



## Agenda

**Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe  
City and County Advisory  
Council on Food Policy  
July 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM  
Santa Fe Farmer's Market  
1607 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe**

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### **Procedures for Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy Meeting**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. July 10, 2025. [ACTION]
  - b. Prioritization and Agenda Order.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes for May 8, 2025, [ACTION]; June 12, 2025, [ACTION].
5. Communications from the Floor
6. Initiatives and Actions
  - a. Federal Farm Bill and other Federal Updates-group round-robin.
  - b. Discussion on potential response to funding gaps regarding food access.
    1. Updates from Food Access Programs in our state.
  - c. Update to the Food Plan.
7. Presentations
  - a. County Transfer Development Rights-Update.
8. Staff Communications
  - a. Website re-build and transfer-Discussion on status and request for input.

9. Items from the Council

- a. Member check-in.

10. Matters from the Committee

11. Items from the Chair

- a. SFFPC Progress Reports to City Council and County BCC.
- b. New member update.
- c. Next Meeting: August 14, 2025, Hybrid [ACTION].
- d. Topics for future presentations.

12. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, August 14, 2025.

13. Adjourn

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Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
9:00AM-11AM  
In Person: Santa Fe Teen Center  
6600 Valentine Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507

A. CALL TO ORDER 9:10am

B. ROLL CALL

Nate Crail - Present

Maria Sanchez-Tucker - Present

Eric Renz-Whitmore - Excused

David Sundberg - Excused

Susan Perry - Present

Emigdio Ballon - Excused

Tejinder Ciano - Not excused

Said Assali - Excused

Jasmine Meyer - Present

Peter Ives – Present

Sergio Mata-Cisneros - Not excused

Staff:

Pam Roy

Helen Henry

Guests:

Hvtce Miller, Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator, Santa Fe County

JoDee Powers

Coy Maienza, Coy Maienza, Health Care Assistance Admin Program Manager, Santa Fe County

Michelle Stizza, Family and Consumer Agent at NMSU County Extension for Santa Fe County  
Santa Fe County Commissioner Camilla Bustamante

Adam Elbeck, SFFMI, Americorps Vista Member, NM Food Pathways Project

We do not have a quorum.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –June 12, 2025 [ACTION]  
Prioritization and Agenda Order No quorum

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – May 8, 2025 [ACTION] No quorum

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR None

F. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Federal Farm Bill and other Federal Updates-group round robin

2. Discussion on potential response to funding gaps regarding food access.

Hvtce: The interim committees are starting so we're getting updates, he will compile this information and share with us.

The Federal Impacts Committee has done a good job of summarizing what the impacts of the federal cuts will be and how this will affect us at the state level and where the state can fill in some of the gaps. The cuts to school meals will be a large need for the state to fill in (\$161M/year).

Pam: Roadrunner Foodbank has a monthly meeting to address these issues. Pam handed out an infographic about the impacts of federal cuts on nutrition programs that Sen Lujan asked her to put together. This breaks out information by schools and adult programs, families and households and producers, food hubs and distributors. They include programs that support conservation efforts.

Pam is working with the Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee to be included in their work plan and so that NMFAPC can get onto their agenda for their meetings.

Peter: We will work to keep city and county officials apprised of new developments. He suggested reaching out to Senator Trujillo. Peter will reach out to her and invite her to our next meeting. Peter can also provide an update on one of the city's homeless initiatives.

Peter said that the desalinization and brackish water legislation will be important in the next session. The adjudication of the middle Rio Grande Conservation District water management plan in light of the settlement agreement is also something that will be coming up.

Jasmine: Inquired about how we should honor the passing of Ralph Vigil? It was noted that this is usually done at city council meetings. Com. Bustamante said the county is honoring him. Sen Heinrich has also honored him on the Senate floor.

Commissioner Bustamante presented her request for support: In the 1990's, there was a discussion about transfer development rights (TDR), but this has not gone anywhere. She believes in the ability for people to grow food locally. TDR is a way to protect the development rights to protect agricultural land. This allowed more denser development in certain areas, but this has ended up favoring the developers, and hasn't worked in the way that it was intended. She is looking for support from this group to make this work properly. Valuation is a challenge. Putting houses on arable land does not serve the population in the long run. Local food matters. The Council was supportive of working on this effort. Commissioner Bustamante asked for a letter from the Council and is willing to support a proclamation.

Peter said that the valuation is something that can be solved so that the rights can be transferred so that the land can be put into agricultural production.

JoDee: In addition to shorter term planning, we need to look at the future cost of not having access to local food (health, economic impacts, etc.)

Sue shared that in Hawaii there is an example of how the prioritization of growing food was able to change the equation around having local food and growing export crops.

Jasmine said that she wants to understand better how we can work at the policy level to make these kinds of changes. She said that when Presbyterian did an assessment a while back, growing their own food was highlighted a priority for people who responded.

Pam said that we have worked on the TDR through the work of the food plan, so we should look at how this was framed and see if there is any guidance. We can also work with Santa Fe Conservation Trust.

It would be good to look at the Food Plan and see if there is a need for updates and also review the Urban Agriculture Ordinance. Peter brought us up to date on the plan for the Urban Development Code. There is still room for changes to the Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

Maria mentioned Heather Lamboy, Director of Land Use and Planning for the City as someone we could invite to a meeting. We need to know what the timing is for the Urban Agriculture Ordinance so we can connect with her.

#### Action Items:

- Hvtce will compile information from the interim committees meetings and share with us.
- Peter: We will work to keep city and county officials apprised of new developments. He suggested reaching out to Senator Trujillo. Peter will reach out to her and invite her to our next meeting. Peter can also provide an update on one of the city's homeless initiatives.
- Follow up on recognition of Ralph Vigil by the city.
- Look at the TDR issue - doing a draft letter from the Council, Pam will follow up with Commissioner Bustamante
- Review the Food Plan
- Decide if we want to suggest changes to the Urban Ag Ordinance.
- See if Heather Lamboy would like to attend one of our meetings
- Pam will send out the infographic about the impact of federal cuts,
- Pam and people who are going to the Governor's Office Legislative Strategy meeting on June 16 will share out about this at the next meeting.
- We will develop action items and a timeline for getting these things done.
- Michelle from NMSU has information about Arrowhead and Landlink; will send information.

NM Food Pathways presentation by Adam Elbeck, SFFMI, Americorps Vista Member, NM Food Pathways Project (See separate presentation slides)

NM Food Pathways is a five organization partnership

Goal: Increase access to perishable and staple foods in NM

Adam is working on training navigators to bring them into the system.

His contract goes through November.

He is in the process of creating a resource list which is something that can be shared.

Looking to bridge local agriculture with retail opportunities. They haven't looked at distribution yet, except for farmers' markets. and some of the smaller local markets.

Michelle Stizza has information about Arrowhead and Landlink; will send information

Pam gave some background on the history of the Healthy Food Financing Initiative.

#### G. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Tour of Santa Fe Teen Center - Maria Sanchez-Tucker

## Notes from Ground Up at the Teen Center

This spring, our enthusiastic teens took the initiative to design, build, and plant their very own garden, complete with five raised beds. Their curiosity and excitement were truly inspiring as they dove into this hands-on project, demonstrating a real investment in nurturing this program. Students are diligently tending to their garden, seeing the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labor through to harvest. And the growth doesn't stop there! Spring of 2026 marks an exciting expansion for GroundUp! as we begin to build out a farm on the adjacent plot of land, offering even more opportunities for learning and growth.

Through GroundUp!, we're not just growing food; we're cultivating essential life skills. Youth are collaborating, problem-solving, planning, and creatively engaging with every aspect of the project. These hands-on experiences foster curiosity, critical thinking, and communication skills, empowering our participants as they witness their ideas blossom into reality and learn the magic of bringing food from a tiny seed to a delicious meal.

Furthermore, GroundUp! addresses vital issues of food security, from providing fresh produce for our students and the Teen Center to building long-term community resilience by equipping teens with the knowledge and skills to grow their own food at home. This after-school program offers a unique opportunity for students to ground themselves in community, creativity, and practical, hands-on skills they can carry with them for a lifetime. Stay tuned for more updates as GroundUp! continues to flourish!

### H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

### I. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member check-in

Skipped because of the tour

### J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. New member update
2. Next Meeting: July 10, 2025: Vote for Hybrid [Action]


It was determined that a vote is not necessary - we will have a hybrid meeting for the next meeting which has already been approved.

Discussion about meeting possibilities.

3. Topics for future presentations

### K. ADJOURNMENT

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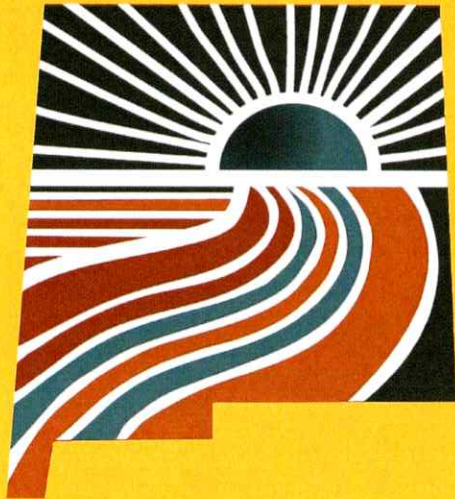
Signed by  Helen Henry.

I verify that these notes have been approved by a quorum of members of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

Signed by Susan Perry, Co-chair or, Peter Ives, Co-chair

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# Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute & New Mexico Food Pathways

## GOAL

- Increasing access to perishable and staple foods in the state of New Mexico

## WHO IS QUALIFIED

- Food Enterprises that are crucial to increasing access to perishable and staple foods in underserved communities, with over 50% of their products distributed to SNAP-approved retailers.
- Food Retailers that serve an underserved community, must accept SNAP, and offer a variety of perishable and staple foods.



**SANTA FE**  
**FARMERS' MARKET**  
**INSTITUTE**

# Services

- Connections to consultants and tailored technical assistance
- Step-by-step SNAP application support
- Business development and planning assistance
- Access to grants and low-interest loans (once SNAP-approved)
- Marketing and workforce development guidance



# Three Paths To Capital Ready

## VMC Consulting

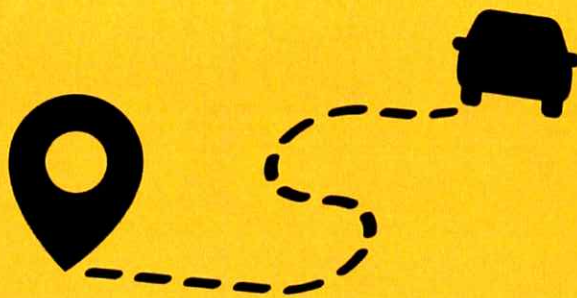
- 1 on 1 consulting services
- Tailored to small retailer needs

## NMSU Accelerator

- 6 weeks in depth accelerator
- Tailored to farmer's market's needs

## SFFMI

- Qualified participant, who needs a small amount of support to be a good fit for NMFP



# Next Steps

- **SFFMI began actively engaging potential clients and offering navigation services at the end of May.**
- **Direct consulting services will begin at the end of June, starting with one-on-one consulting sessions with VMC and local retailers.**
- **Needs assessment interviews will be conducted by NMSU in July and August, focusing on participants from both farmers markets and local retailers.**
- **The needs assessment will guide how the Accelerators operate, with a goal of launching the first Accelerator in winter 2025/early 2026.**

# My Role With The Institute

- Engage potential clients
- Navigate them to appropriate support organizations
- Establish a replicable navigation system to support a sustainable partnership across New Mexico

# Vendor Appreciation Day 2025



**NEW MEXICO  
FOOD PATHWAYS**  
Guiding Food Enterprises to Grow New Mexico



The Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute supports businesses in the Food and Agriculture space by connecting them with resources in New Mexico to help them build, grow, and manage their business.

If you are interested in learning more you can connect with us below!

Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute  
1607 Paseo de Peralta, Suite A  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

📞 505.919.7513

✉️ [HFFI@farmersmarketinstitute.org](mailto:HFFI@farmersmarketinstitute.org)



- Engaged with 10+ farmers
- Began refining talking points
- Prioritizing service availability close to home to start





This program is made possible with support from the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), funded by Reinvestment Fund



### ARE YOU A LOCAL FOOD RETAILER OR FOOD BUSINESS SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

New Mexico Food Pathways helps local food businesses take the next step with tailored support to become SNAP-authorized, expand their operations, and increase access to healthy, affordable food in underserved communities.

Improving access to staple and perishable foods in rural and underserved areas is essential to building a stronger, more resilient food system. Our program provides business development support aligned with statewide efforts to ensure more New Mexicans can get the food they need.

#### WHAT WE OFFER

- Connections to consultants and tailored technical assistance
- Step-by-step SNAP application support
- Business development and planning assistance
- Access to grants and low-interest loans (once SNAP-approved)
- Marketing and workforce development guidance

#### WHO SHOULD APPLY

We're currently seeking:

- Grocery stores, farmers' markets, corner stores, and mobile markets
- Food co-ops and rural food retailers
- Enterprises planning to expand into direct-to-consumer sales

**If you're already SNAP authorized — great! If not, we'll help you get there.**

FOR MORE INFO VISIT US AT [NMFOODPATHWAYS.ORG](http://NMFOODPATHWAYS.ORG)

- New flyer approved by the team
- Website launched end of May [nmfoodpathways.org](http://nmfoodpathways.org)
- Began initial outreach
- Eligibility Intake is open
- Tabled at Local Food Summit & will have a table at the SFEDD Grants Fair

**Agenda Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe  
City and County Advisory  
Council on Food Policy  
May 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM  
Santa Fe Farmers' Market, 1607 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe and on Zoom**

1. Call to Order 9:03am

2. Roll Call

Nate Crail - Present

Maria Sanchez-Tucker - Present

Eric Renz-Whitmore - Present

David Sundberg - Present

Susan Perry - Present

Emigdio Ballon - Excused

Tejinder Ciano - Not excused

Said Assali - Not excused

Jasmine Meyer - Excused

Peter Ives – Present

Sergio Mata-Cisneros - Not excused

We do have a quorem

Staff

Pam Roy

Helen Henry

Guests:

Michelle Stizza, Santa Fe County Extension Office

Shana Woodworth - Cooking with Kids

Coy Maienza, Santa Fe County

James Martinez, Santa Fe County Senior Service Program

Hvtce Miller, Santa Fe County Manager's Office

3. Approval of Agenda

a. May 8, 2025.

b. Prioritization and Agenda Order.

Vote to approve the agenda as is.

David moved

Sue seconded

All approved

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

##### a. Minutes of April 10, 2025.

Vote to approve the notes as is.

Sue moved

David seconded

All approved

#### 5. Communications from the Floor

Michelle Stizza: The County has a Seed to Supper program which is a six week beginning gardening program that teaches people beginning gardening skills. This is run through ICANN and the Master Gardener program.

#### 6. Initiatives and Actions

a. Legislative Follow-up - Hvtce Miller, Santa Fe County, Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator, Pam Roy, Sergio Mata Cisneros, and group.

Hvtce: We need to be aware of the funding that did not make it into the budget.

Pam went over the line items that are in the state's approved budget:

- The WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is a federal program, but the state also put in \$1M. Veronica Griego leads this program which provides opportunities for seniors and women and children who are on the WIC program to be able to go to farmers markets to buy local produce. They also started a box program for seniors to get produce out to areas in the state where there are no farmers' markets.
- \$430,000 for the New Mexico Approved Supplier Program at the Department of Ag is essential to the underpinnings of getting farmers, the food safety trainings and things that they need so that they can sell into public institutions
- \$5 million for Ag Water Resilience Program, which is now going to New Mexico State University (NMSU). (Originally supposed to be in NMDA's budget but the governor line item vetoed the words "New Mexico Department of Agriculture" so it will be at New Mexico State University.
- \$2 million for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative at the Economic Development Department. They get close to \$7 million in requests for funding for things like grocery store infrastructure in rural and underserved communities, refrigerated trucking for locally produced foods. There's also federal funding coming from the Healthy Food Financing Initiative that's now branded as "New Mexico Food Pathways."
- \$41 million for Healthy Universal School Meals program which is in statute so it's a requirement. And in addition to that. Is the \$7.8 million \$7.848 million for the Healthy Universal School Meals for fiscal year 2025 shortfall and \$3.054 million for the Healthy Universal School Meals prior year shortfall, then \$5 million towards the program into this coming fiscal year starting July 1st.

- \$30 million towards food, emergency food assistance programs, spread over three years (10 million for each year), using the TPEF formula to divide it among the five food banks.
- Grants for assistance for meat processing facilities. We're also hoping that the state does get the state meat processing program in place in the next year which would mean that we would have state inspection.
- Veterinary loan program so we can keep veterinarians in the state.
- \$1 million dollars towards early childhood education scratch cooking. They are also taking out of their childhood education fund a large part of funding that goes towards a lot of different things, such as \$300,000 so that Early childhood programs can purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables and also proteins from our ranchers.
- Sergio: \$4.7 for the Food is Medicine program, each year for three years. The federal government each year matches 16 million, which makes it 21 million for the following three years, and then that adds up to a total of \$64 million for the program. This will go to tailored meals and tailored grocery boxes to women who are pregnant and seniors who are homebound. Food Depot is working with the Health Care Authority (HCA) to hopefully launch that program this coming summer, but there's a long process to become vendors of HCA and there are other complications to work through.
- Pam: SM19 NM Meat, Cheese and Produce in Schools is a memorial that was passed which was brought by four senators in an effort to focus on getting more proteins into school meal programs and specifically to K through 12. The NM Department of Agriculture and NM Department of Public Education will put together a working group to focus on this. New Mexico produced meat is already in school meals, dairy is a little harder to track.

**Action: Pam will find out more about how the Water Resilience Program at NM State University will be structured.**

Pam: Some things that we didn't cross the finish line in the way we were hoping for. One was to get \$2.3 million additional funding for New Mexico Grown for School Meals. To compensate, \$2 million will be taken out of the \$41M for Universal Healthy School Meals and \$1.5 million for the senior centers.

b. Federal Farm Bill and other Federal Updates-group round-robin.  
Federal administration is really focusing on a lot of cuts - See (link)

Senator Lujan asked us a couple weeks ago if we would provide him, along with the rest of our New Mexico delegation, with a deeper understanding of who's benefiting from both federal and state programs, in the sense of funding. The task is to determine how many people are benefiting from federal programs and how that could affect New Mexico in terms of what the state would have to pick up to make up the difference.

Sergio: There is a process going on now called the "budget reconciliation" which is a maneuver where you only need simple majorities in both the House and the Senate to pass something. And there's a big push to get some titles of the farm bill in there, especially from big ag, which

would mean that there would be no Farm Bill this coming fall. So a lot of ad groups are opposing that because that means that there will be no farm bill. That is something that we need to watch. Cuts will likely be happening to all the nutrition programs, which will have a huge effect. If they raise the threshold on SNAP eligibility and make it more difficult for people to access these and other nutrition programs then we will see the complete elimination of Healthy Universal School Meals in the state of New Mexico because it will cost the state too much money to provide that.

Peter: What I am interested in doing is making sure that we are performing our role as an advisory council to the governing body of the city and the Board of County Commissioners on recommendations to try and do what we need to do in our communities. We need to hold this conversation

Hvtce: They're having budget hearings at Santa Fe County this week and next week as well. One of the items that commissioners were speaking about is not not being reactive - take a look at what are the possibilities, even if they're remote, of what's going to be cut and how that's going to affect the localities and look at how to start preparing for that in our local budgets.

This group could summarize and provide the information to our local bodies. All the local governments throughout the state are working on their budgets.

Maria: The city has seen some smaller cuts, and is planning for contingencies. She would like to have a dashboard of our statistics on who we're serving.

Peter: It would be great if the city and county could do that and aggregate that data. Is there an interest in having a study group around understanding the implications of federal funding cuts? Yes. **Action: Peter will organize this.**

Coy reported that there is lots of confusion about the status of their federal grant. She shared a spreadsheet that lists programs that are affected by the federal funding freeze - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LT0asUUTTVLutGrxc\\_zrnA-TJ7hrPP0N/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114734474735293606329&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LT0asUUTTVLutGrxc_zrnA-TJ7hrPP0N/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114734474735293606329&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Pam shared the state's NM Food Initiative Dashboard - <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/dfa-dashboards/food-initiative-dashboard/>

There is somewhat of a problem with the consistency of the reporting because data is captured differently in each agency.

Hvcte said that he'll share information with the state as well because they have a new interim committee looking at the federal cuts and how that would affect the state.

Pam mentioned the Town Hall for Farmers and Ranchers on the federal funding freezes on May 6. There will be a summary of this meeting. **Action: Share out this information and subsequent info with the Council.**

Farm to Table has been tapped to provide a person who will do every other week roundtable conversations with farmers, ranchers, food system managers and then report out to our delegation and create a report which will help create a consistency with what's happening and what's not happening and be able to provide that publicly. Pam will report out on this as it unfolds.

Pam talked about scheduling with the city and the county at some point when it's appropriate to report to the City Council and the County Commission and to strategize about how we can work together to address some of the issues that are coming up including issues around water use.

Action: Maria will talk to Counselors Romero Wirth and Jamie Cassett, who've been champions and ask them about how we can best communicate to them, what they suggest for us and to remind them that we are a resource for them.

Hvtce will be able to schedule us to present to the County when we are ready. They meet monthly. Sometime this summer would be a great time to present.

Sue shared that we want to work with the City Council and County Commission to schedule several presentations throughout the year. Hvtce said he can help get us on an agenda. He needs a two week notice to do so.

## 7. Presentations

- a. Tour of Santa Fe Teen Center-Maria Sanchez-Tucker. (postponed)

## 8. Staff Communications

none

## 9. Items from the Council

none

### a. Member check-in.

Eric: The Santa Fe Small Business Technical Assistance Program is coming online and there are some key meetings at the end of this month and phasing in as almost a soft launch throughout June. This is a program they're doing with ARPA funding and in partnership with NMSU's Arrowhead Center.

Maria: The Teen Center is doing a program where they're growing vegetables and plants.

## 10. Matters from the Committee

None

## 11. Items from the Chair

- a. New Member Update.

Shana's application is in process.  
Coy will have to go through the application/approval process.

b. Next Meeting: June 12, 2025 - Vote for Hybrid.

Vote to have an in-person meeting only at the Teen Center on June 12. Action: Maria will book this and get this into the record.

David moved

Sue seconded

All approved

c. Topics for future presentations.

Send an email to Sue if there are things that you want to hear about.

Pam suggested a tour of farms and facilities in the County that we could also invite Commissioners and Councilors to as well. Hvtce can facilitate this.

12. Next Meeting:

a. Thursday, June 12, 2025.

13. Adjourn 10:18am

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Signed by *Helen Henry* Helen Henry.

I verify that these notes have been approved by a quorum of members of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

Signed by Susan Perry, Co-chair or, Peter Ives, Co-chair

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