

**TORRANCE COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 04**

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BILL RELATED TO  
CANNABIS, ALLOWING COUNTIES TO PETITION THE  
CANNABIS CONTROL DIVISION AND THE OFFICE OF  
THE STATE ENGINEER FOR A TEMPORARY  
MORATORIUM ON NEW CANNABIS PRODUCER  
LICENSES AND ASSOCIATED WATER USE PERMIT OR  
PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS**

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**WHEREAS**, the first session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of New Mexico is scheduled to begin on January 23, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments can adopt a legislative agenda and/or can show support for proposed legislation by approval of a formal resolution of its governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance County has been made aware of proposed legislation for the first session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of New Mexico related to cannabis (“Cannabis Bill”); and

**WHEREAS**, as drafted, the Cannabis Bill would allow a Board of County Commissioners to vote to petition the Cannabis Control Division and the Office of the State Engineer to provide a temporary moratorium on new cannabis producer licenses issued within their respective county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cannabis Bill anticipates a County that votes to petition the Cannabis Control Division and Office of the State Engineer would be authorized for a moratorium on newly issued cannabis producer licenses, which would be effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments within the State of New Mexico have limited authority to address the volume of cannabis producer licenses within their jurisdictions, and otherwise have no enforcement powers related to violations of the Cannabis Control Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the volume of commercial cannabis licenses and operations have local impacts that should be evaluated and addressed by local governing boards; and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the Cannabis Control Act, Torrance County has seen numerous commercial cannabis operations open within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance County has determined that commercial cannabis operations have community impacts related to water usage, traffic, housing, road wear and tear, light pollution, and multiple environmental considerations, amongst other concerns, that should be properly evaluated and addressed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the volume of commercial cannabis producer licenses issued with Torrance County since the adoption of the Cannabis Control Act, the County has not been able to adequately address all of the community impacts of commercial cannabis operations across the County.

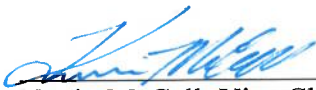
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners, the governing body of the County of Torrance, New Mexico, that Torrance County wishes to support the proposed legislation related to cannabis for the first Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of New Mexico, which would allow a local governing body to petition the Cannabis Control Division and the Office of the State Engineer for a moratorium on new cannabis producer licenses and associated water use permits or purchase arrangements.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS** 8 **DAY OF** January, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY:**



Ryan Schwebach, Chair, District 2

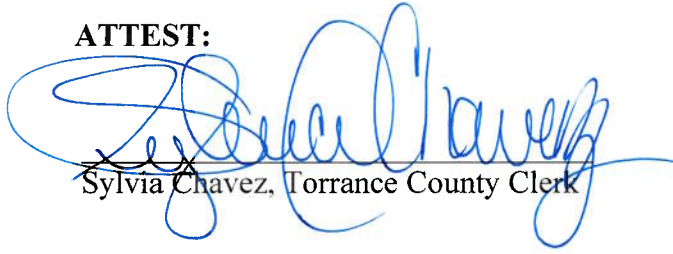


Kevin McCall, Vice Chair, District 1

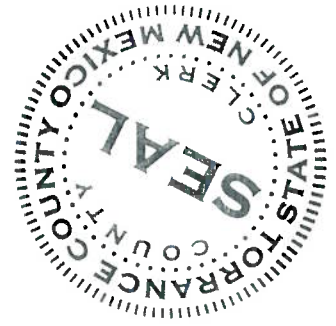


Linda Jaramillo, Member, District 3

**ATTEST:**

  
Sylvia Chavez, Torrance County Clerk

1/8/2025  
Date



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Michael Garcia, Torrance County Attorney