

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 066**

Introduced by:  
Commissioner Hank Hughes and  
Commissioner Henry P. Roybal

**CITY OF SANTA FE RESOLUTION NO. 2022**

Introduced by:  
Mayor Alan Webber  
Councilor Jamie A. Cassutt

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE PARTNERSHIP OF SANTA FE COUNTY  
AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND TAKE ACTIONS TO  
END HOMELESSNESS**

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**WHEREAS**, the nation is experiencing one of the most severe affordable housing crises in history, significantly impacting communities of color and those who live in poverty (National Alliance to End Homelessness, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, eight million Americans of low-income households pay at least half their income toward housing, putting them at risk of housing instability and homelessness (National Alliance to End Homelessness, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 approximately 13 percent of Santa Fe County residents reported an income below the federal poverty level (US Census Bureau American Community Survey of Median Earnings for Worker 5-Year Estimates 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County had a larger number of cost-burdened homeowners per capita than did New Mexico and the United States in 2020, with 78 percent of renters below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) and 74 percent of renters between 31 percent and 60 percent of AMI being cost burdened. (Santa Fe Housing Report, Santa Fe Association of Realtors, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, in Santa Fe City, 86 percent of renter households earning less than \$50,000 a year are cost burdened, a number that has risen by 13 percent between 2016 and 2018 (Santa Fe Housing Report, Santa Fe Association of Realtors, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County have a history of supporting efforts to assist people experiencing homelessness; and

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**WHEREAS**, according to the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, there was an estimated shortage of 7,343 affordable rental units in the Santa Fe Metropolitan Statistical Area in 2020 (Santa Fe Housing Report, Santa Fe Association of Realtors, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, economic and societal factors, such as a lack of affordable housing, a lack of adequate income, a lack of affordable and accessible healthcare including behavioral health care, discrimination, domestic violence, and other systemic social challenges can cause homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 2022, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness Coordinated Entry System, which is not yet tracking all homeless people in Santa Fe, recorded a total of 363 individuals, 49 families, and 18 homeless youth in Santa Fe, with 205 individuals being chronically homeless, 22 being chronically homeless veterans, and a disproportionate number of Native American and African American people experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing pandemic has brought additional awareness to the issue of homelessness and housing instability and has created an opportunity for government entities, politicians, non-profit service providers, private foundations, Santa Fe residents, and other interested stakeholders to work collectively to address this long-standing community issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe is a partner in the Built for Zero Initiative, a national movement where communities assist each other in developing and following evidence-based strategies for reducing and ending homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has recently opened a behavioral health crisis center, La Sala, to better address the needs of people experiencing a behavioral health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County developed the CONNECT network, now a City and County partnership providing services related to the social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts by the City and County to combat housing insecurity and homelessness are being coordinated with those of philanthropic foundations and non-profit partners in an initiative known as the S3 (Safe, Stable, and Supportive) Santa Fe Housing Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorum St. Vincent Foundation, Thornburg Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation, Frost Foundation, and Santa Fe Community Foundation have provided funding to address immediate needs and longer-term solutions to homelessness since the beginning of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision of this partnership is for public and private partners to work collaboratively with community providers and advocacy groups to ensure that Santa Fe is a place where homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring, and that access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing is a reality for all community members; and

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WHEREAS, analysis of existing providers and housing options conducted as part of the S3 Santa Fe Housing Initiative indicates that the overall housing system in the Santa Fe area has been functioning with insufficient support and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe affirm our alignment to address homelessness by securing and stabilizing housing and social services for our most vulnerable residents.

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe agree to focus efforts in the following six areas through the S3 Santa Fe Housing Initiative:

1. **PRESERVATION AND PREVENTION**: Increase resources and develop strategies to prevent homelessness, including the preservation of existing affordable housing and enhanced utilization of social services; increased financial supports, such as the City and County Affordable Housing Trust Funds, to prevent homelessness and stabilize those who are precariously housed; and support for local regulation and land use policy changes that increase housing stability for residents.
2. **EMERGENCY SHELTER**: Create and further develop collective community agreements specific to emergency shelter provision, including expanding options for emergency shelter care to include safe and legal outdoor sleeping spaces and non-congregate shelter and improving shelter access to housing and supportive service resources.
3. **BUILDINGS/HOUSING UNITS**: Quantify the need for additional affordable units and, through new construction, conversion, subsidization, and redevelopment, increase the local affordable housing stock inventory with a goal of at least 100-200 units per year.
4. **INDIVIDUAL VOUCHERS/PROGRAM BASED VOUCHERS**: Increase funding for housing vouchers, both short- and long-term, and develop strategies to ensure that those vouchers can be flexibly utilized in ways that promote equity and housing choice; and ensure that existing voucher programs are expended in full.
5. **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**: Ensure all interested individuals and families participating in housing programs have high-quality crisis intervention, behavioral healthcare, and other supportive services to maintain safe housing.
6. **SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE**: Continue development of the community-wide homeless response system, which includes strategic planning and clarifying the roles, function, and authority of each partner. The system development will include collective identification of system gaps through collecting accurate data, creation of cooperative strategies to address gaps, and consistent cross-agency communication on funding opportunities, housing initiatives, and overall system development.

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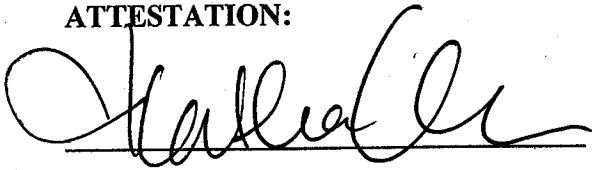
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Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

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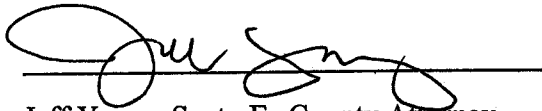


Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 8/08/22



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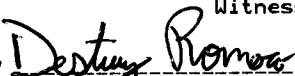
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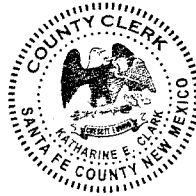
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Katharine E. Clark  
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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**GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE**

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Alan M. Webber, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTESTATION:**

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Kristine Bustos-Mihelcic, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Erin K. McSherry, City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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