



Michael J. Garcia, Mayor

Date: April 29, 2026

To: Mayor Michael Garcia
City Clerk

Via: Sandra Emory, Community Services Department Director

From: Lia Salaverry, Youth and Family Services Division Director

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Request for Approval of Appointment of Seargent Erasmo Montijo to the Children and Youth Commission as a participant of the Juvenile Justice Continuum (Sandra Emory, Community Services Department Director, sxemory@santafenm.gov).

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Children and Youth Commission was established to assess the needs of the children and youth within the city of Santa Fe; identify and recommend to the governing body legislation, policies, and programs that promote the healthy development of young people; determine priorities for program development; advocate in the community on behalf of children and youth; and plan short- and long-range improvements for young people by applying a results-based framework, from birth through the age of twenty-one.

The Commission receives three percent (3%) of the gross receipts tax and administers funding to local nonprofits on a two-year cycle at approximately \$1.2 million annually. The Commission works in partnership with the City liaison and the Youth and Family Services Division to provide advice on ways to effectively plan, coordinate, and support child and youth efforts in the Santa Fe community and present a plan to the governing body for approval.

The commission consists of a minimum of seven residents of Santa Fe County appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Governing Body. As a leader in the community safety field, Sgt, Montijo will bring rich insight and highly relevant experience to the Children and Youth Commission's efforts focused on youth at risk for arrest.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Division respectfully recommends the appointment of Sgt. Montijo as a juvenile justice continuum member of the Children and Youth Commission.

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