CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

2027 Legislative Priorities

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

In relation to Resolution No. 2026-___.

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I intend to propose the following amendment(s),

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Michael Garcia

Amendment A – RED – Councilor Jamie Cassutt

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 58TH LEGISLATURE – STATE

OF NEW MEXICO – FIRST SESSION, 2027.

WHEREAS, the 60-day Legislative Session ("Legislative Session") of the 2027 New Mexico State Legislature ("Legislature") begins on January 19, 2027, and ends on March 20, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish the City of Santa Fe ("City") legislative priorities to be considered by the City's legislative delegation and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body's legislative priorities include City-wide capital outlay priorities, statutory priorities, general fund priorities, City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be pursued during the Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to provide a list of priority projects and expressions of support of statewide legislative priorities and initiatives to the New Mexico State Legislature and to the Governor's Office through this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby adopts priorities for the Legislative Session, consistent with Resolution No. 2026-26 (adopting the City's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan ("ICIP") for 2028-2032) and as specified below. The specific amount requested from the legislature for each project is either all or part of the City's Fiscal Year 2027 budget as represented in the ICIP for each project.

1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with economic development, affordable housing, and urban redevelopment, the City requests funding in the amount of **$72,500,000** for Midtown Redevelopment Infrastructure Improvements;
2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with transportation and roadway infrastructure, the City requests funding in the amount of **$3,000,000** for Pavement Rehabilitation and Preservation on Residential Roads;
3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with airports, regional

transportation, and economic development, the City requests funding in the amount of **$35,000,000** for the Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II;

4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with airports, regional transportation, and economic development, the City requests funding in the amount of **$13,000,000** for the Regional Airport Access Road from NM 599;

5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with public facilities, energy efficiency, and infrastructure preservation, the City requests funding in the amount of **$4,000,000** for Facilities Systems Replacement, Energy Efficiency, and Exterior Improvements;

6. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with public recreation facilities and infrastructure preservation, the City requests funding in the amount of **$4,000,000** to address Deferred Maintenance for the Genoveva Chavez Community Center ;

7. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with drainage, flood mitigation, and watershed protection, the City requests funding in the amount of **$550,000** for the Cerro Gordo Culvert and Watershed Improvements;

8. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with roadway improvements, beautification, and public spaces, the City requests funding in the amount of **$7,040,000** for Median Beautification Phase I.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports legislation and appropriations for roadway rehabilitation, repair, and preventive maintenance within the City of Santa Fe, including pavement preservation, resurfacing, reconstruction, associated drainage and safety improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, to address deteriorating conditions, extend infrastructure service life, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all roadway users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports legislation that enhances

the Downtown Improvement District of Santa Fe including such items as revised streetscapes, improved signage, placemaking, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and litter collection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body renews its request that the Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs that support recycling market development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide infrastructure for consideration by the Legislature during the Legislative Session:

1. For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District 1, the City requests funding in the amount of **$3,600,000** for the Downtown Transit Center.
2. For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District 2, the City requests funding in the amount of **$2,000,000** for Salvador Perez Swimming Pool Deferred Maintenance.
3. ~~For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District 3, the City requests funding in the amount of **$4,950,000** for Rufina Street and Lopez Lane Intersection Improvements.~~ For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District ~~4~~3, the City requests funding in the amount of **$9,750,000** for Tierra Contenta Phase III Spine Infrastructure.
4. ~~For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District 4, the City requests funding in the amount of **$9,750,000** for Tierra Contenta Phase III Spine Infrastructure.~~ For a capital outlay initiative located within City Council District ~~3~~4, the City requests funding in the amount of **$4,950,000** for Rufina Street and Lopez Lane Intersection

Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports legislation to restrict deadly weapons in public buildings unless a local government opts out of the restriction and places a constitutional referendum on the ballot to permit municipalities and counties to restrict firearms to the extent constitutionally permissible, while continuing to disallow municipalities and counties from regulating firearms in a manner that is less restrictive than the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses the following firearms legislation:

1. Creating a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention;
2. Funding for regional and/or local collaboration to address youth gun violence;
3. Raising the age of purchase for certain rifles;
4. Banning assault-style weapons;
5. Creating mandatory minimum sentencing for illegal firearms trafficking; and
6. Enhancing the penalty for the illegal possession of a firearm during any crime, including during the illegal sale of drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports continued funding for the Violence Intervention Program fund, including money for operational capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding for interventions and responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, including the expansion of a coordinated, comprehensive approach that addresses both the survivor and the perpetrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of the establishment of the Santa Fe County Detox Center that would serve the residents of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses funding

mental health and behavioral health programs focused on addressing the needs of residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction, including the expansion or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that treatment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses appropriations for mental health and behavioral health programs, including the development of the Santa Fe County's Youth Behavioral Health Center and the La Sala Center, focused on addressing the needs of residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse or addiction, including the expansion or augmentation of treatment opportunities and facilities to support that treatment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports meaningful partnerships between State, county, and municipal governmental agencies to address fentanyl as a health crisis by removing barriers to services for those struggling with addiction, supporting the coordination of response efforts, and funding such initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body renews its requests that the Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the City's Behavior Engagement and Support Office ("BESO"), which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department and with case managers under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker to redirect persons who are experiencing non-violent mental health episodes, public intoxication, and/or who may be suspected of involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes, to alternative, community-based services in lieu of prosecution or jail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-47 (supporting state and federal legislation protecting the right to a safe abortion), the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports reproductive rights and that would codify the right to safe abortion into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as is consistent with initiatives such as what is contained

in Resolution No. 2024-29, the Governing Body supports the rights of the LGBTQIA+ population such that every individual, regardless of the individual's reproductive choices, sexual orientation, or gender identity, can live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and prejudice and supports legislation that preserves and protects the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation and allocation of funding designed to interrupt intergenerational cycles of poverty, such as appropriations for operations of a state-wide pilot program that provides a monthly, guaranteed income.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that improves broadband infrastructure in Santa Fe and throughout the state, specifically as it relates to associated community and economic development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body endorses legislation and funding that supports the rights of the disability community, that advances disability access in public spaces, and that allows for individuals to live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and prejudice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as is consistent MOA No. 2020-0629, the Governing Body supports legislation dedicated to the City and Santa Fe County partnership program, "CONNECT," defined by the City and County as "a network of navigators at clinics, community organizations, and city and county programs," which has successfully connected approximately ten thousand (10,000) Santa Fe County residents with resources such as housing, food, transportation, childcare, and other essential needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that supports the development and construction of affordable and workforce housing to decrease and/or subsidize the cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation and appropriations that:

1. Increase housing availability, including transitional housing options tailored to the individual's needs, and expands available social services for homeless families and individuals, including those who are chronically homeless, veterans experiencing homelessness, and young people experiencing homelessness, as well as those living in outdoor unsupervised encampments;
2. Expand program staff that supports the goals of housing preservation and homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, building housing units, individual housing vouchers, project-based housing vouchers, supportive services, and system infrastructure; and
3. Replenish and seek a recurring funding source to support New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's Housing Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation that expands the permitted uses of existing lodgers' tax, or creates an additional lodgers' tax, to defray the cost of providing affordable housing and permanent supportive housing and addressing the needs of low-income people by providing wraparound services such as childcare and/or that leverages federal funding for affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that would eliminate the three percent (3%) cap on annual property tax increases on residences that are not owner-occupied as the owner's principal place of residence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation that increases the likelihood of local governments recruiting, retaining, promoting, and housing first responders and BESO case workers and behavioral health employees in the communities in which they serve to improve public safety and enhance emergency response capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that slows down the timeline for eviction, connects tenants to rental assistance resources, and improves opportunities for mediation between renters and landlords.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation promoting the facilitation of community efforts to address the cleanup of trash, litter, and weeds which may include methods such as using compost and chipping, with a specific emphasis on elevating the quality of the City's roadways, rights of way, medians, arroyos, open spaces, trails, and parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation or appropriations to improve the environment, enhance the quality of the City's public spaces, and achieve its sustainability goals, including, but not limited to, funding for projects and programs that support water conservation, erosion control, tree planting, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and public art.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that

1. Establishes an "extended producer responsibility" program that requires manufacturers and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout its life cycle, from creation to disposal, and/or re-use;
2. Advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City, including legislation that facilitates renewable energy generation and interconnection, energy storage, building electrification, public transportation, complete streets, carbon neutrality, net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, community solar, and watershed restoration and forest fire mitigation; and/or
3. Amends the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-2-2(J), to include an express option for all local governments to opt-in to an emissions inspections program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports continued study and analysis of how to improve emergency response, preparation, and management strategies for addressing environmental and radiological emergencies, which could include climate change adaptation strategies and development of, and improvement to, emergency management infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports appropriations to New Mexico's Department of Cultural Affairs in support of the expansion of local library programming for local communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body endorses legislation that supports childcare as a guaranteed, basic right for families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education, with an emphasis on the following initiatives: infant and toddler care; capital improvements for center-based and in-home care; stipend-based training opportunities for the family, friends, and neighbor network (FFN); and investment in pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare educator pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports investing in pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs to develop the early childcare educator pipeline and expanding the workforce to run such programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City continues to support statewide paid sick leave legislation, as described in the City's Resolution No. 2021-11, unanimously passed by the members of the Governing Body in 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body endorses statewide legislation for Paid Family and Medical Leave in support of providing care for new children and/or ill family members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports the appropriation of funds for New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and senior meals programs and related education programs for schools and farmers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body urges the legislature to address the underfunding of the Public Employees Retirement Association pension plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body renews its requests that the Legislature ensure that hold-harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or further reduced and returned to their original schedule; ensure that any tax reform continues to hold counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts tax on food and medical receipts; and that protects local governments' annual revenues if the Legislature enacts legislation modifying State gross receipts tax deductions and exemptions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body supports legislation that creates a major entertainment venue in Santa Fe for sports, concerts, and music festivals, specifically for economic development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body renews its request that the Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing to permit business owners to operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities, provided business owners comply with local land use and safety requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body directs the City's lobbyist to undertake the following actions:

1. Work with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of any Municipal League 2026 Legislative Priority from which the City would benefit ;
2. Prioritize capital outlay projects included in the City ICIP Priority List;
3. Work to advance any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be beneficial to the City; and
4. Oppose legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be detrimental to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent of the Governing Body as to 2027 legislative priorities, other timely priorities may be approved by the Governing Body, incorporated into the City's legislative agenda, and forwarded to the City's lobbying

team for action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the City's lobbyist, the City's legislative delegation, and to the Governor of New Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Cassutt (Oct 7, 2026 17:13:10 MDT)

JAMIE CASSUTT, COUNCILOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marcos D. Martínez

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Amendment A - Cassutt (1)

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