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1 WHEREAS, the development of an age-friendly city plan will involve
2 sustainable mechanisms for meaningful child and youth participation,
3 enhancing their awareness of rights and encouraging civic engagement; and
4 WHEREAS, implementing child-friendly governance strategies such as
5 appointing advocates for children, establishing coordinating units, and
6 ensuring child-responsive budgeting and policy-making will significantly
7 improve the well-being of Albuquerque's youth; and
8 WHEREAS, the active involvement of children and young people in the
9 planning process will empower them, ensure their needs and priorities are
10 heard, and foster a sense of community and belonging; and
11 WHEREAS, creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for
12 young residents will enhance their overall quality of life, promote healthy
13 development, and contribute to the city's long-term prosperity and social
14 cohesion.
15 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
16 **ALBUQUERQUE:**
17 **SECTION 1. The City Administration shall develop and administer a**
18 **comprehensive Child-Friendly Community Plan in alignment with the UNICEF**
19 **USA Child-Friendly Cities Initiative framework, incorporating the principles of**
20 **child rights and prioritizing safety, inclusion, participation, equitable services,**
21 **and opportunities for play and leisure, including:**
22 **A. Developing and implementing a Child-Friendly Community Plan,**
23 **ensuring coordination across departments and with community stakeholders.**
24 **B. Ensuring meaningful child and youth participation in the planning**
25 **process through community meetings, workshops, and/or advisory councils**
26 **to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed.**
27 **C. Integrating child-responsive budgeting and policy-making practices**
28 **across all city departments to prioritize investments in programs and**
29 **infrastructure that benefit children and young people.**
30 **D. Collaborating with local schools, community organizations, parents, and**
31 **youth groups to support the implementation of the plan and leverage**
32 **community resources and expertise.**
33 **E. Tracking and biannually reporting progress to the City Council on the**

1 development and implementation of the Child-Friendly Community Plan,
2 including milestones, challenges, and outcomes, to ensure transparency and
3 accountability.

4 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, sentence,
5 clause, word, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid
6 or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall
7 not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The
8 Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each
9 section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase thereof irrespective of
10 any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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