

# Emergency Action Alert - "Gun Sanctuary" Comes To Taos County

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**Your presence and/or comments are needed on two items being heard by the County Commissioners Tuesday, Feb 19 by 9:30 am (County Board Room at Albright)**

**1) Do you want Taos County to become a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County"?**

On Tuesday, Feb 19th, the Taos County Commissioners will consider a resolution submitted by Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe that would allow the **Sheriff** to decide which, if any, New Mexico firearm laws he will enforce, and will prevent the use of any County resources in their enforcement!

This resolution, being submitted to County governments throughout New Mexico and the nation, represents the [Constitutional Sheriffs Association](#)'s latest attempt to push back against gun-control measures such as those now being considered by the New Mexico legislature. The Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) is a political organization of local police officials in the United States who believe in an interpretation of the United States Constitution wherein federal and state government authorities are

subordinate to local government authority.

This resolution appears to violate Article II, § 6 of the Constitution of New Mexico, and could subject the County to substantial legal expenses if challenged. Placing determination of the constitutionality of laws into the hands of local Sheriffs, would create confusion and uncertainty, creating a checkerboard of different laws across the state and risking enormous legal and financial liability to County officials and employees if failure to enforce a state law results in harm.

## 2) Support Health Security for New Mexicans

Earlier this month, Taos United submitted a resolution to the County Commission in support of the Health Security Act. *This resolution is also on the agenda of Tuesday's County Commission for discussion and possible vote.*

The mission of the HSA is to establish a publicly accountable health care system in New Mexico that guarantees comprehensive and affordable health care coverage, including preventive health care and freedom of choice of provider, for all New Mexicans.

- Developed with input from residents around the state, the **NM Health Security Plan** is structured like a cooperative and will shift private, for-profit insurance to a supplementary role.
- Plan members will have freedom of choice of health care provider and facility (no more networks), even across state lines, and will receive (at a minimum) the same comprehensive health services currently offered to state employees.

HB295/SB279, twin bills now under consideration by the New Mexico legislature, provide for a fiscal analysis of the Health Security Plan to assure it is financially feasible before being set up.

## **ACTIONS:**

*1. Show up to the Taos County Commission meeting Tuesday, Jan 19th by 9:30 AM to express your opinions on both of these important agenda items.*

*2. Email the Commissioners:*

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*3. Attend a meeting with Sheriff Hogrefe on this issue 4-5 PM MONDAY Feb 18th at Taos County Democratic Party headquarters: 729A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, at Cruz Alta*

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