CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-___

Community Trust in Public Safety

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

In relation to Resolution No. 2026-___.

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This amendment WILL NOT change the caption. _____

I intend to propose the following amendment(s),

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

Councilor Lee Garcia

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Mayor Michael Garcia

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

Amendment B – GREEN - Councilor Feghali and Councilor Barrett

A RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S COMMITMENT TO PAST RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN SANTA FE AND RECOGNIZING THE

CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ROLES; ~~ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, TO RELY ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES~~ REAFFIRMING GOVERNING BODY SUPPORT OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES; ENCOURAGING ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO FACT-CHECK PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe ("City") Charter, Article II, Section 2.02, "Human and Civil Rights", states that the City holds human and civil rights as inviolate and states that these rights "shall not be diminished or otherwise infringed" regardless of "ethnicity, race, age, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical condition or citizenship status"; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of upholding the broad policy position of welcoming and supporting immigrant communities as demonstrated in the adoption of the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 1985-129, declaring Santa Fe a city of refuge for Salvadorans and Guatemalans; and
- Resolution No. 1999-06, declaring a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of a person's national origin and appointing an immigration taskforce, and resolving that "all persons will be treated equally, with respect and dignity, regardless of immigration status"; and
- Resolution No. 2014-82 declaring Santa Fe's continuous support for immigrant issues in Santa Fe, in the State of New Mexico, and throughout the United States, and calling on the federal government to immediately stop the expansion of family detention centers and the prolonged detention and expedited deportation of refugees

and immigrants ; and

- Resolution No. 2017-19 to safeguard residents' sensitive personal information, reaffirming the City's commitment to human and civil rights, to the established rule of law, and its status as a welcoming community for immigrants and refugees; and

WHEREAS, the City's government has a record of implementing non-discrimination and inclusive policies toward Santa Fe residents in order to establish itself as a welcoming community, regardless of immigration and citizenship status:

- Resolution No. 1985-129, Section 2, states that "the City of Santa Fe, its agents, agencies, officers, and employees, in performance of official duties, shall not, to the extent legally possible, assist or voluntarily cooperate with Immigration and Naturalization Service investigations or arrest procedures relating to alleged violations of immigration law"; and
- Resolution No. 1999-06 declared that "no municipal resources will be used to identify or apprehend any non-citizen resident on the sole basis of immigration status, unless otherwise lawfully required to do so," and Santa Fe Police Department (SFPD) Rule No. 76.1.02(G)(2) on "Foreign diplomats/Consular Officials: Foreign Nationals and Immigration Laws" cites to the same;
- Resolution No. 2017-19 established multiple City practices that established "its status as a welcoming community" including the following prohibitions:
    1. No City employee may make "inquiry regarding immigration status of any person, except as required by law, to determine eligibility for city employment;
    2. No City employee may disclose to any person or agency outside City government "any sensitive information about any person that comes into the employee's possession during the course and scope off that employee's

work for the City of Santa Fe, except as required by law, in order to provide a City service or carry out a function of City government or upon receipt of a valid court order"; and

3. City elected and appointed officials and employees "shall refuse access to all non-public areas of City property by federal immigration agents for the purposes of enforcing federal immigration laws who do not present a warrant issued by a federal court specifically requiring such access"; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all members of the community hold trust with and for the City's institutions, including its public safety agencies, especially during times of uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes accurate information is essential for the wellbeing and health of the Santa Fe community; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body encourages all community leaders and all residents to verify the accuracy of information with respect to the operations of federal immigration agents in Santa Fe to avoid spreading rumor and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has trust and confidence in all public safety employees to uphold the City's status as a welcoming community for immigrants and, as established by prior resolutions and by agency policies, as they relate to immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City affirms its commitment to, and will continue to uphold, all requirements of Resolution Nos. 1985-129, 1999-06, 2014-82, and 2017-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and has confidence in the Santa Fe Police Department and Santa Fe Fire Department to discharge all duties in such a manner that reflects the policies established by all prior-adopted resolutions and agency policies~~, and it encourages all residents, regardless of immigration status, to rely on law enforcement and emergency services~~; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body encourages all community members and community leaders to fact-check information with respect to the operations of federal immigration agents in Santa Fe before sharing broadly in order to prevent the spread of misinformation and to support trust and confidence in our local community.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATRICIA FEGHALI, COUNCILOR

Respectfully submitted,

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