




City of Santa Fe


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Memorandum

DATE: March 31, 2026

TO: Renee Barela-Gutierrez, Liquor Hearing Officer

VIA: Geralyn F. Cardenas, City Clerk/Director of Community Engagement 

FROM: Emily Aragon, Constituent Services Specialist 

ITEM & ISSUE:

Request from National Dance Institute of New Mexico (NDI) for a waiver of the 300-foot location restriction and approval to allow the dispense/consumption of alcoholic beverages at the NDI Dance Barns, 1140 Alto St., which is within 300 feet of Aspen Community Magnet School, 450 La Madera St. and La Comunidad de Los Ninos Head Start, 1121 Alto St.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Pursuant §60-6B-10 NMSA 1978, a request from NDI for a waiver of the 300-foot location restriction has been submitted to allow the dispensing/consumption of alcohol at their 2026 Annual Gala which will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, with alcohol service from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consideration of the above request

Attachments:

Special Dispenser Permit Intake Application
Letter from Santa Fe Public Schools
Letter from National Dance Institute of New Mexico

Signature: 

Email: gfcardenas@santafenm.gov



**Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
Special Dispenser Permit Intake Application**



Application Number: PAR-0000416428

License Holder Information

Type of Dispenser Permit: Special Dispenser Private Event

Business Name (DBA): STAR INVESTMENT, LLC

Business Mailing Address: 2885 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM, US, 87507

Business Phone: 5056999903

Business Email: kellyliquorbarn@gmail.com

License Number: DIS-000338

License Type: Dispenser

License Expiry Date: 06/30/2026

Event Information

Event Name: NDI New Mexico Gala

Event Venue: Both

Event Start Date: 05/09/2026

Event End Date: 05/09/2026

No of Days of Event: 1

Does this event allow guests of all ages: No

Will wristbands be used to assist in identifying attendees 21 years of age and older: Yes

Event Description: Fundraiser

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Event Physical Address

Event Street: 1140 Alto Dr

Event Zip Code: 87501

Event County: Santa Fe

Event City: Santa Fe

Event State: NM

Event Local Option District: Santa Fe City

Event Date/Hours

Date of Event: 05/09/2026

Time Event Begins: 4:30 PM

Time of Alcohol Service: Begins at: 4:30 PM

Total No. of Attendees Expected at Event: 480

Time Event Ends: 11:00 PM

Ends at: 10:30 PM

Total No. of Attendees Expected to Consume Alcohol: 350

Sponsor Information

Event Sponsor Name (Event Organizer): NDI New Mexico

Event Sponsor Contact Email: cvanderpool@ndi-nm.org

Event Sponsor Contact Person: Cat Vanderpool

Event Sponsor Contact Phone: 5059772439

Security Information

Security Type: Licensed Security Company

Licensed Security Company Name: Independent Security Co.
and Schimmel Security

Number of Security Guards at Event: 8



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NOTE: LICENSEE'S EMPLOYEE(S) ASSIGNED TO WORK SECURITY, MUST WORK THIS EXCLUSIVELY AND MAY NOT SERVE AT THE EVENT.

License Holder and Server Certification

I YONG IL JO (Licensee) hereby certify this application is signed by Licensee or authorized person under this License. I further certify that all persons providing the service of alcoholic beverages at the Event are currently Server Certified, that they are all my employees, and that ALL the information in this Application and the Attachments, is true and correct. Licensee Agrees that if any statements or representations herein are found to be false, the Director may refuse to issue additional permits. I understand that all fees submitted are non-refundable.

Licensee Name: (print) YONG IL JO
Signature: [Signature] Date: 03/26/2026

Local Governing Body Approval

Print Name: Generalyn F. Cardenas Title: City Clerk
Signature: _____ Date: 3/27/26
Phone No.: 505-955-6519 Fax: _____

Russell Baker, Executive Director
Cat Vanderpool, Event Manager
NDI New Mexico
1140 Alto Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

March 13, 2026

Re: NDI New Mexico Annual Gala

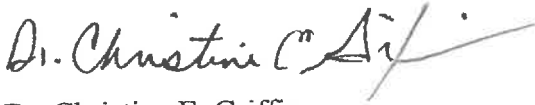
Dear Mr. Baker and Cat Vanderpool:

I have received the email request submitted to Alma Bejar, Executive Administrative assistant to the Board of Education and Superintendent dated February 5, 2026, regarding your request for a letter of no opposition from Santa Fe Public Schools related to your Special Dispensers Permit for the NDI New Mexico Gala to be held on May 9, 2026. Santa Fe Public School Board Policy 623, "Certain Special Events Within 300 feet of District," states:

The District will refrain from issuing a decision regarding opposition or non-opposition to the City of Santa Fe regarding special events where liquor will be sold or consumed within 300 feet of school district property and instead will refer the City of Santa Fe to this policy.

I am writing to confirm that the Santa Fe Public Schools will neither oppose nor support NDI's application for a Special Dispensers Permit for the NDI New Mexico Annual Gala. Good luck with the event!

Sincerely,



Dr. Christine E. Griffin
Superintendent
Santa Fe Public Schools

Enclosure: BOE Policy 623



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February 5, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

As the building owners of the NDINM Dance Barns at 1140 Alto Drive, Santa Fe NM 87501, we authorize Kelly's Liquor Barn to perform catering bar services for the NDI New Mexico Gala on May 9th, 2026. Event will be held at the NDINM Dance Barns and serving hours for alcohol will be from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Russell Baker
Executive Director
NDI New Mexico



NDI New Mexico Santa Fe Gala

Dance Barns

May 9, 2026

* Security Guards

100 x 120
TENT

Fire Exit

No guests
allowed
beyond
this point *

THEATRE ENTRANCE *

LOBBY
| EVENT SPACE |
24,00 square feet

ENTRANCE *

SIDEWALK

Alcohol only permitted in highlighted areas.

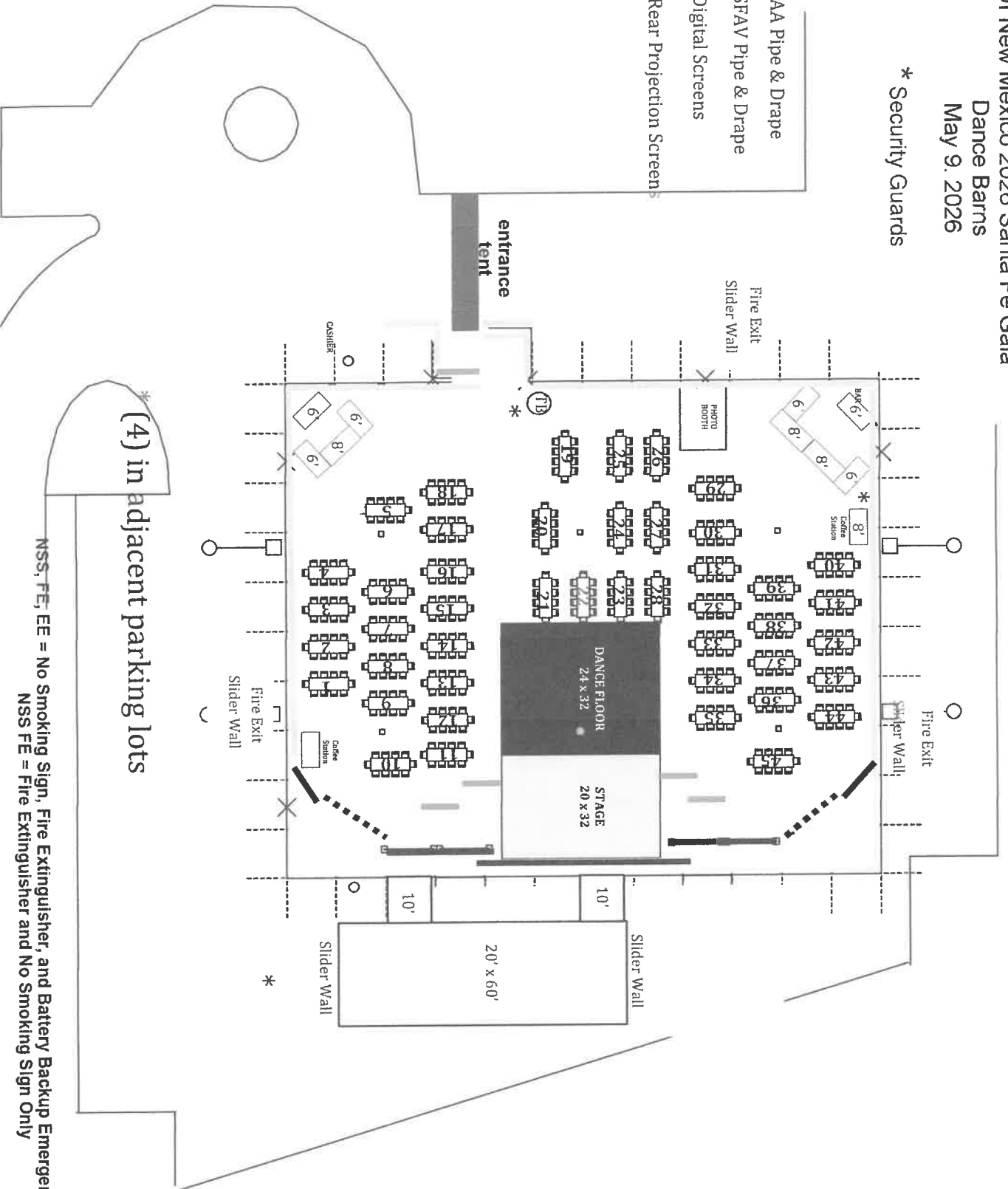
BAR

No guests
allowed
beyond

NDI New Mexico 2026 Santa Fe Gala
 Dance Barrns
 May 9, 2026

* Security Guards

- AA Pipe & Drape
- SFAV Pipe & Drape
- Digital Screens
- Rear Projection Screen



(4) in adjacent parking lots

NSS, FE, EE = No Smoking Sign, Fire Extinguisher, and Battery Backup Emergency Exit Sign
 NSS FE = Fire Extinguisher and No Smoking Sign Only

Name	License Number	Experation Date
Adrian Lopez	S038378	2/27/27
Alejandro Dalolio-Cordero	S152932	1/27/28
Amelia Rose	S156859	3/1/28
Atlanta Keil	S161599	6/17/28
Bambi Bonhomme	S164829	8/13/28
Camala Washabaugh	S122245	10/4/26
Caroline (Carole) Anton	S153011	1/31/28
Christine Chronis	S130713	2/18/27
Christine Winfield	S154078	2/10/28
Chris Ressler	S147615	9/25/27
Destiny Caceres	S158212	4/17/28
Edmundo Mendoza	S152253	12/10/27
Eduardo Beltran Martinez	S170388	1/4/29
Emily Mayer	S115718	6/28/26
Emma (Emily) Green	S100749	9/8/28
Estrella Gonzalez	S079829	11/24/27
Heather Hurtt	S117003	6/7/26
Janice Montez	S027781	8/1/28
Janice Simmons	S010334	10/9/26
(Jo) Amy Christian	S155251	8/21/27
Joseph Armijo	S121530	9/9/26
Julia Kliglich	S144443	5/10/27
Julian Trujillo	S026692	12/1/26
Kim Padilla	S020383	5/19/28
Lee King	S133777	4/22/27
Lynn Dimet	S101413	5/30/27

Mary Woolston	S091529	1/28/27
Meg Sewall	S133902	4/1/27
Michael Naiman	S110218	4/18/26
Patricia Miranda	S114697	6/3/26
Ren Murata-Long	S161032	6/25/28
Rocky (Raquel) Trujillo	S141766	5/8/27
Shannon Flynn	S147468	9/17/27
Sonja Dewing	S113499	5/21/26
Spencer Stroud	S128664	12/23/26
Tara Bast	S152616	1/4/28
Tara Thomas	S152931	1/27/28
Tasio Hernandez	S167717	10/15/28
Tia Reece	S001852	4/25/27

Tyra (Proctor) Dillenschneider	S163277	7/19/28
Wanda Lobito	S018293	5/28/28
Wendy Foster	S082199	8/30/27
Fania Martinez	S128000	6/3/28

Pablo Alonso Almeida-Veleta S024074 7/12/27
Jesus Almeida Veleta S142157 5/24/27