

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Asian Americans live and work throughout
17 New Mexico and are an integral part of New Mexico's cultural
18 mix; and

19 WHEREAS, Asian Americans have established strong
20 communities in New Mexico with rich and varied traditions,
21 particularly in Albuquerque near Expo New Mexico, where a
22 concentration of Asian restaurants and shops exists; and

23 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico boasts three ethnic complexes,
24 villa Hispana, Indian village and the Alicia K. Hoppes
25 African American pavilion; and

1 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico provides approximately
2 fifty-five thousand square feet to five art galleries,
3 individually featuring the creative arts, Hispanic arts, fine
4 arts, school arts and Indian arts; and

5 WHEREAS, Expo New Mexico also hosts the Sheryl Williams
6 Stapleton African American performing arts center and exhibit
7 hall; and

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

11 WHEREAS, an Asian American center would honor, celebrate
12 and provide education on the significant achievements,
13 sacrifices and contributions of Asian Americans in New Mexico
14 and the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, an Asian American center will contribute to the
16 acclaim of Expo New Mexico for its art galleries and ethnic
17 complexes; and

18 WHEREAS, an Asian American center will generate
19 additional interest and bring visitors to Expo New Mexico;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state fair commission and Expo
22 New Mexico be requested to facilitate dialogue between all
23 interested parties; assess issues surrounding establishing,
24 siting, locating and maintaining an Asian American center
25 that can be used year-round for multiple purposes at Expo

1 New Mexico; and submit reports summarizing the progress of
2 the discussions to the community and the appropriate
3 legislative committee in October 2011 and October 2012; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the state fair commission and the general
6 manager of Expo New Mexico. _____

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