

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____ ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY:

1 RESOLUTION

2 CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDENS STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE WAYS TO
3 STENGTHEN AND EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDENS IN ALBUQUERQUE AND
4 TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO LOCAL ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS
5 THAT WILL ENHANCE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS.

6 WHEREAS, it is nationally recognized that community gardens are
7 beneficial to the community; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has included community gardens as
9 one of the priorities in achieving a greener Albuquerque; and

10 WHEREAS, community gardens improve the quality of life for people who
11 participate in community gardening; and

12 WHEREAS, community gardens encourage neighbor-to-neighbor
13 interaction providing for more cohesive neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS community gardens beautify neighborhoods and expand green
15 spaces; and

16 WHEREAS, community gardens provide healthy food while also reducing
17 the cost of family food budgets; and

18 WHEREAS, community gardens provide educational opportunities for
19 people of all ages on farming and gardening methods; and

20 WHEREAS, there are examples and models of successful community
21 gardening projects locally and nationally; and

22 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque City Council encourages and supports the
23 expansion of community gardens throughout the city.

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

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1 Section 1. There is hereby created a “Community Gardens Study Group”
2 whose purpose is to research community gardening programs in Albuquerque
3 and other cities and recommend best methods for Albuquerque. This may
4 include, but is not limited to, identifying barriers to the development of
5 community gardens, recommending solutions to the identified barriers and
6 developing recommendations regarding regulatory changes to improve and
7 strengthen community gardens.

8 Section 2. The Community Gardens Study Group shall meet during the
9 first, second and third quarters of FY/10 and make recommendations to the
10 Mayor and City Council at the beginning of the fourth quarter of FY/10, in
11 advance of the growing season. The Community Gardens Study Group may
12 meet thereafter as needed.

13 Section 3. The Community Gardens Study Group shall be appointed by
14 the Council President and shall consist of the following members:

- 15 a. A representative of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water
16 Authority;
- 17 b. A representative of the Mid-Region Council of Governments;
- 18 c. A representative of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District;
- 19 d. A representative of the New Mexico State University Cooperative
20 Extension Services, Bernalillo County;
- 21 e. A representative of the Rio Grande Community Farm (Los
22 Poblanos);
- 23 f. A representative of the Sawmill Community Gardening project;
- 24 g. A representative of the SouthWest Organizing
25 Acequia/Community Garden project;
- 26 h. A representative of the Sage Council, Urban Native American
27 Gardens project;
- 28 i. A representative of the Albuquerque Growers Market;
- 29 j. A representative of Sandia Laboratories knowledgeable in hot and
30 cold houses;
- 31 k. A representative of the Native Seed Bank;
- 32 l. A representative of the Alley Gardens/Mural project;

1 m. A representative of the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Field to
2 Table project.

3 Section 4. The Community Gardens Study Group will be staffed by
4 Council Services who shall work in coordination the Administration and
5 include representatives of the Environmental Health Department, the Parks
6 and Recreation Department and the Open Space Division, the Department of
7 Municipal Development/Storm Water Division, the Legal Department/Real
8 Property Division, and the Planning Department in these study group
9 discussions, as necessary.

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