

**City of Santa Fe Municipal Charter Amendments**  
Mayoral and Governing Body Powers  
2007-2025

**Resolution No. 2007-103**  
*Resolution Adopted November 14, 2007*

Called for a Regular Municipal Election on March 4, 2008, for the purpose of electing one city councilor from each council district and electing one municipal judge at-large; and voting for or against seven various amendments to the Santa Fe Municipal Charter

*Relevant Proposed Charter Amendment from Ballot Related to Mayoral Duties and Powers*

**Charter Amendment 6**  
Powers and Duties of Mayor

- Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.01 to permit the mayor to vote when his or her vote will provide the required number of votes required by law for taking action on an issue before the governing body
  - Was voted in favor of and become effective on May 5, 2008

**Resolution 2013-108**  
*Resolution Adopted December 11, 2013*

Called for Special Election on March 4, 2014, for the purpose on voting in favor or against nine various amendments to the Santa Fe Municipal Charter.

*Relevant Proposed Charter Amendments from Ballot related to Mayoral Duties and Powers*

**Charter Amendment 8**  
Mayor's Voting Powers

- Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.01, to allow the mayor to have a vote on all matters that come before the governing body.
  - Voters approved amendment, and changes became effective on May 5, 2024.

**Charter Amendment 9**

Governance: Full-time Mayor; Regulating the Relationships Between the Mayor, the City Councilors and the City Manager and Defining the Authority of Each

- Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Articles V, VI, and VIII to:
  - Establish mayor as a full-time position whose salary shall be set by an independent salary commission to be established by city ordinance. Until such commission is created and sets the salary for mayor, the mayor's salary shall be \$74,000;
  - Give the mayor supervisory authority over the city manager, city attorney and city clerk and the authority to suspend and fire the city manager, city attorney and city clerk, without council approval;

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- Allow the city manager to be removed by a vote of six councilors at a regularly scheduled meeting;
  - Remove language that requires the mayor to perform other duties compatible with the nature of the office, as the governing body may from time to time require;
  - Require the mayor to work with city staff to prepare an annual budget for review and approval by the finance committee and the governing body;
  - Require the mayor to identify his/her legislative agenda for each upcoming year and require the governing body to consider and take action on the mayor's legislative agenda;
  - Require that the city manager have the necessary administrative and managerial skills to manage the municipality and have the authority to hire and fire and city employees, except for the city attorney and city clerk.
- Voters approved amendments, and changes became effective on March 12, 2018.

### **Resolution No. 2025-50**

*Resolution Adopted July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

Proposed a ballot question to be submitted to the city of Santa Fe voters during the November 4, 2025, Regular Local Election

#### **Charter Amendment**

Authorizing Six Councilors to Suspend or Remove the City Manager, City Attorney, and/or City Clerk.

- Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article VI, Section 6.02 to:
    - State that six councilors may suspend or remove the city manager, city attorney, and/or city clerk during a regularly scheduled meeting.
    - Remove duplicative language in Article VIII, Section 8.04 stating that the city manager may be removed by the mayor or a vote of six councilors.
- Was voted in favor of and became effective on November 4, 2025.

### **Resolution No. 2025-52**

*Adopted August 31, 2025*

Proposed a ballot question to be submitted to the City of Santa Fe voters during the November 4, 2025, Regular Local Election

#### **Charter Amendment**

Mayoral Voting Rights

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### **Mayoral and Governing Body Powers**

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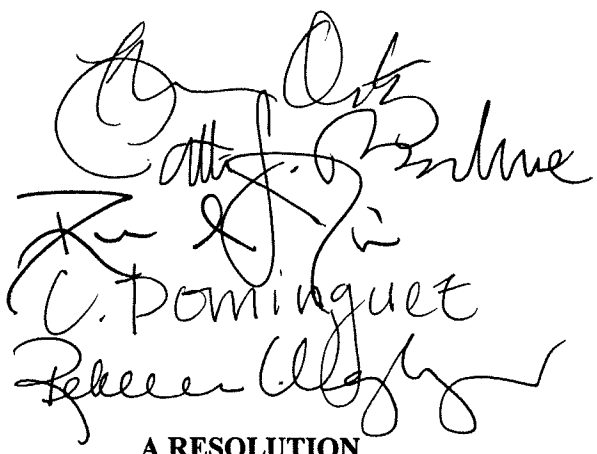
- Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter to:
  - State that the Mayor can vote on issues before the governing body when the vote will break a tie amongst city councilors or provide the necessary number of votes to take action.
- Voters approved the amendment, and changes became effective on November 4, 2025.

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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-104**

**INTRODUCED BY:**



C. Dominguez  
Rebecca Allyn

**A RESOLUTION**

**CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE ON MARCH 4, 2008, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION RECREATIONAL PURPOSE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$30,300,000; DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES TO WHICH THE BOND PROCEEDS WOULD BE PUT; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BOND QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION AND BONDS; AND RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Santa Fe (the "City") in the County of Santa Fe and State of New Mexico, hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City and its inhabitants to incur indebtedness in the principal amount and for the purposes provided herein; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-15-1 NMSA 1978, the

1 Governing Body acting by and through the City Finance Director and Treasurer will forward in  
2 writing to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration a  
3 notice of the bond election as described herein; and

4         **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has the power to call a special election to be held in  
5 conjunction with the regular municipal election on March 4, 2008 for the purpose of submitting a  
6 question of incurring indebtedness to the qualified electorate of the City pursuant to applicable  
7 laws of the State of New Mexico, and pursuant to Article IX, Section 12 of the New Mexico  
8 Constitution; and

9         **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body hereby determines and declares that the project (the  
10 "Project") for which the question of issuing the City's general obligation bonds (the "Bond  
11 Election Question") as set forth herein, is for a public purpose and no bond election has been held  
12 on the Bond Election Question during the year immediately preceding the date established for the  
13 election.

14         **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE:**

16         Section 1.         All action, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution,  
17 heretofore taken by the Governing Body and the officers of the City directed toward the Project  
18 described in the Bond Election Question, including, without limiting the generality of the  
19 foregoing, the calling and holding of a special election, to be held in conjunction with the regular  
20 municipal election on March 4, 2008, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds (the  
21 "Bonds") to finance the Project, is ratified, approved and confirmed.

22         Section 2.         A special election (the "Election") shall be held in the City of Santa Fe  
23 on March 4, 2008 in conjunction with the regular municipal election scheduled for that date.

24         Section 3.         At the Election the following question shall be submitted to the City's  
25 qualified electors:

1 Shall the City of Santa Fe issue up to \$30,300,000 of general obligation bonds to acquire land for,  
2 and to improve, public parks, trails and open space for recreational purposes?

3 FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION RECREATIONAL PURPOSE BONDS

4 AGAINST GENERAL OBLIGATION RECREATIONAL PURPOSE BONDS

5 Section 4. The polls for the Special Election will be opened at 7:00 a.m. prevailing  
6 Mountain Time on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. prevailing Mountain  
7 Time on the same day. Precincts shall be consolidated and electors (except absentee voters, and  
8 nonresident municipal electors) shall vote at the polls located in the consolidated precinct in  
9 which he or she resides. The polling places for such consolidated precinct shall be as follows:

10 **DISTRICT #1**

**POLLING PLACE**

11 Consolidated Precincts 8, 10	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
12 Consolidated Precincts 9, 28	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
13 Consolidated Precincts 11, 20	Gonzales Elementary School, 851 W. Alameda
14 Consolidated Precincts 21, 83	Gonzales Elementary School, 851 W. Alameda
15 Precinct 22	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.
16 Consolidated Precincts 24, 25	Alameda Middle School, 450 La Madera
17 Consolidated Precincts 26, 27	Alvord Elementary School, 551 Alarid
18 Precinct 30	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Washington Ave.

19 **DISTRICT #2**

**POLLING PLACE**

20 Consolidated Precincts 36, 44	Wood Gormley Elementary School, 141 E. Booth St.
21 Consolidated Precincts 37, 54	Capshaw Middle School, 351 W. Zia Road
22 Consolidated Precincts 42, 43	Kaune Elementary School, 1409 Monterey Drive
23 Consolidated Precincts 45, 46	Unitarian Church, 107 W. Barcelona
24 Precinct 47	Acequia Madre Elementary School, 700 Acequia Madre
25 Precinct 48	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail

1	Precinct 52	E.J. Martinez Elementary School, 401 West San Mateo Road
2	Precinct 53	Public Schools Administration Building, 610 Alta Vista
3	Precinct 55	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail
4	<b><u>DISTRICT #3</u></b>	<b><u>POLLING PLACE</u></b>
5	Consolidated Precincts 12, 64, 80, 86	Ortiz Middle School, 4164 S. Meadows Road
6	Consolidated Precincts 31, 41, 66	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
7	Precinct 32	Larragoite Elementary School, 1604 Agua Fria Street
8	Precinct 33	Larragoite Elementary School, 1604 Agua Fria Street
9	Precinct 34	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
10	Consolidated Precincts 62, 67, 75	Ortiz Middle School, 4164 S. Meadows Road
11	<b><u>DISTRICT #4</u></b>	<b><u>POLLING PLACE</u></b>
12	Precinct 29	Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
13	Consolidated Precincts 35, 74	Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road
14	Consolidated Precincts 38, 56	Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
15	Consolidated Precincts 39, 49	Kearny Elementary School, 901 Avenida de las Campanas
16	Precinct 50	Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road
17	Precinct 51	Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral
18	Consolidated Precincts 76, 77	Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral
19	Precinct 78	Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
20	<b><u>ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT (All Districts)</u></b>	
21	Office of the City Clerk, Room 210, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue	
22	<b><u>QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT MUNICIPAL ELECTORS</u></b>	
23	Office of the City Clerk, Room 210, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue	
24	Section 5. Absentee voting by mail will begin on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 and	
25	close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008. Absentee ballots may be cast in person	

1 beginning on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008.  
2 Wednesday, February 13, 2008 is the first day that registered voters may vote absentee on a paper  
3 ballot which is counted by a M100 electronic vote tabulator. Absentee voting will be conducted  
4 in the office of the City Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through  
5 Friday. Any qualified elector of the City of Santa Fe shall obtain only his or her application for  
6 absentee ballot, or for an immediate family member, only from the office of the City Clerk. All  
7 applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the City Clerk prior to  
8 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 29, 2008. After 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008, all unused absentee  
9 ballots will be publicly destroyed by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will accept completed  
10 absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, until 7:00  
11 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

12 Section 6. The casting of votes by qualified electors at the above listed polling  
13 places shall be cast on a paper ballot which is counted by a M100 electronic vote tabulator.  
14 Qualified nonresident municipal electors will use paper ballots for casting votes.

15 Section 7. The City's qualified resident electors and the City's qualified nonresident  
16 municipal electors are eligible to vote on the Bond Election Question. No judge or clerk of  
17 election shall allow a person to vote unless he or she is duly registered as a voter with the Santa  
18 Fe County Clerk and unless he or she meets the qualifications of a resident elector or a  
19 nonresident municipal elector.

20 Section 8. All persons desiring to vote at the Election (including nonresident  
21 municipal electors) must be registered to vote. Any person who is otherwise qualified to vote and  
22 who is not currently registered may register at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk on or  
23 before 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2008, provided, however, that the County Clerk shall accept for  
24 filing certificates of registration that are hand-delivered before 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2008, or  
25 that are postmarked not later than February 5, 2008.

1           Section 9.       A "nonresident municipal elector" means any person who on the date of  
2 election is a qualified, registered elector of Santa Fe County but who is a resident of that portion  
3 of Santa Fe County which is outside of the Santa Fe City limits, and who has paid a property tax  
4 on property located within the City of Santa Fe during the year preceding the election. Not more  
5 than sixty nor less than fifteen days before the Election, any nonresident municipal elector  
6 desiring to vote on the Bond Election Question shall file with the City Clerk a completed  
7 certificate of eligibility in substantially the form provided in Section 3-30-3, NMSA 1978, which  
8 shall constitute the nonresident municipal elector's additional registration requirement for voting  
9 at the Election on the Bond Election Question. Each nonresident municipal elector must file such  
10 certificate of eligibility in addition to registering to vote with the Santa Fe County Clerk.

11           Section 10.     For the purpose of this Resolution and solely for the purpose of voting on  
12 the Bond Election Question, all territory within the County of Santa Fe is a municipal precinct  
13 (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipal District"). All territory in the Municipal District and  
14 not within the City's boundaries shall constitute one voting division to be known as the  
15 nonresident municipal elector voting precinct (hereinafter referred to as the "Nonresident Voting  
16 District"). The Nonresident Voting District shall include the territory within the boundary of any  
17 other municipality within the County.

18           Section 11.     The vote shall be canvassed as provided in Section 3-30-7 and Section 3-  
19 8-53, NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act, Sections 6-15-23 through 6-15-28, NMSA 1978,  
20 and the City Clerk shall certify the results of the Election and file the certificate of canvass in the  
21 official minute book of the City.

22           Section 12.     This resolution shall be published in the English and Spanish languages  
23 at least once a week for four consecutive weeks by four insertions, the first insertion being  
24 published between fifty and sixty days before the day of the Election in a newspaper or  
25 newspapers which maintain an office in and are of general circulation in the City and which

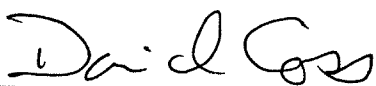
1 otherwise qualify as legal newspapers in the City. The City Clerk is hereby instructed and  
2 authorized to carry out this provision.

3 Section 13. The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed, for and on  
4 behalf of the City, to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this  
5 Resolution, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the preparation of  
6 affidavits, instructions and election supplies, and the publication of notices.

7 Section 14. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for  
8 any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such  
9 section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this  
10 resolution.

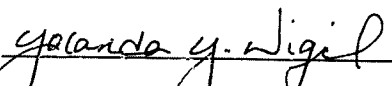
11 Section 15. All bylaws, orders, resolutions and ordinances, or parts thereof,  
12 inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer  
13 shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance, or parts thereof,  
14 heretofore repealed.

15 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2007.

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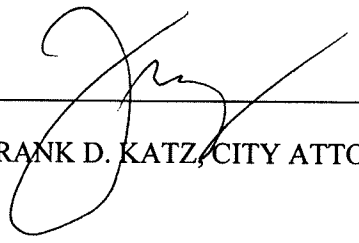
19 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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24 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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1 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 1**

2 **Water Protection and Conservation**

3 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article II, Section 2.03,  
4 to include in the environmental protection policy statement a provision that would  
5 mandate the governing body to protect, preserve and enhance the city’s water  
6 resources through regulation, conservation and relating development to water  
7 availability.

8 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

9 In Favor Of  Against

10 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 2**

11 **Neighborhood Preservation**

12 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article II, Section 2.04,  
13 to establish a policy on neighborhood preservation.

14 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

15 In Favor Of  Against

16 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 3**

17 **Support for Local Business, the Local Economy and a Living Wage for All**

18 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article II, to create a  
19 new Section 2.07 to establish a policy in support of local business, an enduring local  
20 entrepreneurial spirit and the rights of all to earn a living wage.

21 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

22 In Favor Of  Against

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1 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 4**

2 **Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission**

3 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article VI, Section  
4 6.03, to include the establishment of an independent citizens' redistricting  
5 commission who shall review and revise district boundaries at least every ten years  
6 following the decennial census and requiring that the governing body adopt an  
7 ordinance to establish a procedure for the appointment and deliberations of the  
8 commission.

9 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

10 In Favor Of  Against

11 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 5**

12 **Campaign Contribution Limits**

13 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article IV, to create a  
14 new Section 4.07, to mandate that the governing body shall have an ordinance that  
15 limits the amount of campaign contributions that can be accepted by candidates.

16 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

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1 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 6**

2 **Timely Disclosure of the Purpose of Tax Increases or Bond Measures**

3 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article IV, to create a  
4 new Section 4.08, to mandate that the governing body shall have an ordinance that  
5 ensures that the city shall provide and disseminate in a timely manner the purposes of  
6 proposed expenditures for any tax increase or bond measure that requires ratification  
7 by the voters.

8 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

9 In Favor Of  Against

10 **CHARTER AMENDMENT 7**

11 **Independent Audit Committee**

12 Proposing to amend the Santa Fe Municipal Charter, Article IX, to create a  
13 new Section 9.04, to mandate that the governing body shall have an ordinance that  
14 establishes an independent audit committee.

15 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

16 In Favor Of  Against

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21 **Effective Date: May 5, 2014**

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23 action on the mayor's legislative agenda;

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- Require that the city manager have the necessary administrative and managerial skills to manage the municipality and have the authority to hire and fire all city employees, except for the city attorney and city clerk;

**Effective Date: March 12, 2018**

In Favor Of       Against

**Section 3. CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS.** Only qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe may vote in the special municipal election. A qualified elector is any person whose affidavit of voter registration has been filed by the Santa Fe County Clerk on or before the twenty-eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) day prior to the election, who is registered to vote in a general election precinct established by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners that is wholly or partly within the City of Santa Fe boundaries, and who is a resident of the City of Santa Fe. Registration books for this election will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2014.

**Section 4. POLLING PLACES AND CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS.** The following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the special municipal election and qualified electors of the City of Santa Fe may vote at the polling places listed below between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014.

<u>DISTRICT #1</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
Consolidated Precincts 8, 30	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Bishops Lodge Road
Consolidated Precincts 9, 28	Montezuma Lodge, 431 Paseo de Peralta
Precinct 10	Ft. Marcy Complex, 490 Bishops Lodge Road
Consolidated Precincts 11, 20	Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda
Consolidated Precincts 21, 83	Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda
Precinct 22	Montezuma Lodge, 431 Paseo de Peralta
Precinct 24	Academy at Larragoite, 1604 Agua Fria Street
Consolidated Precinct 25, 33	Aspen Community Magnet School, 450 La Madera

1	Consolidated Precincts 26, 27	Tierra Encantada Charter School @ Alvord, 551 Alarid Street
2	Precinct 32	Academy at Larragoite, 1604 Agua Fria Street
3	<b><u>DISTRICT #2</u></b>	<b><u>POLLING PLACE</u></b>
4	Consolidated Precincts 36, 47	Acequia Madre Elementary School, 700 Acequia Madre
5	Consolidated Precincts 37, 54	Capshaw Middle School, 351 W. Zia Road
6	Consolidated Precincts 41, 42, 43	Public Schools Administration Building, 610 Alta Vista Street
7	Precinct 44	Wood Gormley, 141 E. Booth Street
8	Consolidated Precincts 45, 46	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe, 107 W. Barcelona
9	Precinct 48	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail
10	Precinct 52	E.J. Martinez Elementary School, 401 W. San Mateo Road
11	Precinct 53	Pasatiempo Senior Center, 664 Alta Vista Street
12	Precinct 55	Elks BPOE 460 Lodge, 1615 Old Pecos Trail
13	<b><u>DISTRICT #3</u></b>	<b><u>POLLING PLACE</u></b>
14	Consolidated Precincts 12, 67	Sweeney Elementary School, 4100 S. Meadows Road
15	Consolidated Precincts 31, 66	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
16	Precinct 34	Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue
17	Consolidated Precincts 62, 75	Ortiz Middle School, 4164 S. Meadows Road
18	Consolidated Precincts 64, 80	Sweeney Elementary School, 4100 S. Meadows Road
19	Consolidated Precincts 86, 89	Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive
20	<b><u>DISTRICT #4</u></b>	<b><u>POLLING PLACE</u></b>
21	Precinct 29	Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
22	Consolidated Precincts 35, 74	Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road
23	Consolidated Precincts 38, 56	Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road
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25	Precinct 50	Nava Elementary School, 2655 Siringo Road

1 Consolidated Precincts 51, 76 Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral  
2 Precinct 77 Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral  
3 Precinct 78 Genoveva Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road

4 **ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT (All Districts)**

5 Office of the City Clerk, Room 215, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

6 **EARLY VOTER PRECINCTS (All Districts)**

7 Office of the City Clerk, Room 215, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

8 **Section 5. ABSENTEE VOTING.** Absentee voting by mail will begin on Tuesday,  
9 January 28, 2014 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014. Absentee ballots may be cast  
10 in person beginning on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014.  
11 Absentee voting will be conducted in the office of the City Clerk, during the regular hours and days  
12 of business, Monday through Friday. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained only from the  
13 office of the City Clerk. All applications for absentee ballots must be completed and accepted by the  
14 City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014. After 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2014, all  
15 unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will accept  
16 completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot,  
17 their caregiver or the voter's immediate family, until 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014.

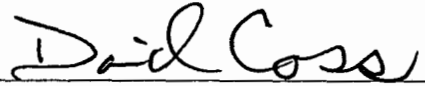
18 **Section 6. EARLY VOTING.** Early voting will be conducted in the office of the City  
19 Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Friday. Early voting will  
20 begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28,  
21 2014. All applications for early voting ballots must be completed and accepted by the City Clerk  
22 prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014. After 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2014, all unused early  
23 voting ballots will be publicly destroyed by the City Clerk.

24 **Section 7. CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.** The City Clerk shall  
25 complete the canvass of the election results no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2014, to certify the

1 results of the election and take any other necessary action relating to the election.

2 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

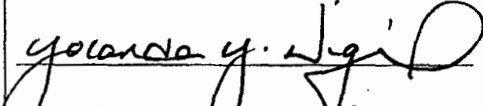
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5 ATTEST:

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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12 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Councilor Lee Garcia

**A RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE VOTERS DURING THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION, REGARDING AMENDING ARTICLES VI, SECTION 6.02 AND VIII, SECTION 8.04 OF THE CITY’S MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO ALLOW SIX COUNCILORS TO SUSPEND OR REMOVE THE CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY CLERK AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 5.01(E) of the City of Santa Fe’s (“City’s) Municipal Charter (“Charter”), the mayor appoints the city manager, city attorney and city clerk with the consent of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 5.01(G), the mayor may remove the city manager, city attorney, and the city clerk “without council approval”; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the mayor’s powers described in Article 5.01(G), Article 8.04 states that a city manager may be suspended or removed by a vote of six councilors and;

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable that a governing body’s powers also include suspension or removal of a city attorney and/or a city clerk; and

1           **WHEREAS**, six (6) votes is a super majority of the city councilors and should be sufficient  
2 proportion of the governing body to suspend or remove; and

3           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Charter’s powers of the governing body, as described  
4 in Article VI, Section 6.02, as well as to a city manager’s “Removal” as it is described in Article  
5 VIII, Section 8.04 is necessary to allow the governing body to remove or suspend a city attorney  
6 or a city clerk and to reduce the number of votes to remove or suspend the city manager; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Charter states that it may be “amended or repealed as provided by law”;  
8 and NMSA 1978, Section 3-15-16, provides that the governing body of a home rule municipality  
9 may amend its Charter by submitting a proposal to the qualified electors; and

10           **WHEREAS**, to allow the governing body to suspend or remove a city attorney and/or a  
11 city clerk by a super majority vote of six members, Article 6.02 of the Charter should be amended  
12 to read as follows:

13           **6.02. - Powers and duties.**

14           A.     The governing body shall serve as the principal policy maker of the city,  
15                   and shall, as necessary, amend existing policies that are consistent with  
16                   other provisions of the Charter. The governing body shall consider the  
17                   legislative agenda put forth by the mayor and propose amendments to  
18                   existing policies and propose new policies.

19           B.     All legislative powers of the city shall be vested in the governing body,  
20                   except as otherwise required by law or this Charter. The governing body  
21                   shall provide for the exercise of its powers and for the performance of all  
22                   duties and obligations imposed on the city by law.

23           C.     The governing body shall by ordinance fix the annual salaries of the  
24                   municipal judge and councilors and shall review those salaries not less  
25                   than every four years.

- 1 D. The governing body shall by ordinance establish an independent salary
- 2 review commission whose sole purpose shall be to review and set the
- 3 mayor's salary. The independent salary review commission shall review
- 4 the mayor's salary no less than every four years.
- 5 E. The governing body shall by ordinance set a policy for reimbursement of
- 6 the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the mayor, the municipal
- 7 judge and city councilors.
- 8 F. The governing body shall consider and take action throughout the year on
- 9 the mayor's legislative agenda.
- 10 G. The governing body may suspend or remove the city manager, city
- 11 attorney, and/or city clerk by a vote of six councilors during a regularly
- 12 scheduled meeting.

13 **WHEREAS**, should the amendment above be made to Article VI, Section 6.02 of the  
14 Charter, the contents of Article VIII, Section 8.04 would become duplicative and therefore should  
15 be removed as a technical change and as shown below:

16 **~~[8.04.—Removal.~~**

17 ~~The city manager may be suspended or removed:~~

18 A. ~~By the mayor; or~~

19 B. ~~By a vote of six councilors at a regularly scheduled~~  
20 ~~meeting.]~~

21 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to submit the above recommended amendment  
22 to the City's voters for approval; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a resolution adopted by the Governing Body describing a proposed ballot  
24 question is the mechanism the City uses to document that wish to submit a proposal to the electors;  
25 and

1           **WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 1-16-3, requires the City to “file a resolution proposing  
2 the ballot question” with the county clerk, not less than seventy (70) days before the election at  
3 which the Governing Body proposes a ballot question for the voters’ consideration.

4           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
5 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the following question shall be placed on the ballot during the regular,  
6 local election on November 4, 2025:

7                   **AUTHORIZING SIX COUNCILORS TO SUSPEND OR REMOVE THE**  
8                   **CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND/OR CITY CLERK.**

9                   Should Article VI, Section 6.02 the Santa Fe Municipal Charter be amended to  
10                   provide that six councilors may suspend or remove the city manager, city attorney,  
11                   and/or city clerk during a regularly scheduled meeting?

12                   For            Against

13           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall present this ballot question to  
14 the Santa Fe County Clerk no later than August 26, 2025.

15           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the voters approve the above ballot question, then  
16 the City’s Charter shall be amended as follows:

17           **6.02. - Powers and duties.**

18                   A.       The governing body shall serve as the principal policy maker of the city,  
19                   and shall, as necessary, amend existing policies that are consistent with  
20                   other provisions of the Charter. The governing body shall consider the  
21                   legislative agenda put forth by the mayor and propose amendments to  
22                   existing policies and propose new policies.

23                   B.       All legislative powers of the city shall be vested in the governing body,  
24                   except as otherwise required by law or this Charter. The governing body  
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C. The governing body shall by ordinance fix the annual salaries of the municipal judge and councilors and shall review those salaries not less than every four years.

D. The governing body shall by ordinance establish an independent salary review commission whose sole purpose shall be to review and set the mayor's salary. The independent salary review commission shall review the mayor's salary no less than every four years.

E. The governing body shall by ordinance set a policy for reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the mayor, the municipal judge and city councilors.

F. The governing body shall consider and take action throughout the year on the mayor's legislative agenda.

G. The governing body may suspend or remove the city manager, city attorney, and/or city clerk by a vote of six councilors during a regularly scheduled meeting.

**~~[8.04.— Removal:~~**

~~The city manager may be suspended or removed:~~

~~A. By the mayor, or~~


~~B. By a vote of six councilors at a regularly scheduled meeting.]~~

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Alan Webber (Aug 1, 2025 08:52:57 MDT)  
ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

  
ANDREA SALAZAR (Aug 10, 2025 10:26:32 MDT)  
ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

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Erin McSherry (Jul 31, 2025 15:57:52 MDT)  
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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Alma Castro

Councilor Michael Garcia

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

**A RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY’S VOTERS DURING THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION REGARDING AMENDING THE CITY’S CHARTER TO LIMIT THE MAYOR’S AUTHORITY TO VOTE TO WHEN THERE IS A TIE AND WHEN THE VOTE WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY VOTES REQUIRED BY LAW TO TAKE ACTION ON AN ISSUE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wants to distinguish mayoral and city councilor powers by limiting the mayor’s ability to vote only when there is a tie; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has identified the Mayor’s voting rights portion of the City Charter (“Charter”) as a first step to distinguishing councilor and mayoral powers; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 22, 2023, at a Special Meeting, the Governing Body agenda included a resolution that proposed that the voters of Santa Fe consider the following amendment to Article V, Section 5.01, (B) during the regular local election in November of 2023:

- B. Have a vote on matters on which there is a tie vote among city councilors; and  
~~[all matters that come before the governing body];~~ and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution containing the amendment above was not adopted; and

1           **WHEREAS**, to limit the mayor’s ability to vote only when there is a tie or when it is  
2 legally required to take action, Article 5.01 of the Charter should be amended to read as follows:

3           **5.01. - Powers and duties.**

4           The city shall have a mayor who shall:

- 5           A.     Be elected at large by the voters of the city;
- 6           B.     ~~[Have a v]~~Vote only on an issue before the governing body in the case of  
7                a tie [in all matters that come before the governing body;] or when the vote  
8                will provide the necessary number of votes required by law for taking  
9                action;
- 10          C.     Be the chief executive officer of the city whose position shall be full-time;
- 11          D.     Earn an initial salary of \$74,000.00 until such time that an independent  
12                salary commission is established by city ordinance and such commission  
13                sets the salary for mayor;
- 14          E.     Appoint with the consent of the governing body, the city manager, city  
15                attorney, city clerk, and members of advisory commissions;
- 16          F.     Exercise supervisory authority over the city manager, city attorney and  
17                city clerk;
- 18          G.     Have the authority to remove the city manager, city attorney and city clerk  
19                without council approval;
- 20          H.     Cause the ordinances and regulations of the city to be faithfully and  
21                constantly obeyed;
- 22          I.     Have, within the city limits, the power conferred on the sheriffs of counties  
23                to suppress disorders and keep the peace;
- 24          J.     Propose programs and policies to the governing body;
- 25          K.     Represent the city in intergovernmental relationships;

- 1 L. Present an annual state of the city message which shall identify, among
- 2 other matters, the mayor's legislative agenda for the upcoming year;
- 3 M. Work with city personnel and timely prepare an annual budget and
- 4 proposed spending priority for review and approval by the finance
- 5 committee and the governing body;
- 6 N. Be recognized as head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes;
- 7 and
- 8 O. Be recognized by the governor for purposes of military law.

9 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to submit the above recommended amendment  
10 to the City's voters for approval; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a resolution adopted by the Governing Body describing a proposed ballot  
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14 **WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 1-16-3, requires the City to "file a resolution proposing  
15 the ballot question" with the county clerk, not less than seventy (70) days before the election at  
16 which the Governing Body proposes a ballot question for the voters' consideration.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby proposes to submit the following question  
19 on the ballot of the regular local election on November 4, 2025:

20 **MAYOR VOTING RIGHTS**

21 Should the Santa Fe Municipal Charter be amended to only allow  
22 the Mayor to vote on issues before the governing body when the  
23 vote will break a tie amongst city councilors or provide the  
24 necessary number of votes to take action?

25 For  Against

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the electorate vote in favor of the above  
2 question, then the City's Charter shall be amended as follows:

3           **5.01. - Powers and duties.**


4           The city shall have a mayor who shall:

- 5           A.     Be elected at large by the voters of the city;
- 6           B.     ~~[Have a v]~~Vote only on an issue before the governing body in the case of  
7               a tie [in all matters that come before the governing body;] or when the vote  
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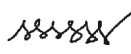
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- N. Be recognized as head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes; and
- O. Be recognized by the governor for purposes of military law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

  
Alan Webber (Aug 18, 2025 11:56:32 MDT)

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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ANDR EA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Erin McSherry (Aug 18, 2025 11:51:37 MDT)  
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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY