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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** September 8, 2016

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**VIA:** Katherine Miller, County Manager

**FROM:** Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison, Manager's Office

**RE:** A Resolution Proposing A Countywide Advisory Question For The 2016 General Election Concerning The Enactment Of A Countywide Gross Receipts Tax For Behavioral Health Services (Commissioner Miguel Chavez)

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### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY**

It is estimated that approximately 2,500 Santa Fe County adults have a serious mental illness and approximately 30,000 residents of Santa Fe County abuse drugs and/or alcohol. In addition approximately 67% of the population in our detention facilities are mentally ill and have unmet behavioral health needs.

In May 2016 a four-county Behavioral Health Summit was conducted to build collaboration and address policy and resource gaps and barriers to serving and supporting residents experiencing behavioral health issues, especially those who do or might otherwise interact with publicly funded public safety, criminal justice, and health care systems.

One result of the Summit was the need for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center that will be able to assess an individual in crisis as well as refer wrap-around services for residents. To take up this task, the BCC authorized the placement of Question 5 on the November 8th ballot for the development of Community Health Facilities.

As part of the establishment of the Crisis Center, Commissioner Chavez is proposing to place a non-binding advisory question on the same ballot to provide for an additional funding mechanism for behavioral health services.

This resolution proposes adding an advisory question for the 2016 General Election.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Commissioner Chavez respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this item.



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_**

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**A RESOLUTION  
PROPOSING A COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY QUESTION FOR THE 2016  
GENERAL ELECTION CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF A  
COUNTYWIDE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, there is an unmet need for behavioral health services in Santa Fe County (County); and

**WHEREAS**, this unmet need may be responsible, in part, for the number of persons with behavioral health issues incarcerated at the County Adult Detention Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of the County is committed to reducing the number of people with behavioral health issues in the County Adult Detention Facility and to otherwise meeting the behavioral health service needs of County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has the authority to include nonbinding, advisory questions on a general election ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is advisable to ascertain through a nonbinding, advisory question the opinion of County voters on whether a countywide gross receipts tax should be enacted to address this unmet need for behavioral health services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to applicable law and the Board's own initiative, the Board directs that that the following nonbinding, advisory question be submitted in substantially the following form to the voters of the entire County in the 2016 general election:

"Should Santa Fe County enact a countywide gross receipts tax for behavioral health services that would increase the aggregate gross receipts tax rate by up to one-eighth of one percent (0.125%)?

For Countywide Gross Receipts Tax ☐  
Against Countywide Gross Receipts Tax ☐.

**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 nonbinding, 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 nonbinding, advisory question to be submitted to the voters of the entire County in the 2016 general election.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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

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Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

**Attest:**

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Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

**Approved as to form:**

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Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



