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**TORRANCE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS
RESOLUTION NO. R 2021- 3**

**TORRANCE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE
2021 SESSION OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, Torrance County is responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, all too often, policy decisions made at the state level have a direct impact on the County's ability to meet its responsibilities and achieve its primary mission; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the County to express its policy priorities to members of the State Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of **TORRANCE COUNTY OPPOSES** the following:

1. Unfunded mandates that have significant negative impacts on the County's revenue, budget, and liability.
2. Legislation that would create a New Civil Rights Cause of Action that would greatly increase liability for all public entities including the state, counties, municipalities, schools, acequias, soil and water conservation districts, etc. divert critical public funding for roads, bridges, behavioral health services, law enforcement protection, EMS and fire services to increased insurance premiums (if insurance is available at all), legal expenses, and plaintiffs' attorneys. This type of legislation is wholly unnecessary as remedies for civil rights violations exist under current federal and state law.
3. Legislation that would create a new special valuation or classification regarding leased residential solar taxed as personal property.

1 4. The inclusion of non-profits as the recipients of Capital Outlay dollars. Non-profits
2 are not considered public entities and should be required to work through state or
3 local government agencies to receive public funding.


4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED** that the Board of County Commissioners
5 SUPPORTS the following:

- 6 1. Amend Senate Bill 8: Law Enforcement Body-Worn Cameras. The current law
7 imposed unreasonable financial burdens on government entities; did not allow
8 adequate time for the development of policies and training; failed to address critical
9 confidentiality issues; and placed an untenable financial burden on local
10 governments.
- 11 2. Amend House Bill 50 from the 2020 Legislative Session to remove any disincentives
12 for local governments that encourage renewable energy development.


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14 **DONE THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

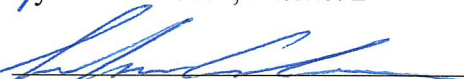
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16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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27 Yvonne Otero, County Clerk
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