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Mayor

Overview

David Coss was elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2010 to serve as Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, the oldest capital city in the U.S. known internationally for its unique historic, cultural, artistic and creative heritage.

Mayor Coss' priority is creating jobs and strengthening the economy. Mayor Coss considers supporting local businesses, the Santa Fe Living Wage Ordinance and affordable housing programs as integral to strengthening Santa Fe's economy and supporting working families. Coss remains committed to protecting Santa Fe's water and environment. He envisions Santa Fe becoming the sustainability and alternative energy capitol of the country.

Experience

Mayor Coss holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science from New Mexico State and a master's degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. After completing his master's degree, Mayor Coss worked as a surface water scientist for the State of New Mexico. During this time, he became active in his union and worked to create the New Mexico Environment Department and became Director of the Environmental Protection Division within NMED.

In 1995, Mayor Coss became Director of Public Works for the City of Santa Fe, where his dedication to restoring the Santa Fe River formalized. During that time, he was instrumental in creating the Santa Fe River Masterplan and worked on the river restoration between St. Francis Drive and Camino Alire. After working as City Manager in 1996, Mayor Coss completed his public service career at the State Land Office where he continued his work in environmental protection and natural resource management.

Elected as City Councilor of District 3 in 2002, Mayor Coss co-sponsored Santa Fe's Living Wage Ordinance, a landmark law which has drawn national and international attention. As Councilor, he also co-sponsored the Neighborhood Bill of Rights, which empowers local citizens to maintain the integrity of their neighborhoods, and Santa Fe Homes, requiring 30% of all new developments within the city to be affordable housing.

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Hours

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday

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Wed, July 13 City Council Meeting

Thu, July 14 Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Thu, July 14 Ethics and Campaign Review Board

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