BERNALILLO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES NEW MEXICO ("CSC") AS A MEMBER; AND DESIGNATING THE COMMISSION CHAIR AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CSC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico is a non-partisan, non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, funded by grants, donations, and membership dues; and
WHEREAS, the CSC, as a membership-based organization, acts to advance sustainability initiatives across the state on behalf of its member municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the CSC is committed to the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff is authorized to accomplish all deeds necessary to achieve the above intent.
DONE, this 14th day of March 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara Baca, Chair

Adriano Barboa, Vice-Chair

Steven Michael Quezada, Member

Walt Benson, Member

Eric C. Olivas, Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. Ken Martinez, County Attorney

ATTEND:

Linda Stover, County Clerk