

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2000- 92

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RESOLUTION URGING THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION TO REMOVE TRADE RESTRICTION ON MEXICAN CEMENT

WHEREAS, it is a priority for the citizens and businesses of Santa Fe County to promote strong and continued county economic growth, and

WHEREAS, improvements and expansions of county infrastructure are a critical aspect of Santa Fe County's economic development agenda, and reliable access to quality cement is key to the timely and successful completion of such projects, and

WHEREAS, greatly increased federal funding for transportation and aviation infrastructure dictates a strong and growing need for cement and other building materials over the coming five years, and

WHEREAS, for the past decade there has been little expansion in the quantity of cement produced domestically, creating an increasingly large shortfall of cement relative to total demand, and forcing U.S. consumers to rely on foreign imports to fill the gap, and

WHEREAS, high quality imports of cement from across the border in Mexico are effectively precluded from filling the supply/demand gap, due to a decade-long federal anti-dumping order on these imports that effectively restricts the sale of cement from Mexico to much of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the anti-dumping order from across the border in Mexico discriminates against Mexico relative to other U.S. foreign commercial partners, on whom the United States now relies to fulfill cement requirements, and

WHEREAS, the great shipping distance for imports from other "substitute" countries - including China, Korea, and Saudi Arabia - has resulted in cement shortages across America, interrupting key building projects, causing slowdowns and raising the cost of important infrastructure programs, and

WHEREAS, continued restrictions on imports of cement from Mexico are likely to result in dangerous further shortages of cement, and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and other counties throughout New Mexico rely on foreign imports for roughly half of their total cement needs, making the prospect of such shortages particularly acute and of great concern of the County, and

WHEREAS, improved access to cement will help ensure the continuity and timely completion of County infrastructure and other building projects, which are critical to the economic growth and social well being of the citizens and industries of the area, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. International Trade Commission will soon decide whether to lift the market access barrier against Mexican cement imports,

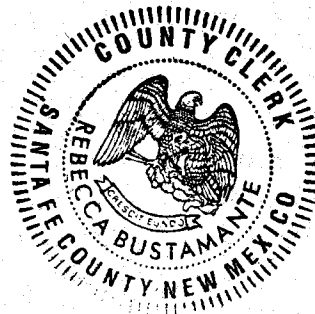
NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners of Santa Fe County strongly support the revocation of the anti-dumping order restricting imports of cement from Mexico, and respectfully urge the International Trade Commission to remove this irrational market access barrier.

PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard D. Anaya
Richard D. Anaya, Chairman

Rebecca Bustamante
Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved as to Legal form:

Marcello Jalozas
Office of County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 9 day of Aug A.D.
20 00, at 8:40 o'clock a m.
and was duly recorded in book 1795
page 204-305 of the records of
Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.
Marcello Jalozas