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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SANTA FE’S PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 57TH LEGISLATURE – STATE OF NEW MEXICO – SECOND SESSION, 2026.

WHEREAS, the 30-day Legislative Session (“Legislative Session”) of the 2026 New Mexico State Legislature (“Legislature”) begins on January 20, 2026, and ends on February 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish City of Santa Fe (“City”) legislative priorities to be considered by the City’s legislative delegation and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body’s legislative priorities include City-wide capital outlay priorities, statutory priorities, general fund priorities, City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be pursued during the Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby adopts priorities for the Legislative Session, consistent with Resolution No. 2025-44 (adopting the City’s Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (“ICIP”) for 2027-2031) and as specified below. The specific amount requested from the legislature

1 for each project is either all or part of the City’s Fiscal Year 2027 budget as represented in the ICIP for
2 each project.

3 1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with homelessness and housing,
4 the City requests funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for permanent and transitional housing to end
5 veteran, youth, and chronic homelessness;

6 2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with water and wastewater, the
7 City requests funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the replacement Paseo Real Wastewater
8 Reclamation Facility;

9 3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with public safety, the City
10 requests funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the Police Training Facility project.

11 4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with airports, regional
12 transportation and economic development, the City requests funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 for
13 the Santa Fe Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II.

14 5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with economic development,
15 affordable housing, and urban redevelopment, the City requests funding in the amount of \$10,000,000
16 for the Midtown Redevelopment Infrastructure Improvements.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-12
18 (establishing next steps for the Midtown Property), the Governing Body requests the Legislature enact
19 a Joint Resolution ratifying and approving the transfer of one or more tracts of City-owned real property
20 to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety in trade and exchange for the transfer of
21 multiple tracts of State-owned real property to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Midtown
22 Redevelopment Project, including the property known as “Tract O”, instrument #2052655.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that funds the
24 New Mexico Department of Transportation for capital projects within Santa Fe, especially for the
25 following:

- 1 1. Cerrillos Road Phase III reconstruction project, which is shovel-ready and will improve a
2 gateway to downtown Santa Fe for end-of-life replacement of signals on US 285;
- 3 2. St. Francis Drive within Santa Fe’s city limits, with emphasis on the West Alameda Street
4 and St. Francis intersection.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that enhances
6 the Downtown Improvement District of Santa Fe including such items as revised streetscapes, improved
7 signage, placemaking, Americans with Disabilities Act considerations, and litter collection.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
9 Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation
10 designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
12 endorsement of legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs that
13 support recycling market development.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
15 City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide
16 infrastructure for consideration by the Legislature during the Legislative Session:

- 17 1. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 1, \$1,000,000** for
18 Arroyo Torreon Stabilization project to address erosion of [soil on properties with?] affordable housing.
- 19 2. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 2, \$1,000,000** for
20 the Ragle Park Baseball Field Upgrades.
- 21 3. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 3, \$1,000,000** for
22 Santa Fe Median Beautification Project construction.
- 23 4. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 4, \$875,000** for
24 Herb Martinez Park Improvements for safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, consistent with Resolution No. 2023-32, the Governing

1 Body hereby establishes the following capital outlay legislative funding priority for any initiative
2 associated with public safety: \$1,150,000 to plan, design, and construct much needed renovations of
3 the Municipal Court building including adding security measures.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation to restrict
5 deadly weapons in public buildings unless a local government opts out of the restriction and place a
6 constitutional referendum on the ballot to permit municipalities and counties to restrict firearms to the
7 extent constitutionally permissible, while continuing to disallow municipalities and counties from
8 regulating firearms in a manner that is less restrictive than the State.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses the
10 following firearms legislation:

- 11 1. Creating a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention;
- 12 2. Funding for regional and/or local collaboration to address youth gun violence;
- 13 3. Raising the age of purchase for certain rifles;
- 14 4. Banning assault-style weapons;
- 15 5. Creating mandatory minimum sentencing for illegal firearms trafficking; and
- 16 6. Enhancing the penalty for the illegal possession of a firearm during any crime, including
17 during the illegal sale of drugs.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports continued funding for the
19 Violence Intervention Program fund, including money for operational capacity.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding for
21 interventions and responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, including the
22 expansion of a coordinated, comprehensive approach that benefits both the survivor and the perpetrator.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
24 endorsement of the establishment of the Santa Fe County Detox Center that would serve the residents
25 of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding
2 mental health and behavioral health programs focused on addressing the needs of residents and
3 individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction, including the expansion
4 or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that treatment.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses
6 appropriations for mental health and behavioral health programs, including the development of the
7 Santa Fe County’s Youth Behavioral Health Center and the La Salla Center, focused on addressing the
8 needs of residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction,
9 including the expansion or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that
10 treatment.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports
12 meaningful partnerships between State, county, and municipal governmental agencies to address
13 fentanyl as a health crisis by removing barriers to services for those struggling with addiction,
14 supporting the coordination of response efforts, and funding such initiatives.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
16 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the City’s “Alternative Response Unit”,
17 which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department and with case
18 managers under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker to redirect persons who are
19 experiencing non-violent mental health episodes, public intoxication, and/or who may be suspected of
20 involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes, to alternative, community-based services in lieu of
21 prosecution or jail.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-47
23 (supporting state and federal legislation protecting the right to a safe abortion), the Governing Body
24 endorses legislation that supports reproductive rights and that would codify the right to safe abortion
25 into law.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with initiatives such as what is contained
2 in Resolution No. 2024-29, the Governing Body supports the rights of the LGBTQIA+ population such
3 that every individual, regardless of the individual’s reproductive choices, sexual orientation, or gender
4 identity, can live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and prejudice and supports
5 legislation that preserves and protects the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
7 and allocation of funding designed to interrupt intergenerational cycles of poverty, such as
8 appropriations for operations of a state-wide pilot program that provides a monthly, guaranteed income.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
10 endorsement of legislation that improves broadband infrastructure in Santa Fe and throughout the state,
11 specifically as it relates to associated community and economic development.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation and funding
13 that supports the rights of the disability community, that advances disability access in public spaces,
14 and that allows for individuals to live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and
15 prejudice.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent MOA No. 2020-0629, the Governing
17 Body supports legislation dedicated to the City and Santa Fe County partnership program,
18 “CONNECT,” defined by the City and County as “a network of navigators at clinics, community
19 organizations, and city and county programs,” which has successfully connected approximately ten
20 thousand (10,000) Santa Fe County residents with resources such as housing, food, transportation,
21 childcare, and other essential needs.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
23 endorsement of legislation that supports the development and construction of affordable and workforce
24 housing to decrease and/or subsidize the cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

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

1 and appropriations that::

- 2 • Increase housing availability, including transitional housing options tailored to the
3 individual's needs, and expands available social services for homeless families and
4 individuals, including those who are chronically homeless, veterans experiencing
5 homelessness, and young people experiencing homelessness, as well as those living in
6 outdoor unsupervised encampments;
- 7 • Expand program staff that supports the goals of housing preservation and homelessness
8 prevention, emergency shelter, building housing units, individual housing vouchers,
9 project-based housing vouchers, supportive services, and system infrastructure; and
- 10 • Replenish and seek a recurring funding source to support New Mexico Mortgage Finance
11 Authority's Housing Trust Fund.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
13 that expands the permitted uses of existing lodgers' tax, or creates an additional lodgers' tax, to defray
14 the cost of providing affordable housing and permanent supportive housing and addressing the needs
15 of low-income people by providing wraparound services such as childcare and/or that leverages federal
16 funding for affordable housing.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
18 endorsement of legislation that would eliminate the three percent (3%) cap on annual property tax
19 increases on residences that are not owner-occupied as the owner's principal place of residence.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
21 that increases the likelihood of local governments recruiting, retaining, promoting, and housing first
22 responders and Alternative Response Unit case workers and behavioral health employees in the
23 communities in which they serve to improve public safety and enhance emergency response capacity.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
25 endorsement of legislation that slows down the timeline for eviction, connects tenants to rental

1 assistance resources, and improves opportunities for mediation between renters and landlords.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
3 promoting the facilitation of community efforts to address the cleanup of trash, litter, and weeds which
4 may include methods such as using compost and chipping, with a specific emphasis on elevating the
5 quality of the City’s roadways, rights of way, medians, arroyos, open spaces, trails, and parks.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
7 or appropriations to improve the environment, enhance the quality of the City’s public spaces, and
8 achieve its sustainability goals, including, but not limited to, funding for projects and programs that
9 support water conservation, erosion control, tree planting, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and public
10 art.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
12 endorsement of legislation that

- 13 • Establishes an “extended producer responsibility” program that requires manufacturers
14 and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout its life
15 cycle, from creation to disposal, and/or re-use;
- 16 • Advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City, including legislation that
17 facilitates renewable energy generation and interconnection, energy storage, building
18 electrification, public transportation, complete streets, carbon neutrality, net-zero
19 greenhouse gas emissions, community solar, and watershed restoration and forest fire
20 mitigation; and/or
- 21 • Expands the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-2-2(J), to include an express
22 option for local governments to opt-in to an emissions inspections program.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports continued study and
24 analysis of how to improve emergency response, preparation, and management strategies for addressing
25 environmental and radiological emergencies, which could include climate change adaptation strategies

1 and development of, and improvement to, emergency management infrastructure.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports appropriations to New
3 Mexico’s Department of Cultural Affairs in support of the expansion of local library programming for
4 local communities.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports
6 childcare as a guaranteed, basic right for families.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
8 endorsement of legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education, with an emphasis
9 on the following initiatives: infant and toddler care; capital improvements for center-based and in-home
10 care; stipend-based training opportunities for the family, friends, and neighbor network (FFN); and
11 investment in pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare educator
12 pipeline.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports investing in pre-
14 apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare educator pipeline and expanding
15 the workforce to run such programs.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City continues to support statewide paid sick leave
17 legislation, as described in the City’s Resolution No. 2021-11, unanimously passed by the members of
18 the Governing Body in 2021.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body endorses legislation for Paid
20 Family and Medical Leave in support of providing care for new children and/or ill family members.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports the appropriation of funds
22 for New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and senior meals programs and related
23 education programs for schools and farmers.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges the legislature to address the
25 underfunding of the Public Employees Retirement Association pension plans.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
2 Legislature ensure that hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or
3 further reduced and returned to their original schedule; ensure that any tax reform continues to hold
4 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
5 tax on food and medical; and that protects local governments’ annual revenues if the Legislature enacts
6 legislation modifying State gross receipts tax deductions and exemptions.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that creates a
8 major entertainment venue in Santa Fe for sports, concerts, and music festivals, specifically for
9 economic development.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
11 Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing to permit business owners to
12 operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities, provided business owners comply with local land use
13 and safety requirements.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to
15 undertake the following actions:

- 16 • Work with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of Municipal League 2025
17 Legislative Priority from which the City would benefit from the passage of such initiative;
- 18 • Prioritize capital outlay projects included in the City ICIP Priority List;
- 19 • Work to advance any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be
20 beneficial to the City; and
- 21 • Oppose legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be detrimental to
22 the City.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent
24 of the Governing Body as to 2025 legislative priorities, other timely priorities may be approved by the
25 Governing Body, incorporated into the City’s legislative agenda, and forwarded to the City’s lobbying

1 team for action.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this
3 Resolution to the City’s lobbyist, the City’s legislative delegation, and the Governor of New Mexico.

4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2026.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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