

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 008

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2021 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, legislative pre-filing for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session will occur between January 4, 2021 and January 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) discusses and approves support for legislative priorities as an important step in assuring the preservation and provision of exemplary services and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the BCC take action to maintain revenues, programs and services at the current or a higher level; and

WHEREAS, the BCC would like to demonstrate strong support to the state legislature for legislation accomplishing the following:

1. Recreational Cannabis

Legalizing the use of recreational cannabis in New Mexico and establishing a regulatory framework for its use, including public safety considerations, public health safeguards, and the protection of the state's existing medical cannabis program. The legalization of recreational cannabis is projected to create 11,000 New Mexico jobs and generate hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue.

2. Behavioral Health

Renewing and expanding funding for the Human Services Department to provide behavioral health services to adult and juvenile offenders housed in county detention centers to reduce the likelihood of recidivism. Services should include targeted, individualized interventions that address detainee behavioral health needs while incarcerated and connect them to supportive housing, public assistance, medical and mental health care, and employment training as needed, immediately upon release.

3. Public Employee Retirement Act (PERA) Solvency

Opposing increases in local government PERA contributions. New Mexico public employers' rates of contributions to retirement for public employees are among the highest in the country. Any increases to PERA contributions by county government will ultimately be absorbed by the local taxpayer.

4. New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School and Senior Meals

Appropriating funds for New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and senior meal programs and related education for schools and farmers.

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5. Recognizing the Need for Racial and Social Justice

Supporting the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution 2020-59, A Resolution on Civil Rights and Recognizing the Need for Racial and Social Justice, including: condemning violent and racist activities in our communities; standing in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement; condemning violent and racist activities; denouncing gender violence and racism; identifying racial hate groups as terrorists; supporting constituents' rights to protest peacefully; investing in programs that promote diversity, equity and inclusion; establishing a comprehensive and coordinated restorative justice approach in the criminal justice system for all ages; and furthering the BCC's objective of maintaining cooperative relationships with the sovereign tribal governments within Santa Fe County.

6. Support the Protection and Enhancement of Pollinator Species and Their Habitat

Supporting action to make property pollinator friendly, including planting pollinator-friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, and supporting coordinated, regional, statewide and national action to protect pollinator species in order to implement the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution 2020-51.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCC hereby supports the legislative priorities set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2021 legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCC opposes any legislation proposed in the 2021 New Mexico Legislative Session that if enacted could adversely impact Santa Fe County.

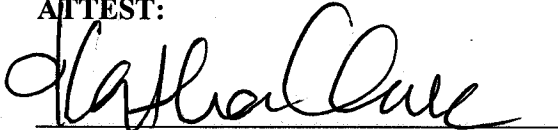
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2021.

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

By:


Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTEST:


Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk

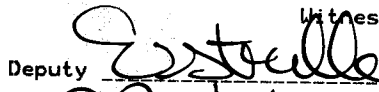


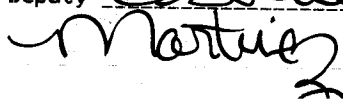
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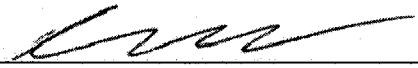
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Katharine E. Clark
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 for
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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