

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-16-13 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: **Don Harris**

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 APPROVING THE EAST GATEWAY METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA 3 PLAN.

4 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature has passed the Metropolitan
5 Redevelopment Code (herein "Code"), Sections 3-60A-1 to 3-60A-48 inclusive
6 NMSA, 1978, as amended, which authorizes the City of Albuquerque, New
7 Mexico (the "City") to prepare metropolitan redevelopment plans and to
8 undertake and carry out metropolitan redevelopment projects; and

9 WHEREAS, the City Council, the governing body of the City, (the "City
10 Council") after notice and public hearing as required by Code, has duly
11 passed and adopted Council Resolution F/S R-07-275, which designated the
12 East Gateway Area as a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA), and
13 established its boundaries; and

14 WHEREAS, the City Council, after notice and public hearing as required by
15 Code, subsequently amended that boundary and directed the Metropolitan
16 Redevelopment Agency to prepare a Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan for the
17 East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Area, As Expanded, through the
18 adoption of City Council Resolution R-11-298; and

19 WHEREAS, these Resolutions made certain findings, among other things,
20 declaring the East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Area to be blighted
21 and that rehabilitation, conservation, development and redevelopment in the
22 East Gateway area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety, morals
23 and welfare of the residents of the City; and

24 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Development Commission, which acts as the
25 Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission under the provisions of §14-8-4-1
26 ROA 1994, (the “Commission”) recommends approval of the East Gateway

1 **Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”) for the redevelopment of the**
2 **Area, as required by the Code; and**

3 **WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted a public hearing, after proper**
4 **notice as required by the Code, on the Plan; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan proposes**
6 **projects and partnerships that will help spur redevelopment of underutilized**
7 **and/or dilapidated sites within the project area; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan identifies**
9 **multiple strategies for revitalization of the area, including improvements to**
10 **streetscapes and public facilities, partnerships with property owners with**
11 **transit-oriented development to support proposed Bus Rapid Transit service**
12 **in the area, installation of public art to beautify and help create an identity for**
13 **the area, and safety improvements such as pedestrian lighting; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the design and construction of iconic signs**
15 **enticing motorists to explore the area’s rich Route 66 history and architecture**
16 **and to visit local attractions like the National Museum of Nuclear Science and**
17 **History; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Plan proposes coordinated redevelopment of underutilized**
19 **or vacant properties in the area, ranging from partnership with property**
20 **owners for infrastructure upgrades and other projects that help lower**
21 **redevelopment costs to direct acquisition and redevelopment of properties**
22 **where applicable and prudent; and**

23 **WHEREAS, this Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan for projects will**
24 **promote the local health, general welfare, safety, convenience and prosperity**
25 **of the inhabitants of the City and will benefit the City’s effort to revitalize the**
26 **area.**

27 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
28 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

29 **SECTION 1. The City Council, after having conducted a public hearing**
30 **pursuant to the code, finds that:**

31 **A. The proposed redevelopment of the East Gateway Metropolitan**
32 **Redevelopment Area will aid in the elimination and prevention of blight or**
33 **conditions which lead to development of blight.**

1 **B. The East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan does not**
2 **require the relocation of any families or individuals from their dwellings;**
3 **therefore, a method for providing relocation assistance is not required.**

4 **C. The East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan**
5 **complements the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and**
6 **affords maximum opportunity consistent with the needs of the community for**
7 **the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the East Gateway Metropolitan**
8 **Redevelopment Area by public activities and private enterprise; and the**
9 **objectives of the Plan justify the proposed activities as public purposes and**
10 **needs.**

11 **D. The East Gateway Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan,**
12 **attached as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof, is approved in all respects.**

13 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, sentence,
14 clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
15 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
16 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council
17 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,
18 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
19 provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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