

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-25-121 ENACTMENT NO. R. 2025. 007

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1 RESOLUTION
2 REQUESTING A MASTERPLAN FOR THE HISTORIC ROUTE 66 AREA OF THE
3 HISTORIC ATRISCO LAND GRANT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS,
4 ESTABLISH FUTURE LAND USES, AND CREATE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS
5 FOR CITY OWNED LAND, ALL BASED UPON CULTURAL, HISTORICAL,
6 RECREATIONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
7 GOALS.

8 WHEREAS, the master plan and projects associated with this Resolution
9 will be conducted within the approximate boundaries of Tingley Dr. to the east,
10 the Arenal Main Canal to the west and north, and Gonzales Rd. to the south, as
11 shown in Exhibit A; and

12 WHEREAS, modern settlement in the Rio Grande valley as part of the
13 Atrisco Land Grant along the Camino Rael, that laid west of the river, predates
14 the foundation of the Villa De Albuquerque and includes Route 66 the world's
15 first long distance automobile corridor; and

16 WHEREAS, Bernalillo County, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
17 (MRGCD) and the Water Authority developed the *Atrisco Acequia Madre*
18 *Development Plan* in 2024, that provides a conceptual development vision for
19 the City and MRGCD owned land near 40th Street and Central Ave.; and

20 WHEREAS, to this day the area is culturally, historically, recreationally,
21 environmentally, and economically significant to the health, welfare and safety
22 of the residents of Albuquerque and Central New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, the neighborhoods and business corridors of the Atrisco Land
24 Grant area that developed around Historic Route 66, would benefit from a
25 comprehensive set of recommendations to improve the area's overall
26 conditions, attract goods and services, redevelop blighted properties, infill

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1 vacant land, enhance cultural amenities, improve recreational assets, beautify
2 the area, and celebrate its rich culture and history; and

3 WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution F/S R-216, Enactment 82-
4 2001. The Resolution found, among other things, that blighted areas exist in
5 this area of the City and that rehabilitation, conservation, development and
6 redevelopment of the area designated as the West Central MRA is necessary
7 in the interest of the public health safety, morals and welfare of the residents
8 of the City; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Comprehensive
10 Plan, adopted in 2017 via R-16-108 (Enactment No. R-2017-026), contains
11 numerous policies that guide improvements and development to enhance,
12 protect and preserve distinct communities; and

13 WHEREAS, specifically, Policy 4.1.4 aims to enhance, protect and preserve
14 neighborhoods and traditional communities as key to our long-term health
15 and vitality; and

16 WHEREAS, Policy 4.1.2 aims to enhance, protect and preserve
17 neighborhoods and traditional communities as key to our long-term health
18 and vitality; and

19 WHEREAS, Policy 7.3.2 encourages efforts to establish and strengthen
20 district identity with centers, business districts, and neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, Policy, 8.1.2 encourages economic development efforts that
22 improve the quality of life for new and existing residents and foster a robust,
23 resilient and diverse economy.

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
25 ALBUQUERQUE:

26 SECTION 1. MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT. To develop a master plan for
27 the areas of the Atrisco Land Grant near Route 66 the City shall:

28 a. Make recommendations and establish policies to improve the
29 overall conditions of the area, to include, but not limited to historic, cultural,
30 recreational, and economic conditions; and

31 b. Plan within the following boundaries:

32 i. Land west of the Rio Grande, East of (the ditch) north of
33 Sunset Gardens (and south of the Ditch); and

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- 1 ii. All publicly owned parcels by the City, County, State, and
- 2 MRGCD; and
- 3 iii. Public right-of-way, including the Central Ave. bridge; and
- 4 iv. Community facilities and public amenities east of the Rio
- 5 Grande.
- 6 c. The creation of the Master Plan shall be overseen by Council
- 7 Services staff. Council Services staff shall engage staff from the Metropolitan
- 8 Redevelopment Agency, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning
- 9 Department, Municipal Development Department, Arts and Culture
- 10 Department, Economic Development, and other necessary City Departments,
- 11 to participate in the study; and
- 12 d. Engage community stakeholders to inform the master plan; and
- 13 e. Engage necessary public agencies with activities in the area.
- 14 2. The master plan’s recommendations and policies shall:
- 15 a. Provide strategies for presenting the historical and cultural
- 16 heritage of the area as an asset for the Albuquerque Community, the State of
- 17 New Mexico and those persons who visit Albuquerque; and
- 18 b. Seek to eliminate problems created by blighted conditions; and
- 19 c. Conform to and coordinate with the Albuquerque & Bernalillo
- 20 County Comprehensive Plan, the Southwest Mesa CPA Report, and any other
- 21 applicable plans or policies; and
- 22 d. Indicate strategic capital improvement and programmatic
- 23 activities to be carried out in the area including, but not limited to, proposals
- 24 for land acquisition, public right-of-way improvements, development or
- 25 redevelopment of land strategies and site-specific concepts, tactical urbanism
- 26 interventions, recreational improvements, arts and culture improvements and
- 27 events, commercial activities, and other public improvements; and
- 28 e. Determine if the existing West Central Metropolitan
- 29 Redevelopment Area plan requires an update due to the area’s existing
- 30 conditions and City land use policies and regulations.
- 31 SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
- 32 word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
- 33 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not

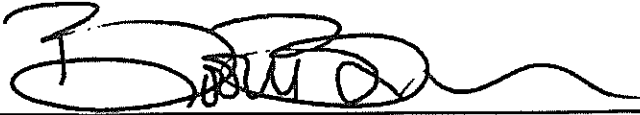
1 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council
2 hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section,
3 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
4 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF February, 2025
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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Brook Bassan, President
City Council

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13 APPROVED THIS 5 DAY OF March, 2025

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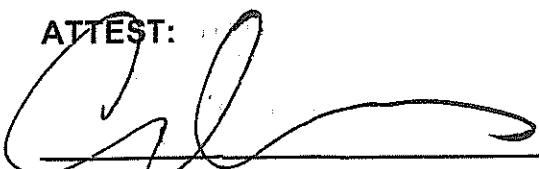
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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

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26 ATTEST:



Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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