



**SAMPLE PETITION ADOPTED BY _____
GOVERNING BODY GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO
(OFFER) (WITHDRAW) DEPENDENT EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS COVERAGES TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

The Governing Body of _____ (Petitioner) having affirmatively voted in a meeting noticed and conducted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act petitions the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority (Authority) as follows:

The Petitioner will (offer) (withdraw) employee domestic partner benefits, as such lines of coverage are provided by the Authority to its employees; and

The Petitioner will (offer) (withdraw) insurance eligibility to domestic partners and will (offer) (withdraw) the employer's share of the insurance premiums for domestic partners; and

The Petitioner understands that to (offer) such employee domestic partner benefits pursuant to the rules of the Authority, there must be an affirmative choice to offer that coverage and notice of such choice to the Authority; and

The Petitioner understands that in (offering) employee domestic partner benefits, as provided by the Authority rule, it (may) or (may not) choose to pay an employer contribution toward the employee's insurance premium for such coverage; and

The Petitioner understands that in order for an employee to be eligible to participate in employee domestic partner benefits, an affidavit of domestic partnership must be provided in the form attached to this Petition as well as any further documentation required locally in support of the affidavit of domestic partnership;

THEREFORE, the members of the governing body of the Petitioner affirmatively choose to (offer) (withdraw) employee benefits to domestic partners as such benefits are provided by the Authority and hereby notifies the Authority of that choice. Petitioner hereby (offers) (withdraws) authorization of payment of employer contribution equal to that made for married employee benefits (or _____% of each employee's insurance premium for domestic partner benefits) as an employer contribution and such payment is conditioned on submission of an Affidavit in proper form establishing a domestic partnership and providing the following information in support of the Affidavit:

This Petition must be submitted to the Authority for it to be effective. Domestic partner coverage shall be effective on the date set forth in the notice from the Authority to the Employer indicating the effective date of coverage for the domestic partner coverage.

Members of the Governing Body of

Date: _____