## CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

ENACTMENT NO. 2.2017.085 COUNCIL BILL NO. R-17-230 SPONSORED BY: Diane G. Gibson 1 RESOLUTION CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE 2 **OPTIONS** AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDRESSING VACANT AND 3 ABANDONED 4 HOUSES IN THE CITY. 5 WHEREAS, the City presently administers several local ordinances aimed toward enforcement of minimum health and safety requirements for vacant or 6 7 abandoned residential properties; and WHEREAS, the City's enforcement agencies are presently monitoring over 8 600 properties across the City that already are, or are in danger of becoming, 9 10 public nuisances; and WHEREAS, these hundreds of vacant or abandoned houses across the City 11 [Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New 12 impact the home values in their respective neighborhoods and the resale opportunities for Albuquerque families; can disrupt quality of life in our city's 13 neighborhoods; and can present safety threats because of dilapidation and 14 15 attraction of illicit activities; and WHEREAS, because of the property rights and other issues involved the 16 City's process for enforcement and nuisance abatement enforcement against 17 18 these properties can take several months to years and be very resource 19 intensive: and 20 WHEREAS, given the intensive nature of enforcement efforts the sheer volume of these properties overwhelms the City's resources such that City 21 22 staff can focus on only a handful of problem properties at a time on this list of 23 hundreds: and 24 WHEREAS, while nuisance abatement and zoning enforcement is and will remain a key mechanism to address these properties, other more proactive 25 methods of dealing with this issue may be available; and 26

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- 1 WHEREAS, exploring ways to address this issue in a well-reasoned and
- 2 methodical way could help address the problems associated with vacant and
- abandoned houses in the city, help reduce property crime, and better leverage 3
- 4 city resources.
- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF 5
- 6 **ALBUQUERQUE:**
- 7 Section 1. A seven (7) member Vacant and Abandoned Houses Task
- 8 force is established.
- 9 Section 2. The Task Force shall be made up of the following members:
- 10 One City staff member from the City's Zoning Enforcement A.
- Department knowledgeable in the area of residential nuisance abatement and 11
- 12 enforcement:
- 13 B. One City staff member from the Family and Community Services
- Department knowledgeable in housing and housing related needs in the City; 14
- 15 C. One City Staff member from the City Legal Department
- knowledgeable in nuisance abatement and zoning enforcement against vacant 16
- 17 or abandoned residential properties:
  - One Staff member from each the City Council Services Department D. and Mayor's Office; and
    - Two community members appointed by the Council with special E. knowledge or interest in issues and community impacts associated with vacant or abandoned residential properties.
  - This Task Force shall explore: a) options for efficient Section 3. enforcement methods to address the most pressing problems associated with vacant and abandoned houses; b) options for collaborative and proactive programs to prevent the dilapidation or deterioration of such houses; c) options for the city to help facilitate re-commissioning such houses for people and families; d) and any other relevant and helpful options relating to this issue." This Task Force shall prepare a list of recommendations for potential programs or legislation that could help address issues related to vacant and abandoned houses in the City by no later than January 1, 2018. This list of

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