

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 107

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A RESOLUTION  
IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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**WHEREAS**, legislative pre-filing for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session will occur between January 3, 2023, and January 13, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) 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 Board take action to maintain revenues, programs, and services at the current or a higher level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board would like to demonstrate strong support to the State Legislature for the following issues:

1. **Affordable Housing**  
Increase federal and state support for fiscal investments for affordable housing that could benefit the state and Santa Fe County, with an emphasis on funding assistance.
2. **Moratorium on Evictions**  
Enact policies to increase transparency and accountability in landlord-tenant agreements. In addition, authorize courts to delay eviction for reasonable period while tenants actively pursue rental assistance from programs for which they appear to be eligible.
3. **Single-Use Plastics and Polystyrene Ban**  
Adopt a bill banning single-use plastic and polystyrene products within the state of New Mexico, as well as an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law for packaging that will hold producers and manufacturers responsible for the design life cycle of their products.
4. **Common Sense Gun Safety Regulations**  
Strengthen rules and regulations regarding gun safety that includes:
  - Requiring universal background checks for all persons who seek to purchase a gun;
  - Banning the sale of assault rifles and large-capacity ammunition magazines that have a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition;
  - Enacting a lifetime ban on purchasing firearms for people convicted of domestic violence; and
  - Enacting a waiting period of 10 days for any gun purchase.

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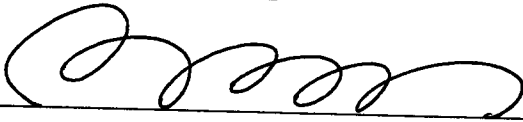
5. **Financial Assistance for Home Solar Installation**  
Create a State program, comparable to Solarize Santa Fe, to assist individuals with questions about and funding of solar installation in homes.
6. **Improvements to the New Mexico Energy Grid**  
Support improvements to the New Mexico Energy Grid including use for renewables and the ability to operate independently from the national grid.
7. **Long-Term Water Sustainability**  
Support measures for long-term water sustainability, including studies on water conservation, aquifer storage, and recycling/reusing water recovered from existing treatment plants as well as from large animal agricultural farms by installing high-level treatment facilities.
8. **Statewide Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure**  
Support measures that promote broadband operations and extend high-speed infrastructure statewide and that also incorporates redundant broadband supplies.
9. **New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School and Senior Meals**  
Appropriate funds for New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and senior meal programs and related education for schools and farmers.
10. **Support the Protection and Enhancement of Pollinator Species and Their Habitat**  
Support 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 No. 2020-51.
11. **Funding for NMED and EMNRD**  
Support funding for the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to ensure that they are funded and staffed adequately to meet their statutory duties.
12. **Implement Evidence-Based Strategies to Reduce Alcohol-Related Harms in Our Communities**  
Efforts for Evidence-Based Strategies should be guided by the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), including but not limited to consideration of the following:
  - Increase Alcohol Taxes – increasing alcohol tax has been shown to decrease drinking, and decrease many alcohol-related harms.
  - Regulate Alcohol Outlet Density – limiting the number of businesses selling and distributing alcohol in neighborhoods is one of the most effective strategies for reducing alcohol-related harm.
  - Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention – screening and brief intervention services provided in clinical, community, or fully online settings have been shown to reduce excessive alcohol consumption.

- Limit the days and hours alcohol sales occur – maintain or decrease days and hours that alcohol is sold.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby supports the legislative priorities as set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the State Legislature during its 2023 regular session.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.**


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By:   
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair



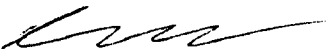
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**ATTESTATION:**

  
Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk

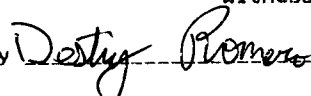
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**Approved as to form:**

  
Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney

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

