

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 118

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A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING GENERAL SANTA FE COUNTY  
2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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**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**, local county government officials possess valuable insights into the unique challenges, opportunities, and priorities of our community, making their input crucial for informed decision-making at the state level; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative advocacy and representation is important to the particular needs of the people, land and resources of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board establishes the following legislative priorities for the 2024 Regular Session of the State Legislature:

**1. Preservation of County Revenue**

Oppose any tax reform or other legislation that negatively impacts County revenue, such as by reducing tax rates or the tax base or restricting the permissible uses of revenue.

**2. Common Sense Gun Safety Regulations**

Urge the New Mexico State Legislature to strengthen rules and regulations regarding gun safety that includes:

- Require universal background checks for all persons who seek to purchase a gun;
- Ban 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;
- Support enacting of a federal red flag law that would allow a judge to order the removal of guns from a person deemed to be a threat to themselves or another;
- Enact a lifetime ban on purchasing firearms for people convicted of domestic violence;
- Enact a waiting period of 10 days for any gun purchase; and
- Enact restrictions on self-made, self-assembled, non-serial numbered fire arms that are classified as "ghost guns".

**3. Capital Outlay Reform**

Support for capital outlay reform that would improve the vetting and full funding of capital outlay projects.

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**4. Support for Locally Grown Food and Local Agriculture Initiatives**  
 Support for: Farm Preservation Programs, Food Policy Councils, Educational Outreach, Food Hubs, Food Depots, Farm to School Programs, Farm to Seniors Programs, Farm to Table Restaurants, Farmers' Markets, and other related locally grown food and local agricultural initiatives.

**5. 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.

**6. Effective Crime Prevention Strategies**

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

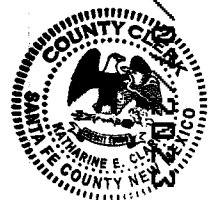
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By: *Anna Hansen*  
 Anna Hansen, Chair

**ATTESTATION:**

*Katharine E. Clark*  
 Katharine E. Clark  
 Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 11/30/23



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**Approved as to form:**

*Jeff Young*  
 Jeff Young  
 Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss  
 I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 7TH Day Of December, 2023 at 10:11:49 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 2024625 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
 Katharine E. Clark  
 Deputy *[Signature]* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM