

July 23, 2025

Mark Scott, City Manager, City of Santa Fe
City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Subject: Letter of Resignation

Dear Mr. Scott,

I hope this letter finds you well. Please accept this letter of resignation from my position as the Director of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (MRA). My last day at work will be August 1, 2025. This resignation does not come easily for me. However, I am resigning from my position because of the lack of funding support, unprecedented and unresolved bureaucratic blocks, unapproved and unbudgeted staffing, and lack of funding for professional service contracting, to implement the MRA 2025 Work Plan. Of equal importance, after approximately nine months in my position, specific conditions upon which I accepted this position, which were negotiated and agreed upon by the mayor and city manager, have not been met.

I appreciate the opportunities afforded me while at the City of Santa Fe MRA. My work at the MRA was truly a labor of love with the potential of having deeply profound impacts on the future of Santa Fe. I wish everyone on the MRA team and city administration much success in the implementation of the MRA 2025 Work Plan, the redevelopment of the Midtown Site and Midtown District, and future redevelopment efforts in the City of Santa Fe.

I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the transition of my duties, as a consultant after August 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
Daniel Hernandez
Director, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency

C.c. Alan Webber, Mayor, City of Santa Fe
Elisa Montoya, Director, Department of Community Development
MRA Commissioners