

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-39

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 ESTABLISHING A PLAZA ROUNDTABLE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO WORK
12 WITH PLAZA EVENT ORGANIZERS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF PLAZA
13 EVENTS.

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15 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Plaza ("Plaza") has been the commercial, social and political
16 center of Santa Fe since 1610; and

17 WHEREAS, the Plaza is known by Santa Fe residents as "the heart of Santa Fe" and as a
18 place to gather; and

19 WHEREAS, the Plaza is a National Historic Landmark which consists of a central park
20 lined with grass, trees, benches and a performance stage; and

21 WHEREAS, the Plaza is a playground for many tourists interested in Santa Fe culture
22 including music, design, jewelry, art and dance; and

23 WHEREAS, the Plaza is home to many annual events that draw visitors and residents to
24 the Plaza and create social connections, economic development and funding for community non-
25 profits including, but not limited to, Indian Market, Spanish Market, Contemporary Hispanic

1 Market, the Santa Fe Fiesta and related events, Santa Fe Girls' Inc. Arts and Crafts Show, 4th of
2 July Pancake Breakfast and Challenge New Mexico Arts and Crafts Show; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the duty and responsibility of the City of Santa Fe is to preserve, protect
4 and maintain the Plaza; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza has recently undergone renovation which included new flagstone,
6 re-installation of brick pathways, a new water conservation irrigation system, electrical upgrades
7 and audio wiring and which includes the installation of new sod which is scheduled to occur in
8 April 2009; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the numerous Plaza events limit casual use of the Plaza by the general
10 community and cause significant wear and tear on the Plaza, specifically requiring frequent
11 replacement of sod and continued compaction of soil, as well as strain on downtown merchants; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to establish a Plaza Roundtable for the purpose
13 of discussing and making recommendations on the how the Plaza can best be protected and
14 preserved yet continue to serve as the heart of the Santa Fe community for Santa Fe residents,
15 visitors, businesses and non-profit organizations alike.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY**
17 **OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Plaza Roundtable is established.

18 Section 1. NAME. Plaza Roundtable.

19 Section 2. PURPOSE. The Santa Fe Plaza Roundtable shall review and make
20 recommendations to the Governing Body on matters related to the Santa Fe Plaza. .

21 Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

22 A. The Plaza Roundtable shall discuss and make recommendations to the Governing
23 Body regarding, but not necessarily limited to the following:

24 (1) Appropriate use of the Plaza for major commercial events and special
25 events;

1 (2) Alternative sites for major commercial events and special events; and

2 (3) Restrictions on the use of the Plaza for major commercial events and
3 special events.

4 B. The Plaza Roundtable shall seek public participation from and consult with city
5 staff, Plaza major commercial event organizers, Plaza special event organizers, downtown
6 merchants, the State Historic Preservation Office, other city committees, community groups, and
7 individuals of all ages who use and are interested in the Plaza.

8 C. The Roundtable shall make recommendations to the Governing Body in time for
9 the Governing Body to establish policies and procedures for organizers planning events for 2011.

10 Section 4. MEMBERSHIP. The Santa Fe Plaza Roundtable shall consist of nine
11 members and two alternate members, all appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City
12 Council. The alternates may fully participate in all Plaza Roundtable meetings but may only vote
13 in the absence of a member (alternates will vote on a rotating-by-meeting basis in the absence of
14 a member; both alternates may vote in the absence of two or more members). A quorum shall be
15 a majority of the nine members although, in the absence of member(s), attending alternates shall
16 be counted towards establishing a quorum. Members shall be residents of the City of Santa Fe or
17 Santa Fe County and shall collectively represent a range of interests in the Plaza and our diverse
18 community including, but not necessarily limited to:

- 19 A. Major commercial event organizers;
- 20 B. Other special event organizers;
- 21 C. The historic preservation community;
- 22 D. The 400th anniversary event planners;
- 23 E. Downtown merchants; and
- 24 F. The public at large.

25 Section 5. OFFICERS. The Plaza Roundtable shall have a chairperson and a vice

1 chairperson. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint the chairperson.
2 The chairperson shall designate the vice chairperson. The chairperson shall appoint sub-
3 committees and sub-committee chairpersons as needed.

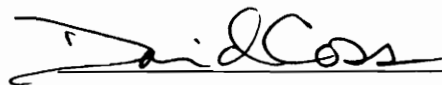
4 Section 6. TERMS. Members shall serve until completion of the report described
5 in Section 3. above. The Governing Body, at its discretion may amend this resolution so that the
6 Plaza Roundtable may evaluate the results of implementing any policies and procedures regarding
7 the Plaza.

8 Section 7. MEETINGS. The Plaza Roundtable shall meet as regularly as needed to
9 complete the responsibilities described above and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with
10 adopted city policy and procedures.

11 Section 8. STAFF LIAISON. The City Manager shall designate an appropriate
12 staff liaison. Depending upon the issue being discussed by the Plaza Roundtable, additional staff
13 shall be called upon to provide information and assistance to the Roundtable including, but not
14 limited to: Constituent Service, Parks Division, Community Services Department, Economic
15 Development Division, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Land Use Department.

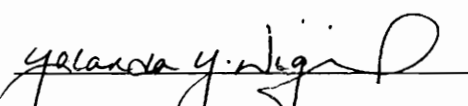
16 **NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for 2009 and 2010, staff is directed to work
17 with plaza event organizers to mitigate the impacts of Plaza events.

18 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2009.

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21 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

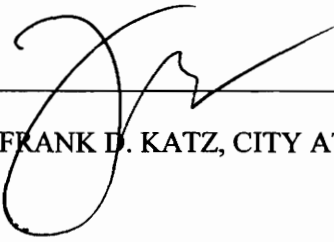
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