

BERNALILLO COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023 32

1 **A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**
2 **NEW MEXICO (“CSC”) AS A MEMBER; AND DESIGNATING THE COMMISSION**
3 **CHAIR AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
4 **THE CSC.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, sustainability works to create resilient, equitable, and prosperous
7 communities for current and future generations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Bernalillo County supports the skills and strategies needed to address
9 sustainable policies, technologies, best practices, collaborative opportunities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the County seeks to increase its knowledge of, and influence in, resource
11 conservation, renewable energy, social equity and engagement, and sustainable practices in New
12 Mexico; and

13 **WHEREAS**, communities and counties across New Mexico are experiencing the impacts
14 of climate change, and community leaders have the responsibility to act on behalf of their
15 residents to ensure the safety, prosperity, and natural resources for generations to come; and

16 **WHEREAS**, by working together in a coalition, local governments can increase their
17 leverage to influence the adoption of policies, tools, and programs necessary to support
18 sustainability at the state level; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the County will work independently and through the coalition to influence
20 state-level policies to support the achievement of the County’s sustainability, carbon neutrality,
21 and renewable energy goals; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico is a non-partisan,
23 non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the Santa Fe Community Foundation,
24 funded by grants, donations, and membership dues; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the CSC, as a membership-based organization, acts to advance
2 sustainability initiatives across the state on behalf of its member municipalities and counties; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the CSC is committed to the following:

- 4 1. Leadership in increasing renewable energy options and promoting other climate and
5 sustainability actions for local governments and their constituents.
- 6 2. Advocating for legislation, regulations, and administrative actions to allow for greater
7 choice, resource conservation, and equity.
- 8 3. Collaborating in identifying sustainability issues best resolved through coordinated
9 governmental action and leveraging collective resources and efforts in addressing the adverse
10 impacts of climate change.
- 11 4. Building the capacity of local governments through awareness of best practices that can
12 be readily adapted and through training made available to all members; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the CSC will do the following on behalf of members:

- 15 1. Provide detailed information on key issues of proposed policies, regulations, and best
16 practices;
- 17 2. Convene working groups to tackle solutions requiring member stakeholders; and
- 18 3. Help align member interests into a coordinated voice for state policy; and

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the
21 governing body of the County of Bernalillo, authorizes the County to join the Coalition of
22 Sustainable Communities New Mexico as a member.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission Chair, or their designee, shall
24 serve as the County’s representative on the governing board of the Coalition of Sustainable
25 Communities New Mexico.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
27 appropriate members of the New Mexico Legislative Delegation to show support for the
28 collaborative work of the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staff is authorized to accomplish all deeds
30 necessary to achieve the above intent.

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DONE, this 14th day of March 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara Baca
Barbara Baca, Chair

Adriano Barboa
Adriano Barboa, Vice-Chair

Steven Michael Quezada
Steven Michael Quezada, Member

Walt Benson **VOTE No**
Walt Benson, Member

Eric C. Olivas
Eric C. Olivas, Member



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. Ken Martinez
W. Ken Martinez, County Attorney

ATTEST:
Linda Stover
Linda Stover, County Clerk

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