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SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY:

Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Michael Garcia

A JOINT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF PERIODIC JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR CONDUCTING THOSE MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (“County”) and the City of Santa Fe (“City”) have overlapping jurisdiction in certain areas and face a variety of issues of mutual concern and interest; and

WHEREAS, the challenges and opportunities facing local governments generally, and the City and County specifically, are of such complexity and scope that regional solutions and collaboration are sometimes necessary and often lead to better outcomes than can be achieved independently; and

WHEREAS, the County and City have a long history of regional cooperation through joint boards and regional entities to address critical areas, such as water through the Buckman Direct Diversion Board, solid waste through the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency, public safety through the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communications Center, and transportation through the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

1 **WHEREAS**, effective policymaking benefits from regular collaboration and
2 communication from policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and community members to identify
3 issues, generate solutions, and inform policy decisions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, intergovernmental leadership and collaboration would allow the County
5 and City to work together to test approaches and incorporate successful practices into policies and
6 programs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City and the Board of County Commissioners
8 (collectively, the “Bodies”) believe that action-oriented, collaborative approaches and outcome-
9 driven agendas in joint meetings will further the mutual goals of collaboration and ensuring that
10 regional solutions are frequently explored and pursued when agreed upon; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Bodies desire to establish a framework for joint meetings during calendar
12 years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF**
14 **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE GOVERNING BODY** that:

- 15 1. The Bodies shall meet at least twice per year, in June or July and November or
16 December, at the call of the Mayor and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners,
17 or upon the request of a minimum of three (3) County Commissioners and five (5) City
18 Councilors.
- 19 2. The agenda for each joint meeting shall be independently approved by the Governing
20 Body of the City and Board of County Commissioners. As appropriate and within
21 budgeted resources, the County Manager and City Manager shall direct staff to prepare
22 packet materials for joint meeting agenda items, ensure packet materials are available
23 at least five (5) business days before a joint meeting, procure subject-matter experts
24 and other resources, and otherwise coordinate the preparation for and running of the
25 joint meetings.

- 1 3. The governance of the joint meetings shall reflect a collaborative, co-leadership
2 model focused on solution-oriented action and measurable outcomes, including the
3 establishment and convening of “Action Working Groups” to address community
4 priorities and issues of mutual concern between the City and the County.
 - 5 a. Action Working Groups shall be co-chaired by one member from each of the
6 Bodies, each appointed based on their subject-matter expertise related to the
7 issue of mutual concern.
 - 8 b. Participation in each Action Working Group shall include, at a minimum,
9 two City Councilors and two County Commissioners to maintain balanced
10 representation between the City and County.
 - 11 c. Each Action Working Group shall prioritize inclusive community
12 participation, evidence-informed analysis, and practical implementation
13 strategies designed to advance policy development, program design, and
14 action-oriented outcomes that address shared City-County priorities.
- 15 4. Joint meetings of the Governing Body of the City and the Board of County
16 Commissioners shall be held in the Chambers located at 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe,
17 NM, or other appropriate locations that support public participation, technological
18 access, and effective intergovernmental collaboration and that comply with NMSA
19 1978, Section 4-38-8. Meetings of Action Working Groups that include less than
20 three (3) County Commissioners may be held at any location that meets the needs of
21 the particular meeting.
- 22 5. The Bodies anticipate collaborating on areas of mutual interest for collaborative
23 discussion, planning or action. Such areas may include, but are not limited to, the
24 following:
 - 25 a. services for unhoused and justice-involved constituents;

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- b. permanent supportive housing development;
 - c. creation of a utility authority pursuant to the regional Water System Resiliency Act; and
 - d. wildfire mitigation.
6. Notice of and agendas for joint meetings of the Bodies shall be posted by the City and the County in accordance with their respective Open Meetings Act resolutions and practice.
7. This joint resolution shall expire on December 31, 2029, unless earlier rescinded by one of the Governing Bodies.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GERALYN F. CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marcos Martinez
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Legislation/2026/Resolutions/Joint County-City resolution for joint meetings and working groups