



City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Memorandum



DATE: August 21, 2026

TO: Mayor Michael J. Garcia
Geraldyn Cardenas, City Clerk

VIA: Sandra Emory, Community Services Director *Sandra Emory*
Nikki Baker, Youth and Family Services Project Administrator *Nikki Baker*

FROM: Christa Hernandez, Youth & Family Services Program Manager *Christa Hernandez*

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Request for Approval of the Appointment of Tina Ruiz to the Human Services Committee (Christa Hernandez, Youth and Family Services Program Manager, 505-955-6728; chernandez@santafenm.gov)

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Human Services Committee was established by resolution 2012-3 to assess and advocate for human service needs, coordinate resources to maximize cost-effectiveness, evaluate local human services programs and provide technical assistance to programs. The committee is advisory, makes funding recommendations to the Governing Body, and is seeking to appoint Tina Ruiz as a member.

Membership is comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor with approval from the Governing Body. Considerations shall be made to ensure that the membership reflects a range of ages, lived experience and professional and community backgrounds.

Tina Ruiz is experienced in developing equitable social frameworks, supported by her background in sociology, international relations, indigenous studies, and community planning. Tina is originally from southern New Mexico, but has resided in Santa Fe since 2011, giving her a reach understanding of both local and statewide human services related opportunities and challenges. Tina encourages and facilitates cross-sector collaboration efforts professionally, which brings a valuable skill set and mindset to the Human Services Committee. Tina's background and collaborative spirit will ensure continued success of the Human Services Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Youth & Family Services Division respectfully requests the appointment of Tina Ruiz to the Human Services Committee.

HSC Appointment Memo Tina Ruiz

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