

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 37

**A RESOLUTION
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-96 TO ADJUST CONSOLIDATED
PRECINCTS AND RE-DESIGNATE THE POLLING PLACE OF EACH PRECINCT
FOR THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION ONLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 1-3-2 NMSA 1978 requires that, in June or July of each odd-numbered year, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County (County) by resolution must (i) designate the polling place of each precinct in the County and (ii) consolidate any precincts pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2019, pursuant to the NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-2 the Board adopted Resolution No. 2019-96 to consolidate precincts and designate the location of election day polling places in the County for the conduct of any statewide election conducted in calendar years 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the contagion of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) and the very real potential for poll workers and voters to contract the COVID-19 disease through the in-person voting process, absentee ballot applications are being sent to all registered members of the three major political parties; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and Board anticipate that a significant number of registered voters will opt to vote via absentee ballots, thereby decreasing the number of in-person, election day voters for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and Board anticipate that it will be difficult to find an adequate number of poll workers to staff the thirty (30) voter convenience centers contemplated by Resolution No. 2019-96, Section 3, for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, because of the anticipated reduction in election day voters and shortage of poll workers, the number of voter convenience centers for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election can be reduced without inconveniencing voters and should be reduced so as to reduce the costs of the election and risks posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all other things being equal, reducing the number of voter convenience centers will reduce the number of people potentially exposed to COVID-19 by reducing the number of poll workers necessary on election day; and

WHEREAS, Nambe Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, and Tesuque Pueblo are closed to non-members during the COVID-19 public health emergency and have requested that the voter convenience centers designated by Resolution No. 2019-96 at locations within their respective Pueblos be eliminated for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce election-day voter convenience centers, including those to be located on Pueblo lands, the precinct consolidations designated in Resolution No. 2019-96 must be adjusted for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, the following sections of NMSA 1978 provide authority for the action being taken in this Resolution:

- Section 1-3-7(A): “No less than one polling place shall be provided for each precinct that is not a mail ballot election precinct[.]”
- Section 1-3-4(B)(3): “[E]ach voter convenience center shall be a consolidated precinct composed of no more than ten precincts[.]”
- Section 1-1-12(B): “When consolidated precincts are used to establish a voter convenience center in a statewide election, references to “precincts” in the voting process shall be applicable to consolidated precincts.”
- Section 1-3-5(B): “No precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or combined or the boundaries adjusted less than four months prior to a statewide election, except by order of the district court.”
- Section 1-11-1: “The county clerk shall, at least twenty-one days prior to a statewide election, give notice of the election.”

WHEREAS, in order to make voting more convenient and accessible to voters, the Board wishes to permit voters in the County to cast ballots in statewide elections at voter convenience centers through the use of consolidated precincts during the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-2(B) and 1-3-4, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that each polling place designated herein for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary complies with the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-7, titled Polling Places; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that those precincts that are consolidated herein to create voter convenience centers for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary meet the requirements of NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-4 and 1-3-7, will be available to voters of any precinct in the County to cast a vote at the voter convenience center, will make voting more convenient and accessible to voters of the consolidated precinct, will not result in delays for voters in the voting process, shall have a broadband internet connection and real-time access to the state-wide voter registration electronic management system, and are centrally located within the consolidated precinct; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that none of the consolidated precincts designated herein are composed of more than ten precincts; and

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WHEREAS, the Board finds that each polling place set forth herein provides individuals with physical mobility limitations an unobstructed access to at least one voting machine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, contingent upon District Court approval, the Board hereby amends Resolution No. 2019-96 as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Resolution No. 2019-96 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. Consolidation of Precincts. Precincts in Santa Fe County shall be consolidated as set forth hereafter in Section 3 and Section 4 of this Resolution, “Designation of Polling Locations for Statewide Elections Other than the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election” and “Designation of Polling Locations for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election”, respectively. Any voter may vote in any consolidated precinct in Santa Fe County, regardless of the precinct in which the voter resides.”

Section 2. Section 3 of Resolution No. 2019-96 is hereby amended so that the title and first sentence of that section reads as follows:

“Section 3. Designation of Polling Locations for Statewide Elections Other than the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election. The location and designation of each polling place for each consolidated precinct for statewide elections other than the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election is set forth as follows:”

Section 3. Resolution No. 2019-96 is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 4:

Section 4. Designation of Polling Locations for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election. The location and designation of each polling place for each consolidated precinct for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election is set forth as follows:

<u>Precincts Included in Consolidated Precinct</u>	<u>Polling Place(s)/Voter Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct</u>
1, 2, 3, 58, 79, 118	Tony E. Quintana Elementary 20 E Sombrillo Road Highway 106
5, 40, 59, 60	Pojoaque Middle School 1797 State Road 502
4, 23, 61, 87, 128	Nambe Community Center 180 A State Road 503

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6, 7, 8, 10, 20, 21, 91, 95, 119, 121	Tesuque Elementary School 1555 Bishop's Lodge Rd.
82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153	La Tierras Fire Station 6 Arroyo Calabasas Rd.
9, 22, 28, 30, 122, 123, 127, 131	Montezuma Lodge 431 Paseo de Peralta
13, 47, 48, 57, 94, 100, 120, 132	Glorieta Pass Fire Station #2 366 Old Denver Hwy
11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 92, 130	Gonzales Community School 851 W. Alameda Street
36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 53, 76, 101, 102	St. John's Methodist Church 1200 Old Pecos Trail
31, 32, 34, 35, 41, 50, 51, 97, 98	Salazar Elementary School 1231 Apache Avenue
37, 52, 54, 55, 77, 81, 103, 104, 117, 124	Christian Life Church 121 Siringo Road
29, 49, 56, 78, 96, 105, 133, 142, 143, 144	Santa Fe County Fair Building 3229 Rodeo Road
38, 39, 74, 66, 80, 99, 108, 135, 136, 145	El Camino Real Academy 2500 S Meadows Road
64, 67, 75, 106, 109, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141	Nina Otero Community School 5901 Herrera Road
12, 62, 86, 89, 93, 149, 151, 154	La Cienega Community Center 136 Camino San Jose
14, 70, 72, 88, 111, 112, 114, 126, 150	Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary School 13 A San Marcos Loop
63, 65, 68, 69, 107, 110, 129, 134, 139	Max Coll Corridor Community Center 16 Avenida Torreon
16, 17, 19, 71, 113	Galisteo Community Center 35 Avenida Vieja
15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148	Town of Edgewood Admin Offices 171 State Road 344

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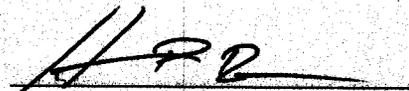
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following adoption of this Resolution by the Board, the County Manager shall direct the County Attorney to seek approval of the District Court of the consolidated precincts and polling places/voter convenience centers set forth herein for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall include the amended polling locations provided for in this Resolution in the *Notice of Election* that is posted no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

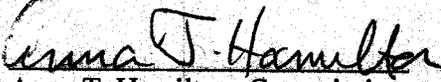
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State and inform the Secretary of State if and when the District Court has approved the polling locations/voter convenience centers provided for in this Resolution for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election only.

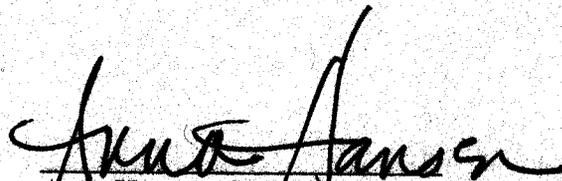
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2020.

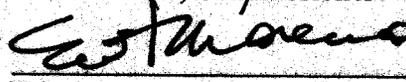
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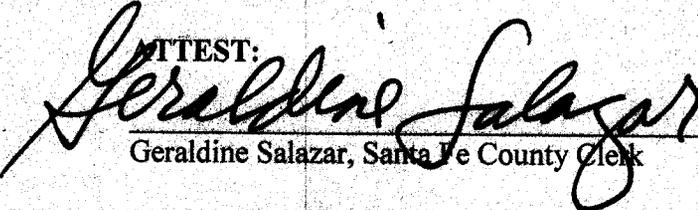

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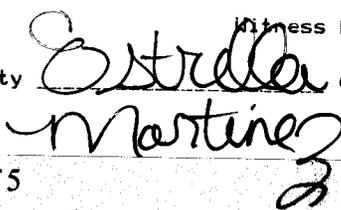
Date: May 4, 2020

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved As To Form:


Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
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Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM
Geraldine Salazar

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