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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE FAIR COMMISSION AND EXPO NEW MEXICO TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND ASSESS ISSUES SURROUNDING ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR CULTURAL AND MULTIPLE PURPOSES AT EXPO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Asian Americans in New Mexico comprise thirty thousand residents and contribute greatly to the cultural, economic and intellectual achievements of New Mexico's society; and

WHEREAS, the largest projected population growth by percentage is expected for Asian residents, estimated to increase by nearly four percent per year for the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans live and work throughout New

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1 Mexico and are an integral part of New Mexico's cultural mix;
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3 WHEREAS, Asian Americans have established strong
4 communities in New Mexico with rich and varied traditions,
5 particularly in Albuquerque near Expo New Mexico, where a
6 concentration of Asian restaurants and shops exists; and

7 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico boasts three ethnic complexes,
8 villa Hispana, Indian village and the Hoppes African American
9 pavilion; and

10 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico provides approximately fifty-five
11 thousand square feet to five art galleries, individually
12 featuring the creative arts, Hispanic arts, fine arts, school
13 arts and Indian arts; and

14 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico also hosts the African American
15 performing arts center and exhibit hall; and

16 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico has a total of approximately
17 sixty-eight thousand square feet of exhibition space, excluding
18 the art galleries; and

19 WHEREAS, an Asian American center would honor, celebrate
20 and teach the significant achievements, sacrifices and
21 contributions of Asian Americans in New Mexico and the United
22 States; and

23 WHEREAS, an Asian American center will contribute to the
24 acclaim of Expo New Mexico for its art galleries and ethnic
25 complexes; and

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