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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_**  
Joint County-City Resolution Concerning Joint Meetings and Action Working Groups

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**Mayor and Members of the City Council:**

**In relation to Resolution No. 2026-\_\_.**

**This amendment WILL change the caption. \_\_\_\_\_**

**This amendment WILL NOT change the caption.   x**

**I intend to propose the following amendment(s),**

**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

**RED – Amendment A – Councilor Jamie Cassutt (Adopted at Finance Committee 4/6/2026)**

**BLUE – Amendment B – Mayor Michael Garcia**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF PERIODIC JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN SANTA FE**

1 **COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR**  
2 **CONDUCTING THOSE MEETINGS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **WHEREAS**, the Bodies desire to establish a framework for joint meetings during calendar

1 years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

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

- 4 1. The Bodies shall meet at least twice per year, in June or July and November or  
5 December, at the call of the Mayor and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners,  
6 or upon the request of a minimum of three (3) County Commissioners and five (5) City  
7 Councilors.
- 8 2. The agenda for each joint meeting shall be independently approved by the Governing  
9 Body of the City and Board of County Commissioners. As appropriate and within  
10 budgeted resources, the County Manager and City Manager shall direct staff to prepare  
11 packet materials for joint meeting agenda items, ensure packet materials are available  
12 at least five (5) business days before a joint meeting, procure subject-matter experts  
13 and other resources, and otherwise coordinate the preparation for and running of the  
14 joint meetings.
- 15 3. The governance of the joint meetings shall reflect a collaborative, co-leadership  
16 model focused on solution-oriented action and measurable outcomes, including the  
17 establishment and convening of “Action Working Groups” to address community  
18 priorities and issues of mutual concern between the City and the County.
- 19 a. Action Working Groups shall be co-chaired by one member from each of the  
20 Bodies, each appointed based on their subject-matter expertise related to the  
21 issue of mutual concern.
- 22 b. Participation in each Action Working Group shall include, at a minimum,  
23 two City Councilors and two County Commissioners to maintain balanced  
24 representation between the City and County.
- 25 c. Each Action Working Group shall prioritize inclusive community

1 participation, evidence-informed analysis, and practical implementation  
2 strategies designed to advance policy development, program design, and  
3 action-oriented outcomes that address shared City-County priorities.

- 4 4. Joint meetings of the Governing Body of the City and the Board of County  
5 Commissioners shall be held in the Chambers located at 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe,  
6 NM, or other appropriate locations that support public participation, technological  
7 access, and effective intergovernmental collaboration and that comply with NMSA  
8 1978, Section 4-38-8. Meetings of Action Working Groups that include less than  
9 three (3) County Commissioners may be held at any location that meets the needs of  
10 the particular meeting.
- 11 5. The Bodies anticipate collaborating on areas of mutual interest for collaborative  
12 discussion, planning or action. Such areas may include, but are not limited to, the  
13 following:
- 14 a. services for unhoused and justice-involved constituents;
  - 15 b. permanent supportive housing development;
  - 16 c. regional housing strategies;
  - 17 d. creation of a utility authority pursuant to the regional Water System  
18 Resiliency Act; and
  - 19 e. wildfire mitigation.
- 20 6. Notice of and agendas for joint meetings of the Bodies shall be posted by the City and  
21 the County in accordance with their respective Open Meetings Act resolutions and  
22 practice.
- 23 7. This joint resolution shall expire on December 31, 2029, unless earlier rescinded by  
24 one of the Governing Bodies.
- 25 8. Nothing in this resolution requires that collaboration between the City and County

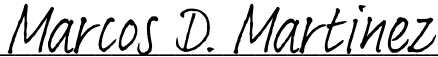
1 occur through, be approved by, or be coordinated through the Action Working Groups  
2 or joint meetings of the Governing Bodies. The Action Working Groups are intended  
3 only to support cooperation on shared priorities and do not limit other forms of  
4 collaboration.

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7 Respectfully submitted,

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10 Michael Garcia, Mayor

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 Marcos D. Martinez (Apr 7, 2026 14:22:32 MDT)

17 MARCOS MARTÍNEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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19 ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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GERALYN F. CARDENAS, CITY CLERK

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*Legislation/2026/Resolutions/Joint County-City resolution for joint meetings and working groups/Amendment B*