

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION No. 2014-__

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY QUESTION
FOR THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION CONCERNING PUBLIC SUPPORT
FOR EFFORTS TO DECRIMINALIZE POSSESSION OF ONE OUNCE OR
LESS OF MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, there is increasing support for the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana, as evidenced by the recent adoption by the City of Santa Fe of a decriminalization ordinance in response to a citizen petition as well as the fact that several states have enacted decriminalization laws; and

WHEREAS, putting advisory questions to voters in general elections allows elected officials to accurately gauge the opinion of the voting public on matters of public concern at minimal additional cost; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County (County) desires to know the opinion of County voters on whether the Board should support county, city, and statewide efforts to decriminalize possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-16-8, the Board:

1. proposes that an advisory question be submitted to the voters of the entire County in the 2014 general election; and

2. proposes that the advisory question read as follows:

“Should the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of Santa Fe County support county, city, and statewide efforts to decriminalize possession of one ounce or less of marijuana?

For BCC Support of Decriminalization Efforts



Against BCC Support of Decriminalization Efforts



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board respectfully requests that the County Clerk (i) timely furnish the form for the ballot on this advisory question together with this Resolution to the Secretary of State, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 1-16-8, and (ii) timely take such other action as may be required for this advisory question to be submitted to the voters of the entire County in the 2014 general election.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of September, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney