargas statue, which celebrated the bloodless reconquest of Santa Fe in 1692, was removed in June 2020 by city order.

4. Soldiers' Monument, aka: Union Soldiers Obelisk

In October 2020, a group of protesters forcibly tore down the Soldiers' Monument (commonly known as "The Obelisk") in Santa Fe Plaza during an Indigenous Peoples Day demonstration. Despite the unlawful destruction of public property, Mayor Alan Webber reportedly instructed law enforcement to stand down and not intervene during the incident. To date, none of the individuals

involved in toppling the monument have been prosecuted or held legally accountable for the incident.

After Union Protectoría de Santa Fé sued Mayor Webber, claiming the removal violated historic preservation laws, a federal judge ordered the City of Santa Fe to restore the obelisk.

To date, neither the City, nor Mayor Webber, have complied.

This consistent pattern of actions, inactions, disrespect and attempted historical erasure not only undermines the principles of fairness and equality, but also erodes trust between the Hispanic community and its local government. It creates an environment where a significant portion of our population feels marginalized, unheard, unsafe, and unfairly treated.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully demand the following adjustments and commitments from the Mayor and City Council:



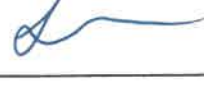


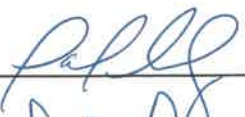






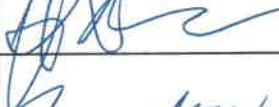

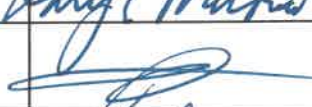





1. **Public Apology:** A public acknowledgment/formal apology from the Mayor and City Council addressing these concerns and committing to immediate remedies for their actions and inactions to be offered within 21 days of receiving this notice.
2. **Restoration of the Obelisk on its ORIGINAL SITE:** The swift and immediate repair of the original obelisk, and its return to the original site on the Plaza by Fiestas 2025, along with a clear and actionable restoration timeline to be delivered within 21 days of receiving this notice.
3. **Reinstatement of all Fiestas rituals, traditions and celebrations that were removed after the 2017/2018 Fiestas:** The public reinstatement of the traditional Fiestas rituals and practices – as they were performed before 2018 - by Fiestas 2025, along with the issuing of a public announcement of the reinstating of said previously banned rituals to be offered to the community within 21 days of receiving this notice.
4. **Restoration of the Don Diego de Vargas Statue to its Original Location:** The immediate return and reinstallation of the Don Diego de Vargas statue to its original location, accompanied by a clear and actionable restoration timeline to be delivered within 21 days of receiving this notice, and its reinstatement completed by Fiestas 2025.

We believe that a truly strong and prosperous Santa Fe is one where all its residents feel respected, valued, honored, and equally served. We stand ready to work constructively with our local government to address these critical issues and restore the authentic inclusivity that Santa Fe was known for before Mayor Webber took office.

Your immediate attention and concrete action on these matters are essential to restoring trust and upholding the values of fairness, justice and safety for all residents of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Concerned Hispanic Residents and Allies of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Isaiah Martinez	Santa Fe		7/27/25
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Jeanette Vigil	Ojo Sarco		7-27-25
Larry Madrid	Los Lunas		7-27-25
Peter Rogers	Santa Fe		7-27-25
Andres Sobeto	Santa Fe		7/27/25
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Carlos Cuervo	Tennessee		7/27/25

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