

**Valencia County
Board of County Commissioners
Resolution 2016 - 24**

A Resolution Opposing Belen's Annexation of Property along Highway 314

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on March 2, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power to, "provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate are exercised by its Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Belen is considering the extension of a sewer line to the Dennis Chavez Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2016, a public meeting was held at the Los Chavez Fire Station to discuss the proposed extension of the sewer line to Dennis Chavez Elementary; and,

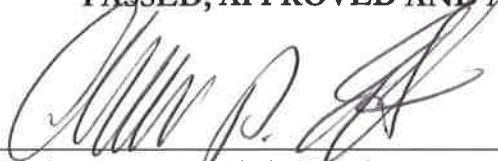
WHEREAS, residents from Los Chavez as well as residents that live along Highway 314 attended this meeting and have expressed their concern and opposition to City's annexation of their property or any area along Highway 314 into the municipal boundaries of Belen; and,


WHEREAS, Mayor Cordova of Belen, and City Manager Jay Ruybalid, have made assurances that annexation is not being considered at this time and that the only matter presently being considered is the extension of the sewer line to the Dennis Chavez Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, Belen's Development Manager has advised that annexation is not necessary to install the sewer line and that the City will simply seek approval from the Department of Transportation to utilize their right of way.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County is opposed to the annexation of any additional property along Highway 314 into the municipal boundaries of Belen.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of March, 2016


Charles D. Eaton, Chair, District IV

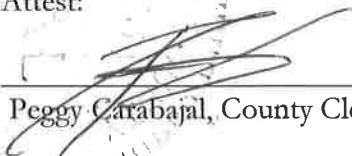

Jhonathan Aragon, Vice Chair, District V


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Attest:


Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk

