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1 WHEREAS, acknowledging the evolving nature of housing issues and the  
2 need for a responsive and adaptable strategy, the City is committed to  
3 regularly reviewing and enhancing existing programs to meet the changing  
4 needs of the community; and

5 WHEREAS, collaboration among various stakeholders, including local  
6 government, law enforcement, hotel partners, social services, and community  
7 organizations, is essential to creating a multifaceted approach to address the  
8 complexities associated with blighted motels; and

9 WHEREAS, this complex issue requires partnerships with local  
10 businesses, residents, and advocacy groups to create initiatives aimed at  
11 reducing the impact of blighted motels on the City while creating a motel  
12 voucher system that better serves the utilizers.

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

15 SECTION 1. An eleven-member Hospitality Renewal Initiative Working  
16 Group is established.

17 SECTION 2. The Working Group shall be made up of the following  
18 members:

- 19 A. One City staff member from the Department of Health, Housing, and  
20 Homelessness (HHH);
- 21 B. One City staff member from the Planning Department's Code  
22 Enforcement Division;
- 23 C. One City staff member from the Albuquerque Community Safety  
24 Department (ACS) with knowledge about emergency shelters, especially  
25 pertaining to Domestic Violence placements;
- 26 D. One City staff member from the Fire Marshal's ADAPT program;
- 27 E. One City staff member from the Albuquerque Police Department (APD);
- 28 F. One City staff member from the City Council Services Department;
- 29 G. One City Staff Member from the Mayor's Office; and
- 30 H. Four community members appointed by the Council, two with  
31 knowledge about the hotel industry and operations and two with  
32 knowledge about the City funded voucher program;

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1 I. Appropriate community members and City staff may be invited to the  
2 Working Group meetings as needed as advisory only members.

3 SECTION 3. This Working Group shall explore:

4 A. options for efficient enforcement methods to address the most pressing  
5 problems associated with problem motels;

6 B. options for collaborative and proactive programs to assist motel  
7 operators in providing safe and secure accommodations for guests

8 C. options for the City to reimagine the motel voucher program to best  
9 serve individuals and families who need an emergency hotel room for a  
10 night or a short extended stay; and

11 D. any other relevant and helpful options relating to this issue. This  
12 Working Group shall meet bi-weekly until the final recommendations are  
13 issued.

14 SECTION 4. The Working Group shall convene its first meeting within  
15 one month after the enactment of this Resolution. The Working Group shall  
16 prepare recommendations for improving the City’s motel voucher program  
17 and/or legislation that could help address the issue by no later than six  
18 months after the enactment of this Resolution. These recommendations  
19 shall be made available to all Councilors and the Mayor.

20 SECTION 5. This Working Group is a fact-finding and recommending  
21 body and not a final policy-making body; accordingly, any meetings of this  
22 Working Group are not subject to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.