



**SANTA FE COUNTY**



# WORKING FOR YOU! 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



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# People First, Policy for All

From Commissioner Cacari Stone:

At my inauguration, I shared the story of the Mariposa Monarca, the monarch butterfly that travels thousands of miles across generations, guided by purpose, memory, and an internal compass that leads it home. Like the monarchs, we are called to move with intention — grounded in belonging, responsibility to one another, and deep respect for our home (community and the natural environment).

**My work is guided by two core principles: People Matter and Policy for All.** In my first year, I focused on listening deeply, strengthening partnerships, and delivering measurable results. From housing and land use, to water protection, solar justice, behavioral health, public safety, and parks and open spaces, we translated values into action.

This report reflects that commitment — demonstrating the work, progress, and partnerships that define what it means to be truly **working for you!** As we continue this journey, I do so with gratitude for your trust and a steadfast commitment to serve with purpose.

Warm regards,

*Lisa Cacari Stone*



# PEOPLE Matter



Legislative Town Hall, The Food Depot

**My leadership centers on placing people first and on advocating for policies that improve the conditions for all families and communities to thrive. In 2025, I put people first through:**

Strengthened partnerships with organizations such as The Food Depot, The CONNECT Network, LifeLink, CONTIGO Immigrant Rights, Somos un Pueblo Unido, National Latino Behavioral Health Association, NAACP Santa Fe, Tewa Women United, Human Rights Alliance Santa Fe—ensuring that the County’s commitments match the needs of our diverse communities.

Participation in HOA and neighborhood meetings (25), including but not limited to El Camino Jacobo Resident Advisory Committee, Las Campanas Board, Community Organizations, Agua Fría Traditional Historic Village Board, Agua Fría Water Association & Las Acequias Neighborhood Association.

Engagement with more than 500 residents across District 2 and Santa Fe County through community meetings, public forums, webinars, neighborhood visits, and public events. Speaking at town halls (6) on homelessness, affordable housing, youth behavioral health. Meaningful 1-1 conversations with residents via 30 Cafecitos.

25

HOA,  
COMMUNITY &  
RESIDENT  
ORGANIZATION  
MEETINGS

6

TOWN HALLS

750+

RESIDENTS  
ENGAGED

30

CAFECITOS



Know Your Rights Community Forum

# PEOPLE Matter

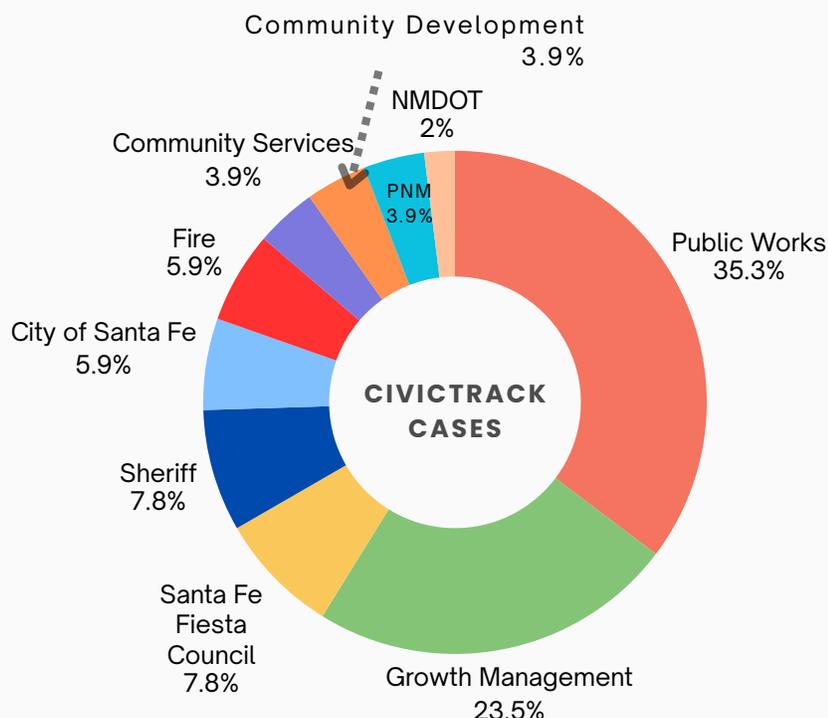


Santa Fe River Trail Meeting,  
Agua Fria Village

## Constituent Services

In 2025, my constituent liaisons and I received approximately 85 inquiries and service requests from District 2 residents. Key services to you in 2025 were:

- Strengthened transparency and tracking. I initiated a new CivicTrack database, where we formally logged **51 resident concerns** to ensure coordinated follow-up and accountability. In collaboration with other County Departments, we responded to 100% of constituent inquiries within two business days and worked together to resolve issues.
- Community concerns varied widely and reflected the everyday priorities of District 2 residents (**See Chart**). Of the 51 issues entered into CivicTrack, the majority involved collaboration with: Public Works— including roads and drainage; and Growth Management – including development, zoning, and permitting.
- Partnered with external agencies including the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico Department of Transportation and PNM to address constituent concerns.





Agua Fria Water Association, Annual Meeting



Disability Rights Awards



San Isidro Day, Agua Fria Village



Dem Party BBQ,  
Las Acequias Park



La Posada,  
Southside Teen Center



Veterans Day



Northern Rio Grande  
National Heritage Area Board



Las Campanas HOA



Behavioral Health Leadership Plática



Camino Jacobo Resident  
Association, Earth Day



Pride Santa Fe



Somos Un Pueblo  
Unido, Citizenship Day

# Policy Matters



**As your Commissioner, I delivered on key policy priorities in 2025. Notable accomplishments in 2025 were possible with the affirmative votes of my fellow Board of County Commissioners:**

## **Public Safety and Immigrant Protections**

- Sponsored a Resolution affirming safety and inclusion for immigrant residents with online civil liberties website; co-organized a bilingual “Know Your Rights” forum at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center with City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County Offices (Sheriff, Fire Chief, Adult Detention Center, Community Services & County Management).
- **4to Cafecito Con La Comunidad Español** - <https://youtu.be/6ZOoEnwHqa8?si=6xUyMVfa8S-WDWtu>
- **Resolution 2025-015** - [https://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/ordinances/Resolution\\_2025-015.pdf](https://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/ordinances/Resolution_2025-015.pdf)
- **Know Your Rights** - <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/civil-liberties>

## **Infrastructure, Parks, and Connectivity**

- Secured \$200,000 in funding for a Feasibility Study & Preliminary Engineering Report to accelerate the development of an Agua Fria Historic, Cultural and Multi-generational Center.

## **Housing and Homelessness**

- Co-led design team and advocated for state, county, and federal funding on trauma-informed long-term supportive housing for homeless residents living with substance use/mental illness.

## **Behavioral Health & Youth Services**

- Voted yes to the acquisition of a 33,214 sq. ft. facility (valued at \$7M) for the future Santa Fe County Youth Behavioral Health Center.
- Advocated for an increase in Community Services budget, to include \$85,000 for trauma-informed training and \$200,000 additional funds to The Food Depot to address federal cuts to SNAP benefits.

# Policy Matters



NACO DC Policy Forum



Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation



NM Legislature

## Environment

- Voted for a community-driven public utility feasibility study and calling for solar justice to ensure accountable, community-centered green energy.

## Community Building

- Organized the facilitation of dialogues to foster diversity and advance conflict reconciliation, inclusive governance, and meaningful community voice.
- Sponsored an Ordinance to recognize historical and cultural events including celebration of Fiesta de Santa Fe.
  - **Resolution 2025-03 -**  
[https://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/ordinances/Ordinance\\_2025-03.pdf](https://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/ordinances/Ordinance_2025-03.pdf)
  - **Santa Fe Fiesta: Honoring Tradition Through Dialogue -**  
<https://youtu.be/1rE10LNalpU?si=3kQqU8bbLYgZsILS/>

## Centering People in Policy

In 2025, I collaborated with each of my colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners on 8 Proclamations to ensure that Santa Fe County continues to lead with dignity, equity, and inclusion, formally recognizing and uplifting the diverse cultures, histories, identities, and lived experiences that shape our community.

- Mexican American Chicano/a Heritage Day | Día de la Herencia Chicano/a Mexicanoamericana
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and National Day of Racial Healing
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Citizenship Day in Santa Fe County
- Disability Pride Month
- LGBTQIA + Pride Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month

# Working Together for District 2!

**The following are wins for District 2.**

**Success was possible with the work of an extraordinary team of County staff.**

## **Infrastructure, Public Works & Trails**

Through quarterly Public Works meetings and board oversight, District 2 has seen steady progress on:

- **Santa Fe River Greenway Trail:** River crossing anticipated for spring 2026 completion, with ongoing coordination on signage, fencing, and maintenance.
- **Lopez Lane Sidewalk Improvements:** Advancing pedestrian safety and ADA access.
- **Sewer Expansion – Agua Fría Village:** \$1.2 million secured in the 57th Legislature toward District 2 priorities, including utility expansion.
- **Romero Park Enhancements:** Advocated for continued funding and park expansions, including the implementation of new sidewalks to better connect District 2, in alignment with community-identified priorities.

## **Housing & Homelessness**

District 2 remains central to the County's affordable housing strategy:

- **16 approved single-family developments** currently under review to identify barriers to moving stalled projects forward.
- Development of an **interactive affordable housing map** (with district overlays) to increase transparency.
- **Strengthened voucher utilization** and transitioning individuals from Section 8 into permanent housing.
- Advanced **Nueva Acequia affordable housing** and **Camino Jacobo improvements**.
- Participated in **working group with City of Santa Fe** as part of the Livability Officials Cohort sponsored by Homewise to advance affordable housing and community connectedness.

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## Public Health

- Over 80 contracted CONNECT service providers (many who serve District 2).
- Teen Center and Uplift Youth programs continue expanding youth-focused crisis intervention and prevention including high-risk youth in District 2.

## Fire, Emergency Services & Public Safety

Emergency Management and the Fire Department continued to protect our District 2 residents through:

- Dedicated wildfire preparedness team conducting home site visits—priority focus north of Highway 599 near Las Campanas.
- Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) coordinated Countywide, with low call volume in District 2 but strong collaboration with City partners Southside Plática Meeting.
- Ongoing response coordination to ensure fastest possible emergency response times.

## Senior Services & Community Health

- Provided senior meals with increased participation, particular focus at the Rufina site.
- County senior lunch program remains one of the most utilized services.
- Transportation and meal services remain top priorities.
- Earth Care Community Assessment (including outreach in District 2) underway since October 2025.

**Together, these metrics reflect tangible progress: dollars secured, facilities acquired, trails advanced, housing barriers addressed, behavioral health infrastructure expanded, and wildfire preparedness strengthened.**



Kimberly Vigil & Olivia Padilla,  
Constituent Services Liaisons, District 2



# Working Together for YOU!



**I am deeply grateful for the dedicated staff of Santa Fe County & other elected County officials** – including the Board of County Commissioners, the Assessor’s Office, the Clerk, the Probate Judge, the Sheriff’s Office, and the Treasurer – as well as the leadership and team-work within the County Manager’s Office, Constituent Services, Communications, Human Resources/Risk Management Division, Finance Division, Information Technology Division, County Attorney’s Office, Community Services Department, Growth Management and Housing Department, Public Safety Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department, **and all other divisions and functional units whose tireless work and commitment to public service** uphold the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

# Leadership in Service

**“Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.”**  
– President John F. Kennedy

**In 2025, I continued to develop my leadership skills to better serve District 2 and all of Santa Fe County with integrity:**

- I completed a three-month Executive Leadership Program in Policy Implementation through the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, joining public leaders from 13 countries.
- In 2025, I attended the Annual Legislative Forum in DC and the Summer Conference in Philadelphia that each brought over 2,000 participants with the National Association of Counties (NACo).



**I also served on numerous governing boards and committees in-service to our communities:**

## **Board of County Commission (BCC)**

- I prepared for and fully participated in all 48 of the BCC meetings (35) and Housing Board meetings (13).

## **Elected Positions**

- Vice Chair, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners
- Vice President, Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA)

## **State & National Appointments**

- Appointed by New Mexico Counties Strong to serve on the NACo’s Health Policy Committee (national level)

## **Committee Assignments**

- Santa Fe County Investment Committee, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Primary
- Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA) – Primary
- Santa Fe County Investment Committee (SFCIC) – Primary
- Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (SFSWMA) – Primary
- Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (ELUA) – Primary
- Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSCNM) – Alternate
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Alternate
- North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) – Alternate

35

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSION  
REGULAR & SPECIAL  
MEETINGS

13

SF COUNTY  
HOUSING  
BOARD  
MEETINGS

# Intergovernmental *Leadership in Service*

**At the heart of our work is intergovernmental leadership service.**

No single jurisdiction can meet the complex needs of our residents alone. In 2025, I built partnerships with the City of Santa Fe and the City Councilors whose districts overlap with District 2, collaborated with our New Mexico State Legislators to align investments in roads and bridges, behavioral health, fire prevention, housing, environmental stewardship, and community inclusion. I visited DC to meet with our U.S. Senators and Congressional members to advocate for and support their unwavering defense of SNAP, health care access, public lands, immigrants' rights, and critical federal resources.

**Together, we delivered coordinated, transparent, and lasting results for Santa Fe County and our larger region.**

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**Row 1:** Santa Fe Mayor Garcia, Inauguration Day; Senator Trujillo, Earth Day; Santa Fe City Councilors Castro & Feghali, Pride at Governor's Mansion

**Row 2:** SF County Clerk Clark, NM Senator Sedillo-López & NM Rep. Luján, Citizenship Day; NM Senator Wirth, Behavioral "Health Para Todos" KSWV Radio; Santa Fe City Councilor Cassut, Dia de los Muertos

**Row 3:** Senator Heinrich, Senator Luján & Congresswoman Ledger-Fernández, NACo Legislative Conference; SF County Gov. Affairs Miller, NM Senator Stefanics, SF County Legislative Dinner; City Councilor Faulkner, Desfile de los Niños, La Posada



# Year in Review

**In 2025, I remained focused on delivering results and working for you!**

- Together with County staff, City partners, and state and federal leaders, we advanced long-term supportive housing solutions, strengthened behavioral health coordination, and secured capital investments for roads, bridges, and critical infrastructure across District 2.
- I championed environmental stewardship efforts including protection of the Caja del Rio, advocated for community-driven water planning, and responsible solar development. I advocated for wildfire preparedness and emergency response coordination to cultural heritage recognition, youth engagement, and immigrant inclusion.
- We improved constituent engagement through responsive casework, launched stronger tracking systems for community concerns, and deepened collaborations within the county.

## Looking Ahead

- I will continue to invest in trust-based relationships with County leadership and staff, as well as with community champions, foundations, non-profits and District 2 residents.
- I seek to advance environmental justice through community-centered solar planning and the protection of water and natural resources, including permanent protection of the Caja del Rio.
- I will move on the long-term supportive and trauma-informed housing, enhance youth behavioral health services via our new Multi-Use Behavioral Health Youth Center, and complete the feasibility and engineering work for the Agua Fría Village Historical and Cultural Center.
- I remain committed to finding affordable housing solutions, tackling pedestrian safety and transportation, deepening City-County collaboration and strengthening coordinated advocacy with our state and federal partners.

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