



Press Release from the Board of County Commissioners

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 2, 2021

Vote on Support of National Halt on Oil and Gas Leasing Passes

SANTA FE, NM - On March 30, 2021, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted on [Resolution 2021-032](#) introduced by Commissioner Anna Hansen (D-2). The resolution voices support of President Biden's temporary pause on oil and gas leasing on federal public lands as asserted in his [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#).

The President's Executive Order is divided into two sections: Part I is Putting the Climate Crisis at the Center of the United States Foreign Policy and National Security, and Part II is Taking a Government-Wide Approach to the Climate Crisis.

Commissioner Hansen citing support for the newly confirmed Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and President Biden's Executive Order, followed up with, "The BCC has a solid history of passing resolutions that call upon our Congressional and State delegation to increase regulations that will protect our citizens from the negative impacts of climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and protect our citizens and cultural assets from detrimental activities related to oil and gas production on our public lands. I think we are in a time of crisis and I respectfully ask that my fellow commissioners support this resolution."

"We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hamilton, a third from Commissioner Hughes, and a fourth from Commissioner Garcia, I think we all stand in support." stated Commission Chair Henry Roybal (D-1), prior to the vote.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Please contact Communications Coordinator Carmelina Hart at 505-469-0083 or chart@santafecountynm.gov for more information.

####