Project to Build a
New Risen Savior Catholic Church

Risen Savior Finance Council
Statement of Support

August 6, 2017

After four years of close collaboration among the Risen Savior Finance Council, Fr. Tim Martinez, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Risen Savior staff, external experts/consultants, and a highly regarded architectural firm, the Finance Council hereby announces its full support of our parish's decision to replace the current church with a modern new facility.

The purpose of the Finance Council is to advise the Pastor in his role of managing, protecting, and expending financial resources "offered by the faithful to the Church." To this end, our Pastor, Fr. Tim, has kept members of the Finance Council fully aware of his findings and recommendations, beginning with a facility assessment conducted in July, 2013, which compared the costs of renovating vs replacing our church. Numerous other studies, evaluations, and discussions ensued, and the Finance Council was kept in the loop at all times.

This summer, Fr. Tim, with the Finance Council's concurrence, decided to proceed with the development of a plan to replace our church. We support the decision to proceed for two primary reasons: 1) our current campus has aged to the point of costing more to repair than to replace, and 2) Risen Savior's financial health is excellent, thereby affording our parish the ability to leverage additional financial resources required to fully fund the project.

We believe Risen Savior parishioners will conclude, as we on the Finance Council have, that this initiative will result in a Catholic community that surpasses its past successes and accomplishments. Our support of this project certainly is not solely based on finances. We, as Catholics, share a vision with Fr. Tim and our fellow parishioners of a beautiful modern place to worship and grow in our spiritual journey.

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