

1 **WHEREAS. Enhancing the outdoor recreational space of the WEHC aligns**
2 **with our commitment to providing holistic and comprehensive support to those**
3 **in need, recognizing that their well-being extends beyond just shelter and food;**
4 **and**

5 **WHEREAS, by investing in the outdoor recreational space at the WEHC, we**
6 **are investing in the resilience and potential of individuals experiencing**
7 **homelessness, which will contribute to their ability to transition into stable**
8 **housing and employment; and**

9 **WHEREAS, it is our responsibility to create a shelter environment that not**
10 **only provides for the basic needs of residents, but also supports their personal**
11 **growth, social connections, and future opportunities.**

12 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
13 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

14 **SECTION 1. The Department of Family and Community Services is directed**
15 **to plan, design, and construct an outdoor recreational space at the Westside**
16 **Emergency Housing Center (WHEC) with the following objectives:**

- 17 **1. To create a safe and welcoming environment that promotes the well-**
18 **being and social interaction of shelter residents.**
- 19 **2. To provide facilities and amenities suitable for recreational activities,**
20 **exercise, relaxation, and community gatherings.**
- 21 **3. To ensure adequate outdoor shade and seating, making the space**
22 **suitable for year-round use for shelter residents.**
- 23 **4. To provide spaces for pets of WEHC residents to exercise.**
- 24 **5. To ensure the outdoor space is accessible to all shelter residents,**
25 **including those with disabilities.**

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