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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor

One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103
Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM September 28, 2026

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

SUBJECT: Mayor's appointment of Mr. John M. Valles to the Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board.

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for appointment to the Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board in accordance with the City of Albuquerque Ordinance 13-3-2-7.

APPOINTEE NAME	**TERM**
Mr. John M. Valles Albuquerque, NM 87110	June 1, 2029

John Valles is an Albuquerque artist and jewelry maker. Since 2014, he has owned and run John Valles Jewelry, where he designs and handcrafts original jewelry and cultural artwork. He sells his work at markets, community events, and local venues, and he takes part in Albuquerque's arts and cultural events. Before he turned to art full time, Mr. Valles spent 20 years as a self-employed construction contractor on residential and tribal projects, carrying each one from planning through completion. He supports local artists, artisans, and small businesses, and advocates for preserving cultural traditions and creating economic opportunities for local vendors.

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23 Votes were cast, and the final results are as follows:
- John Valles 15 Votes - 65.22%
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A resident of Council District 7, Mr. John M. Valles will fill a vacancy to serve as an elected Vendors representative on the Board; their first term will expire June 1, 2029.

The remaining members are:

	Representing	Name	Term
1.	At Large	Mrs. Dana D. Sherrill	6/1/2025
2.	Merchant/Property Owners	Ms. Marie E. Coleman	6/1/2027
3.	Merchant/Property Owners	Vacant	
4.	Vendors	Ms. Denise P. Pepin	6/1/2028
5.	Vendors	Vacant	

Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

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Date

Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board

Vendor Representative Election Report

June 1, 2026 – June 1, 2029

NOMINATION PHASE

On August 5, 2026 an official call for nominations was issued to all craft units participating in FY26. Vendors were invited to nominate candidates for the Vendor Representative position by August 12, 2026 by emailing portalvendors@cabq.gov

Nominated Candidates:

- John Valles
- Marilyn Moquino

Following nomination, each candidate was contacted by Community Events Staff to confirm acceptance. Two candidates formally accepted and issued campaign statements:

Candidate: **John Valles** "As a vendor and advocate for our market community, I am committed to ensuring that the voices of vendors are heard and represented. My goal is to strengthen communication between vendors, the Advisory Board, and the City while promoting a fair, transparent, and supportive environment for everyone who participates in the Portal Market. If elected, I will focus on: Representing vendor concerns and ideas. Supporting opportunities that help vendors succeed and grow. Preserving the cultural authenticity and traditions that make the Old Town Portal Market unique. Promoting a safe, welcoming, and vibrant marketplace for vendors and visitors alike. I believe the Portal Market is an important part of Albuquerque's cultural and economic landscape, and I am committed to helping it thrive for future generations. I respectfully ask for your support and vote for John Valles as Vendor Representative on the Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board."

Candidate: **Marilyn Moquino** "I am grateful for the nomination. If elected, I am committed to working collaboratively with all vendors and the Board to foster a positive, professional environment. My goal is to address our current challenges and ensure we protect and preserve a successful market program for all vendors for years to come. Thank you for your consideration."

VOTING PHASE

Voting Period: August 24–31, 2026 All eligible vendors were provided access to an online voting platform *Wufoo*. The election was conducted via confidential ballot, with voting closing at 5 p.m. on August 31. https://coacommunityevents.wufoo.com/forms/otpm-advisory-board-vendor-representative/

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- **THE RESULTS**

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August 24, 2026 3:34 PM	COMPLETE	143.120.116.157	John Valles
August 24, 2026 3:54 PM	COMPLETE	162.120.242.86	John Valles
August 24, 2026 3:54 PM	COMPLETE	174.234.194.74	John Valles
August 24, 2026 4:00 PM	COMPLETE	73.127.151.46	John Valles
August 24, 2026 4:28 PM	COMPLETE	98.48.9.73	Marilyn Moquino
August 24, 2026 5:34 PM	COMPLETE	174.218.16.133	John Valles
August 24, 2026 5:39 PM	COMPLETE	172.59.2.237	Marilyn Moquino
August 24, 2026 5:43 PM	COMPLETE	76.113.70.65	John Valles
August 24, 2026 5:49 PM	COMPLETE	75.161.47.105	Marilyn Moquino
August 24, 2026 6:44 PM	COMPLETE	172.59.2.200	Marilyn Moquino
August 24, 2026 7:10 PM	COMPLETE	172.59.1.54	John Valles
August 24, 2026 9:23 PM	COMPLETE	65.125.39.91	Marilyn Moquino
August 24, 2026 11:31 PM	COMPLETE	108.147.36.37	John Valles
August 25, 2026 5:38 AM	COMPLETE	73.98.103.49	John Valles
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August 25, 2026 9:46 PM	COMPLETE	35.33.251.30	John Valles
August 26, 2026 7:36 AM	COMPLETE	67.0.232.115	John Valles
August 26, 2026 6:55 PM	COMPLETE	172.59.0.103	Marilyn Moquino
August 27, 2026 12:16 PM	COMPLETE	67.0.23.68	John Valles
August 29, 2026 1:57 PM	COMPLETE	174.28.63.54	Marilyn Moquino
August 30, 2026 4:35 AM	COMPLETE	98.60.240.233	Marilyn Moquino
August 30, 2026 8:33 AM	COMPLETE	174.240.160.131	John Valles

POST-ELECTED PROCEDURES

On September 2, 2026, Mr. Valles was formally notified of the election outcome. Mr. Valles was directed to complete the City Board application process, including submission of a resume or relevant work experience.