

**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-\_\_**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**HOSTING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SANTA FE’S CULTURES, HISTORIES, ART, RECONCILIATION, AND TRUTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the political and cultural divisions in the United States at this time and has observed the destruction of the Soldier’s Monument (the Obelisk) on the Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the City understands there is an urgent call to action to discuss the City’s cultural histories and current viewpoints to seek solutions for a future of peace, justice, and reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s leadership recognizes the need for community engagement to encourage people to speak and to be heard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City shall convene listening sessions, for all members of the community, facilitated by a professional trained in cultural competency. The listening sessions will

1 be compiled into an oral history drawn from all sectors of the population of Santa Fe to aid the  
2 community in understanding differing viewpoints of cultures, histories, and art in this uniquely  
3 diverse City.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a special committee is hereby created.

5 **Section 1. NAME:** the committee shall be known as the Culture, History, Art,  
6 Reconciliation and Truth Committee or “CHART Committee”.

7 **Section 2. PURPOSE:** the purpose of the CHART Committee is to understand the  
8 complete and complex history of Santa Fe, the role of monuments and other remembrances, and  
9 the reasons a reckoning of shared history is important to the overall wellbeing of our community;  
10 and to use these understandings to inform and advise the community and Governing Body  
11 regarding these topics.

12 **Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 13 A. Convene, compile, and review initial community listening sessions, facilitated by  
14 one or more professionals trained in cultural competency to inform the CHART  
15 Committee’s discussions and recommendations of ways the City of Santa Fe and  
16 the greater Santa Fe community can join together for a culture of equality, equity,  
17 and common understanding;
- 18 B. Gather options and draft guidelines for existing statues, remembrances, and  
19 monuments;
- 20 C. Examine existing statues, remembrances, and monuments to develop a shared  
21 history and provide historical context;
- 22 D. Propose guidelines and make recommendations for monuments, remembrances, or  
23 works of art for the Santa Fe Plaza;
- 24 E. Identify opportunities for possible new monuments, remembrances, and works of  
25 public art;

- 1 F. Recommend an inclusive historical narrative that reflects the diverse experiences  
2 of the community;
- 3 G. Articulate ways in which the people of the City of Santa Fe, past and present, can  
4 find common ground about shared histories and, most importantly, look forward  
5 to a more humane and compassionate community with full participation by and  
6 from all;
- 7 H. Steward the storytelling of the City's residents' histories that will be documented,  
8 stored, and available to future generations, and that will reflect the experiences and  
9 multiplicity of the shared history;
- 10 I. Recognize that the work in healing our community will not be complete with the  
11 conclusion of the duties of the CHART Committee; therefore, the Committee is  
12 urged to identify and recommend ongoing opportunities for institutional and policy  
13 reforms, new celebrations, social practice and partnerships;
- 14 J. Provide regular, monthly written updates to the Governing Body regarding the  
15 Committee's progress towards completion of its duties and responsibilities,  
16 including, but not limited to, the availability of histories the Committee compiles  
17 and the recommendations the Committee makes;
- 18 K. Provide a final written report, including a compilation of collected histories and  
19 the CHART Committee's interim recommendations and findings.

20 **Section 4. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; TERMS:**

- 21 A. *Membership.* CHART Committee membership shall include twenty-one members.  
22 The members are not required to be residents of the City of Santa Fe. The members  
23 shall be nominated by Governing Body members, concerned community groups,  
24 and the public at-large. Nominations shall be submitted to the City Clerk within  
25 two weeks of the adoption of this Resolution. The Mayor shall recommend a final

list of nominees to the Governing Body for approval no later than a month from the close of nominations. The Mayor shall appoint the chair or co-chairs; the full membership of the CHART Committee shall elect a vice-chair. The CHART Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

1. Three representatives from Hispanic cultural and civic groups that are active in New Mexico;
2. Three representatives from Native American/Pueblos/cultural groups that are present in New Mexico;
3. Two individuals with historical/cultural expertise and credentials, and/or higher education credentials, in New Mexico's history and culture;
4. Two individuals with spiritual/religious leadership roles in Santa Fe;
5. Two individuals from the Santa Fe Arts Commission or the Santa Fe arts and culture community;
6. One individual with national museum or other professional historical interpretation experience;
7. Two former elected City of Santa Fe officials;
8. One representative of the State of New Mexico government involved in art, history, and culture;
9. One individual with a legal background with regard to the City's laws and policies;
10. One individual with mediator/dispute resolution training and experience; and
11. Three at-large members of the Santa Fe community, selected with a particular focus on adding to the diversity of the Committee.

B. *Terms.* Members shall serve until they complete their duties and responsibilities as set above.

1 C. *Compensation.* Members shall not receive compensation for their service on the  
2 Culture and Reconciliation Committee.

3 D. *Subcommittees.* The CHART Committee may establish subcommittees to address  
4 the duties and responsibilities as delineated in Section 3 above, such as community outreach  
5 listening and engagement; review of statues, remembrances, and monuments; development of and  
6 communication of inclusive narratives, and identification of institutional and policy reforms.

7 **Section 5. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the CHART Committee shall be filled in the same  
8 manner as initial appointments.

9 **Section 6. MEETINGS; DURATION:** The CHART Committee is urged to  
10 complete its duties by the end of December, 2022. The Committee shall conduct all meetings in  
11 accordance with adopted City policies and procedures, including the use of *Robert's Rules of Order*  
12 in conducting its meetings when no other convention has been adopted. The Committee shall set  
13 its own meetings, but shall meet not less than once per month.

14 **Section 6. STAFF LIAISON:** The City Manager shall direct staff resources to support  
15 the special committee.

16 **Section 7. FACILITATION RESOURCES:** The Governing Body shall  
17 appropriate the funds for the facilitation of the committee's work.

18 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.  
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22 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR  
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4 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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