

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 071

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-071 TO
ADJUST CERTAIN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS; TO
REPLACE THE POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE
CENTER FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT
CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, AND 150; AND
TO ADD ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACE/VOTER
CONVENIENCE CENTERS FOR CERTAIN CONSOLIDATED
PRECINCTS**

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: (1) designate the polling place of each precinct in the County; (2) consolidate any precincts pursuant to Section 1-3-4, NMSA 1978; and (3) create additional polling places in existing precincts pursuant to Section 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, pursuant to Section 1-3-2, NMSA 1978, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-071 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 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022-018, which amended Resolution No. 2021-071 to designate a new polling place/voter convenience center (VCC) for consolidated precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150 and to reconsolidate precincts 26, 74, and, 109; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-018 added Madrid Fire Station # 1, 5 Firehouse LN, Madrid, NM, as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150 because construction of the VCC designated for such precincts in Resolution No. 2021-071 would not be complete in time for the Primary Election held on June 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Los Cerrillos Fire Station or Los Cerrillos Community Center will not be complete in time for General Election to be held on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-018 reconsolidated precincts consisting of (1) precincts 11, 24, 25, 27, 33, 92, 130, 155, 159, and 160; (2) precincts 10, 22, 26, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131; (3) precincts 29, 38, 39, 49, 56, 96, 99, 105, 133, and 173; (4) precincts 35, 50, 51, 74, 76,

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77, 117, and 124; (5) precincts 64, 67, 75, 106, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141, and 174; and (6) precincts 66, 80, 108, 109, 135, 136, and 145; and

WHEREAS, the adjustments to precinct consolidations accomplished by Resolution No. 2022-018 were necessary to ensure that each consolidated precinct is composed of no more than ten (10) precincts; and

WHEREAS, ambiguity exists as to whether the addition of the VCC and adjustment to the consolidated precincts accomplished in Resolution No. 2022-018 were intended for the 2022 Primary Election or for all elections in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to resolve any ambiguity and uncertainty before the 2022 General Election by reconsolidating the precincts consolidated by Resolution No. 2022-018 and re-designating the Madrid Fire Station #5 as an additional VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150 for all elections in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978, states that “[i]n the interest of the convenience of the voters and providing accessibility to the polling place, the board of county commissioners may create additional polling places within the precinct upon their own action...”; and

WHEREAS, the Salazar Elementary School VCC, Chaparral Elementary School VCC, and Gonzales Community School VCC experienced a high volume of voter turnout during the June 7, 2022, Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, to alleviate the volume of voters at such VCCs and to make voting more convenient and accessible to voters, the County Clerk has requested that the Board add additional VCCs for the consolidated precincts where VCCs have experienced a high volume of voters; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the Mandela International Magnet School, New Mexico School of the Arts, and Carlos Gilbert Elementary School as VCCs is in the interest of the convenience of the voters and providing accessibility to the polling place; 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, the Board finds that each VCC designated herein complies with the provisions of Section 1-3-7, NMSA 1978, titled Polling Places; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that those precincts that are consolidated herein to create VCCs meet the requirements of Sections 1-3-4 and 1-3-7, NMSA 1978, 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 (10) precincts; and

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; and

WHEREAS, because any voter may vote in any consolidated precinct in Santa Fe County, regardless of precinct in which the voter resides, the re-consolidation of precincts will not materially affect voter access to polling places/voter convenience centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, contingent upon District Court approval, the Board hereby amends Section 3 of Resolution No. 2021-71 for all elections in 2022 and 2023 as follows:

1. **Replacement of Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150.** The “Los Cerrillos Fire Station or Los Cerrillos Community Center, 12 Main Street, Los Cerrillos, NM,” which is designated as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150, is deleted and replaced with “Madrid Fire Station # 1, 5 Firehouse LN, Madrid, NM.” The designation of Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary School, 13 A San Marco Loop, as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150 shall remain in effect.
2. **Designation of Additional Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center, Mandela International Magnet School, for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 31, 32, 34, 41, 97, 98, and 178.** The Salazar Elementary School, 1231 Apache Avenue, and the Mandela International Magnet School, 1604 Agua Fria St, shall be the VCCS for the reconsolidated precinct consisting of precincts 31, 32, 34, 41, 97, 98, and 178.
3. **Consolidation of Precincts 11, 24, 25, 27, 33, 92, 130, 155, 159, and 160 and Designation of Additional Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center, New School**

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of the Arts. Precinct 26 is removed from the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 92, 130, 155, 159, and 160, which has a Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda Street as its designated VCC. Precincts 11, 24, 25, 27, 33, 92, 130, 155, 159, 160 are reconsolidated and the Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda Street, and New Mexico School of the Arts, 500 Montezuma Ave, shall be the designated VCCs for the reconsolidated precinct.

4. **Consolidation of Precinct 26 with Precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131 and Designation of Additional Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center, Carlos Gilbert Elementary School.** The consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131, which has the Montezuma Lodge, 431 Paseo de Peralta as its designated VCC, is reconsolidated to include precinct 26. The Montezuma Lodge, 431 Paseo de Peralta, and Carlos Gilbert Elementary School, 300 Griffin St, shall be the VCCs for the reconsolidated precinct consisting of precincts 10, 22, 26, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131.
5. **Consolidation of Precincts 29, 38, 39, 49, 56, 96, 99, 105, 133, and 173.** Precinct 74 is removed from the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 29, 38, 39, 49, 56, 74, 96, 99, 105, 133, and 173, which has the Santa Fe County Fair Building, 3229 Rodeo Road as its designated VCC. Precincts 29, 38, 39, 49, 56, 96, 99, 105, 133, and 173 are reconsolidated and the Santa Fe County Fair Building, 3229 Rodeo Road shall be the designated VCC for the consolidated precinct.
6. **Consolidation of Precinct 74 with Precincts 35, 50, 51, 76, 77, 117, and 124.** The consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 35, 50, 51, 76, 77, 117, and 124, which has Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral as its designated VCC, is re-consolidated to include precinct 74. The Chaparral Elementary School, 2451 Avenida Chaparral, shall be the VCC for the reconsolidated precinct consisting of precincts 35, 50, 51, 74, 76, 77, 117, and 124.
7. **Consolidation of Precinct 64, 67, 75, 106, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141, and 174.** Precinct 109 is removed from the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 64, 67, 75, 106, 109, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141, and 174, which has Nina Otero Community School, 5901 Herrera Road, and Southside Public Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, as its designated VCC. Precincts 64, 67, 75, 106, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141, and 174 are reconsolidated and Nina Otero Community School, 5901 Herrera Road, and Southside Public Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive, shall be the designated VCCs for the consolidated precinct.
8. **Consolidation of Precinct 109 with Precincts 66, 80, 108, 135, 136, and 145.** The consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 66, 80, 108, 135, 136, and 145, which has El Camino Real Academy, 2500 S Meadows Road as its designated VCC, is reconsolidated to include precinct 109. The El Camino Real Academy, 2500 S Meadows Road, shall be the VCC for the reconsolidated precinct consisting of precincts 66, 80, 108, 109, 135, 136, and 145.

9. **Amendment to Table.** The rows in the table in Section 3 describing the “Precincts Included in Consolidated Precinct” and “Polling Place(s)/Voter Convenience Centers Within Consolidated Precinct” related to the precinct consolidations and VCC designations above are amended as follows:

Precincts Included in Consolidated Precinct	Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct
10, 22, 26, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, 131	Montezuma Lodge 431 Paseo de Peralta Carlos Gilbert Elementary School 300 Griffin St.
11, 24, 25, 27, 33, 92, 130, 155, 159, 160	Gonzales Community School 851 W. Alameda Street New Mexico School of the Arts 500 Montezuma Avenue
31, 32, 34, 41, 97, 98, 178	Salazar Elementary School 1231 Apache Avenue Mandela International Magnet School 1604 Agua Fria St.
35, 50, 51, 74, 76, 77, 117, 124	Chaparral Elementary School 2451 Avenida Chaparral
29, 38, 39, 49, 56, 96, 99, 105, 133, 173	Santa Fe County Fair Building 3229 Rodeo Road
66, 80, 108, 109, 135, 136, 145	El Camino Real Academy 2500 S Meadows Road
64, 67, 75, 106, 116, 137, 138, 140, 141, 174	Nina Otero Community School 5901 Herrera Road Southside Public Library 6599 Jaguar Drive
14, 72, 88, 114, 126, 150	Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary School 13 A San Marcos Loop Madrid Volunteer Fire Station #1, 5 Firehouse Lane, Madrid

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10. **Other Rows in Table.** All rows in the Table of Section 3 of Resolution No. 2021-071 other than those rows amended above shall remain in effect.

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 all elections in 2022 and 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall include the consolidated precincts and polling places/voter convenience centers provided for in this Resolution in the *Notice of Election* that is posted no later than Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State and to the County Chair of each of the major political parties and inform the Secretary of State and such County Chairs if and when the District Court has approved the polling locations/voter convenience centers provided for in this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2022.

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

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Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

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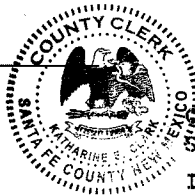
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Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 09/13/2022



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