CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.   R-09-297   ENACTMENT NO.

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1   **RESOLUTION**

2   CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDENS STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE WAYS TO

3   STRENGTHEN 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:

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

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

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

a.   A representative of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority;

b.   A representative of the Mid-Region Council of Governments;

c.   A representative of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District;

d.   A representative of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Services, Bernalillo County;

e.   A representative of the Rio Grande Community Farm (Los Poblanos);

f.   A representative of the Sawmill Community Gardening project;

g.   A representative of the SouthWest Organizing Acequia/Community Garden project;

h.   A representative of the Sage Council, Urban Native American Gardens project;

i.   A representative of the Albuquerque Growers Market;

j.   A representative of Sandia Laboratories knowledgeable in hot and cold houses;

k.   A representative of the Native Seed Bank;

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