

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 069

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-067 TO ADD A POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTER FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 59 AND 60; REPLACE THE POLLING PLACES/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTERS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153, 169, AND 177; PRECINCTS 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, AND 131; AND PRECINCTS 66, 80, 86, 92, 108, 135, 136, 145, 174, AND 179; TO REMOVE A POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTER FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, AND 160; TO ADJUST CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS BY THE RECONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS 16, 19, AND 157 WITH PRECINCTS 4, 17, 71, 165, AND 168; AND DESIGNATION OF THE POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTER FOR THE RECONSOLIDATED PRECINCT CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 4, 16, 17, 19, 71, 157, 165, AND 168 FOR THE 2025 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION ONLY

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-2 (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 NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4 (2023); and (3) create additional polling places in existing precincts pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-7.1 (1991); and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-2, 1-3-4, and 1-3-7.1, 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 found that permitting voters in the County to cast ballots in statewide elections at voter convenience centers through the use of consolidated precincts pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-2(B) and 1-3-4 would make voting more convenient and accessible to voters; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-046, which amended resolution No. 2023-067 to replace the Town of Edgewood Municipal Building with Santa Fe County Fire State #70 as the Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center (VCC) within the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148, and 156; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-097, which amended Resolution No. 2023-067 to replace the El Rancho Senior Center with Pojoaque Valley High School as a VCC within the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 5 and 40; and

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WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2023-067, the Board designated, among other things, the “Pojoaque Middle School, 1797 State Road 502” as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 59 and 60; the “El Camino Real Academy, 2500 S Meadows Road” as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 66, 80, 86, 92, 108, 135, 136, 145, 174, and 179; the “La Tierra Fire Station, 6 Arroyo Calabasas Rd.” as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153, 169, and 177; and the “Montezuma Lodge, 431 Paseo de Peralta” and the “Carlos Gilbert Elementary, 300 Griffin St.” as the VCCs for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131; the “Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda Street” and the “Mandela Magnet School, 1604 Agua Fria St” as the VCCs for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160; and the “Stanley Cyclone Center, 22 W. Kinsell Avenue” as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 16, 19, and 157; and the “Galisteo Community Center, 35 Avenida Vieja” as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 4, 17, 71, 165, and 168; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Regular Local Election, a statewide election, will be held on November 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 1-12-1 (1987) and 1-3-19 (2019), prior to the opening of the polls at 7:00 am on election day, each VCC must have one voting system available to assist disabled voters to cast and record their votes, at least one optical scan tabulator for the precinct, and sufficient spaces for at least five voters to simultaneously and privately mark their ballots, with at least one of those spaces wheelchair-accessible, for the precinct; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Office is responsible for ensuring that over 30 VCCs are prepared for the polls to open on election day for the 2025 Regular Local Election; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure each VCC is prepared, the County Clerk’s Office generally needs access to each VCC prior to election day; and

WHEREAS, access to certain VCCs prior to election day can be challenging because many of the facilities are used for non-election purposes, including the hosting of sporting events, dinners, or ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the 2025 Regular Local Election, the County Clerk’s Office has determined that the preparation of polling sites for election day can be streamlined by replacing certain VCCs or otherwise reducing the number of VCCs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 1-6-5.6 (2019) and 1-6-5.7 (2023), the County Clerk’s Office establishes alternate voting locations that are prepared and used for early voting beginning on the twenty-eighth day preceding the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4(B)(6), the County Clerk may maintain any alternate voting locations previously used in the same election open for voting on election day as a VCC, provided that the locations otherwise meet the requirements of a voter convenience center; and

WHEREAS, because the alternate voting locations are prepared for voting in advance of the commencement of early voting, the designation of alternate voting locations as VCCs will reduce the number of polling sites that need to be prepared immediately prior to the opening of the polls on election day; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk intends to establish the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, located at 1 Prairie Dog Loop, as an alternate voting location for any statewide elections to be held in 2025, including the 2025 Regular Local Election; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office has determined that replacing the El Camino Real Academy VCC with the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 66, 80, 86, 92, 108, 135, 136, 145, 174, and 179 will allow the County Clerk's Office to more effectively and efficiently administer the election; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office has determined that access to the La Tierra Fire Station and the Montezuma Lodge before election day can be challenging because of the other uses of these facilities and any inaccessibility may impede the efficient preparation of such VCC for election day; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office recommends that the La Tierra Fire Station VCC be replaced with Unity Santa Fe, located at 1212 Unity Way, as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153, 169, and 177; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office recommends that the Montezuma Lodge VCC be replaced with the Ft. Marcy Recreation Complex, located at 490 Bishops Lodge Road, as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131. The designation of the Carlos Gilbert Elementary as a VCC for such consolidated precinct would remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, both the Gonzales Community School and the Mandela Magnet School have been designated as the VCCs for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160. The County Clerk's Office has determined that only the Gonzales Community School VCC is necessary for the 2025 Regular Local Election. Accordingly, the County Clerk's Office recommends that the Mandela Magnet School VCC be removed as a VCC for the 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160 for the 2025 Regular Local Election. The designation of the Gonzales Community Schools as a VCC for such consolidated precinct would remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, in order to more effectively and efficiently administer the 2025 Regular Local Election, the County Clerk's Office recommends that the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 4, 17, 71, 165, and 168, which has the Galisteo Community Center as its designated VCC, be reconsolidated to include precincts 16, 19, and 157, which has Stanley Cyclone Center as its designated VCC. The County Clerk's Office recommends the Galisteo Community Center be designated as the sole VCC for such reconsolidated precinct; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-7.1, 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 or upon receipt of a petition signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the precinct so requesting”; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the convenience of voters and providing accessibility to the polling place, the County Clerk recommends that the Pojoaque Satellite Office, located at 5. W. Gutierrez Ste. 9, be added as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 59 and 60; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk intends to establish the Pojoaque Satellite Office, as an alternate voting location for any statewide elections to be held in 2025, including the 2025 Regular Local Election. Accordingly, the addition of the Pojoaque Satellite Office will not impact the County Clerk’s preparation of polling sites for the opening of polls on election day; and

WHEREAS, although pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4(B)(6), the County Clerk may maintain any alternate voting locations previously used in the same election open for voting on election day as a VCC, the County Clerk recommends that Resolution No. 2023-67 be amended to add the Pojoaque Satellite Office as a VCC out of an abundance of caution; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that each polling place designated in this resolution complies with the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-7; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that those precincts that are consolidated to create VCCs meet the requirements of NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-4 and 1-3-7; will be available to voters of any precinct in the county to cast a vote at the VCC; 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 precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that each polling place set forth herein provides individuals with physical mobility limitations and unobstructed access to at least one voting machine; and

WHEREAS, because pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4(B)(2) (2023) any voter may vote in any consolidated precinct in Santa Fe County, regardless of precinct in which the voter resides, the reconsolidation of precincts, elimination of VCCs, and redesignation of VCCs will not materially affect voter access to polling locations; 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, the 2025 Regular Local Election, will be held on November 4, 2025, which is more than four months after the date of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Section 3 of Resolution No. 2023-067 for the 2025 Regular Local Election only:

1. **Addition of VCC for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 59 and 60.** In the fourth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “Pojoaque Satellite Office, 5. W. Gutierrez Ste. 9” is inserted.
2. **Replacement of the VCC for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153, 169, and 177.** In the eighth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “La Tierra Fire Station” and “6 Arroyo Calabasas Rd.” are deleted and replaced with “Unity Santa Fe, 1212 Unity Way.”
3. **Replacement of a VCC for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131.** In the ninth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “Montezuma Lodge” and “431 Paseo de Peralta” are deleted and replaced with “Ft. Marcy Recreation Complex, 490 Bishops Lodge Road.” The designation of “Carlos Gilbert Elementary, 300 Griffin St.” as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131 shall remain in effect.
4. **Removal a VCC for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160.** In the twelfth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “Mandela Magnet School” and “1604 Agua Fria St” are deleted. The designation of “Gonzales Community School, 851 W. Alameda Street” as a VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160 shall remain in effect.
5. **Replacement of the VCC for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 66, 80, 86, 92, 108, 135, 136, 145, 174, and 179.** In the eighteenth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “El Camino Real Academy” and “2500 S Meadows Road” are deleted and replaced with “Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop.”
6. **Reconsolidation of Precincts 16, 19, and 157 with Precincts 4, 17, 71, 165, and 168 and Designation of Galisteo Community Center as the VCC for the Reconsolidated Precinct.**
 - a. In the twenty-fifth row of the column entitled “Precincts Included in Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “16, 19, 157” is deleted.
 - b. In the twenty-fifth row of the column entitled “Polling Place(s)/Voting Convenience Center(s) Within Consolidated Precinct” of the Table in Section 3, “Stanley Cyclone Center” and “22 W. Kinsell Avenue” are deleted.

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- c. In the twenty-fourth row of the column entitled "Precincts Included in Consolidated Precinct" of the Table, "4, 17, 71, 165, 168" is deleted and replaced with "4, 16, 17, 19, 71, 157, 165, 168."
- d. The Galisteo Community Center, 35 Avenida Vieja, is designated as the VCC for the reconsolidated precinct consisting of precincts 4, 16, 17, 19, 71, 157, 165, and 168.

7. **Other Rows in Table.** Other than those rows and columns amended above, all rows and columns in the Table of Section 3 of Resolution No. 2023-067 shall remain in effect.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall publish this resolution once in a newspaper as provided in the Election Code (Chapter 1 NMSA 1978).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 24 DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Camilla Bustamante
Camilla Bustamante, Chair

ATTEST:

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

Date: 06/26/25

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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