

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 097**

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-067 TO REPLACE THE EL RANCHO SENIOR CENTER WITH POJOAQUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AS A POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTER WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 5 AND 40**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 1-3-2, NMSA 1978 (2019), 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 (2023); and (3) create additional polling places in existing precincts pursuant to Section 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978 (1991); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2023, pursuant to Sections 1-3-2, 1-3-4, and 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-067 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 2024 and 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 2023-067, the Board designated the “El Rancho Senior Center, 394 County Road 84” as one of the polling place/voter convenience centers (VCC) for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 5 and 40; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk’s Office has determined that the Pojoaque Valley High School is a more visible and accessible location for a VCC than the El Rancho Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pojoaque Valley High School has better parking lot lighting, phone coverage, and internet capabilities than El Rancho Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pojoaque High School is the most convenient and suitable public building in the consolidated precinct that can be obtained for use as a VCC; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk’s Office recommends replacing the El Rancho Senior Center with the Pojoaque Valley High School as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 5 and 40; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pojoaque Valley High School VCC 1) complies with the provisions of Sections 1-3-4 and 1-3-7, NMSA 1978; 2) shall have a broadband internet connection and real-time synchronization to access to the voter registration electronic management system; 3) is centrally located within the consolidated precinct; and 4) is accessible and compliant with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1-3-4(B)(2), NMSA 1978, “any voter of the county shall be allowed to vote on a regular ballot at any voter convenience center in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-5(B) (2019), 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the next statewide election will be held on November 5, 2024, which is less than four months after the date of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, contingent upon District Court approval, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby amends Section 3 of Resolution No. 2023-067 for all elections in 2024 and 2025 as follows:

1. Section 3 is amended by replacing "El Rancho Senior Center, 394 County Road 84" with "Pojoaque Valley High School, 1575 State Road 502 West" as a Polling Place/Voting Convenience Center within the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 5 and 40. The designation of San Ildefonso Pueblo Visitor Center, 74 Povi Kaa Drive, as a Polling Place/Voting Convenience Center for the consolidated precinct consisting of 5 and 40 shall remain in effect.

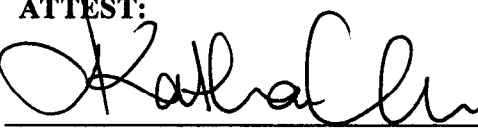
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, following adoption of this Resolution by the Board, the County Attorney shall seek approval of the District Court of the new polling place/voter convenience center designation set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, contingent upon District Court approval, the County Clerk shall include the polling places/voter convenience centers provided for in this Resolution in the *Notice of Election* that is posted no later than Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

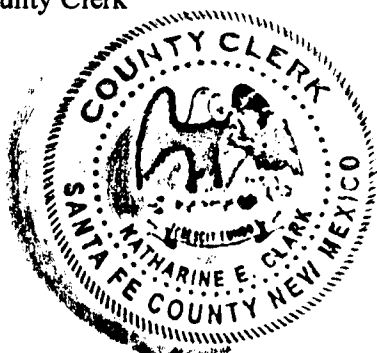
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State and to the County Chair of each of the major political parties and inform the Secretary of State and such County Chairs if and when the District Court has approved the polling locations/voter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

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

By:   
Hank Hughes, Chair

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

Date: 08/01/2024



Approved as to form:

Cristella Coley for  
Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Katharine E. Clark

Deputy [Signature] County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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