CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. ____ R-18-71 **ENACTMENT NO.** SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña 1 RESOLUTION 2 RECOGNIZING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY 3 (C-PACE) ORDINANCE, PASSED BY THE COUNTY OF BERNALILLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 14, 2018 AND URGING THE NEW MEXICO 4 5 STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT STATUTES THAT FACILITATE C-PACE PROGRAMS BY CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. 6 7 WHEREAS, encouraging the development and installation of distributed 8 generation renewable energy sources and improvements to the energy 9 efficiency of buildings and structures by owners of commercial real property, 10 benefits the economic well-being and public and environmental health of Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion 11 Albuquerque residents and businesses; and 12 WHEREAS, the development and installation of distributed generation 13 renewable energy sources and improvements to the energy efficiency of 14 buildings and structures by owners of commercial real property provides 15 opportunities for local economic development and jobs in the development 16 and installation of such improvements; and 17 WHEREAS, the high front-end costs of renewable energy and energy 18 efficiency improvements to real property prevents many property owners from 19 making improvements, and many property owners lack access to traditional 20 financing, and it is desirable and necessary to authorize alternative financing 21 procedures to promote the installation of the improvements; and 22 WHEREAS, the Renewable Energy Financing District Act, NMSA § 5-18-1 et 23 seq., (the "Act"), authorizes New Mexico municipalities to form renewable 24 energy financing district. The Solar Energy Improvement Special Assessment Act NMSA § 5-55C-4 et seq., (the "Act"), authorizes counties to pass an 25

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provision to create rules for certifying certain private banks and financing institutions as "solar energy improvement financing institutions; and WHEREAS, Property Assessed Clean Energy (Pace) is a means of financing energy efficiency upgrades or renewable energy installations for residential, commercial and industrial property owners. Through Pace legislation governments can offer a specific bond to investors. The proceeds of the bond can be used to provide loans to improve the energy efficiency of commercial and residential properties. Bonds can be issued by municipal financing districts, state agencies or finance companies. The Pace loan is attached to the property rather than an individual and is a nonrecourse loan to the borrower. The loans are repaid over the course of 5 to 25 years via an annual assessment on the property tax bill of the improved property; and WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo has adopted a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-Pace) Ordinance to facilitate loans made by qualified lenders to commercial property owners to finance renewable energy production and distribution facilities and energy efficiency improvements. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF **ALBUQUERQUE:**

The City of Albuquerque commends and expresses its support Section 1. to the County of Bernalillo for enacting the C-Pace Ordinance, so as to further the development of renewable energy within the County. This program will benefit the natural environment through improving air quality in the county, reducing household energy expenses and creating jobs for the manufacturing installation and servicing of renewable energy systems.

Section 2. The City of Albuquerque hereby respectfully urges the 2019 Session of the New Mexico Legislature to build upon the success of the Renewable Energy Financing District Act and the Solar Energy Improvement Special Assessment Act. The legislature is encouraged to enact legislation that would specifically authorize cities and counties to provide programs. such as the C-Pace programs adopted by the County of Bernalillo. Such action will further, the growth of affordable solar, geothermal, wind, and other forms of renewable energy throughout the state for commercial and residential uses.