OBJECTING TO PROPOSED NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX "TRANSFORMATION" ACTIVITIES AT THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, INCLUDING EXPANDED PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO INFORM FEDERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE OBJECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Department of Energy's semi-autonomous nuclear weapons agency, has released a draft Complex Transformation Supplement Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in order to implement its plans to transform its nuclear weapons complex, including the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL); and

WHEREAS, planned "transformation" of the nuclear weapons complex will expand nuclear weapons activities across the nation, most particularly at LANL; and

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons activities at Los Alamos were previously expanded in 1999, but now LANL has been designated the nation's permanent production center for up to 80 plutonium pits per year, with related increases in hazardous and radioactive wastes; and
WHEREAS, plutonium pits are used as the “triggers” for weapons of mass destruction and plutonium creates health and environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Santa Fe does not support the creation of further health and environmental hazards related to nuclear weapons for the citizens of Northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, LANL has released radioactive and hazardous contaminants into the Espanola Basin Aquifer, designate by EPA as a Sole Source Aquifer, and groundwater monitoring wells at LANL are not reliable because of drilling methods known to mask contaminants; and

WHEREAS, it is declared the policy of the City, through previously adopted resolutions, to promote nuclear disarmament through the Mayor’s Peace Initiative for Cities for Peace; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has previously passed Resolution No. 2003-64 and 2006-104 opposing expansion of “pit” facilities construction at LANL; and

WHEREAS, the governing boy has also previously passed Resolution No. 2005-39 supporting compliance by the United States with the treaty on nonproliferation of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, independent experts have found that plutonium pits have reliable lifetimes of a century or more, thus making production unnecessary to begin with; and

WHEREAS, NNSA claims that it must transform its nuclear weapons complex to meet the requirements of President Bush’s 2001 “Nuclear Posture Review,” but Congress has required the incoming president to complete a new Review in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the new Nuclear Posture Review by a new president could have impacts on the nuclear weapons complex and LANL significantly different from the old Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the governing body hereby states its objection to NNSA’s Complex
Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and resolves that it be withdrawn until after the 2009 Nuclear Posture Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body hereby states its objection to the expansion of nuclear weapons activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, including further increased plutonium pit production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation, our governor, the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2008.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY