

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-134 ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-011

SPONSORED BY: Cynthia D. Borrego and Lan Sena, by request

1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING A PRIORITIES LIST FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S
3 FUTURE OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITIONS; IDENTIFYING IMMEDIATE
4 PRIORITIES AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES.

5 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division of the Parks and
6 Recreation Department manages an inventory of Open Space Lands and has
7 established a list of additional lands that are desired as additions to the City's
8 open space network; and

9 WHEREAS, the City Council is responsible for ensuring that public funds
10 earmarked for open space acquisition are expended only on purchases that
11 best promote the open space needs and interests of the residents; and

12 WHEREAS, City Ordinance Section 2-6-16(B)(2)(b) requires that the Open
13 Space Advisory Board recommend to the City Council for its approval a list of
14 priority projects suitable for acquisition through purchase, exchange, or any
15 suitable mechanism, for purposes of "major public open space".

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17 ALBUQUERQUE:

18 R-2016-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1. Open Space Priority List. The following updated list is
20 approved and adopted as the official open space acquisition priorities for the
21 City:

- 22 Calabacillas Pueblo II;
23 Cerro Colorado Volcano;
24 Diamond Rock/Four Hills;
25 Northern Geologic Window (North 1/3);
26 Northern Sand Dunes;

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- 1 North Rio Puerco Escarpment;
- 2 Poole Property;
- 3 Volcano Cliffs Sector Plan Development Plan Parcels (Boca Negra Arroyo
- 4 Middle Branch and La Cuentista);
- 5 Tijeras Arroyo Biological Zone;
- 6 Volcano Heights (State Land Office parcel).
- 7 The order of the above list is not intended to connote an order of importance,
- 8 but only to list all of these properties as priorities for the City.

9 Section 2. Poole Property acquisition. The council hereby approves up to
 10 \$2,200,000 for the purchase of the Poole Property, from the following City
 11 capital sources:

12	2% for Open Space 2019 GO Bonds	\$540,000
13	Impact Fees – Parks NW	\$550,000
14	Open Space Trust Fund Interest	\$810,000
15	Councilor Set-a-sides	\$250,000
16	Council Services Gen. Fund transfer	\$50,000

17 The funds authorized by this section may not be used to acquire any Open
 18 Space other than the Poole Property.

19 Section 3. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated to the
 20 following programs for Fiscal Year 2021:

21 **GENERAL FUND - 110**

22 **Council Services**

23	Transfer to Capital Acquisition Fund (305)	\$50,000
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24 **OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND - 850**

25 **Parks**

26	Transfer to Capital Acquisition Fund (305)	\$375,000
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27 Section 4. The following appropriations and designations are hereby
 28 made to the Capital Program to the specific funds and projects as indicated
 29 below for Fiscal Year 2021:


30	<u>Department/Fund</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
31	Parks & Recreation/Fund 305		
32	Open Space Trust Fund Interest	Transfer from 110/850	\$425,000

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1 Section 5. Special Procedures for the Northern Sand Dunes & North Rio
2 Puerco Escarpment. The properties in unincorporated Bernalillo County
3 known as the Northern Sand Dunes and North Rio Puerco Escarpment, which
4 were included in the priority list through R-16-12, remain Open Space priorities
5 to the City. The City shall support and cooperate with Bernalillo County in the
6 event the County pursues acquisition of the property, however, no City funds
7 shall be used for any acquisition or negotiation activity without prior approval
8 of the City Council.

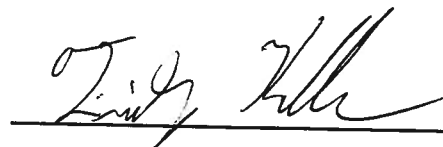
9 Section 6. Prioritizing Volcano Cliffs Sector Development Plan Parcels
10 the Northern Geological Window (North 1/3), and the Poole Property. The
11 Volcano Cliffs Sector Development Plan Parcels (La Cuentista and the Boca
12 Negra Arroyo Middle Branch) and the Northern Geologic Window (North 1/3)
13 are situated adjacent to the Petroglyph National Monument in an area of
14 present or near-term growth pressure, have provided unauthorized access to
15 the Monument, and contain unique land forms, view sheds, natural and
16 cultural resources, and critical wildlife habitat that would be threatened by
17 growth. If preserved as municipal open space, these parcels could contribute
18 to the open space and cultural resources available at the monument. The
19 Poole Property faces even more intense development pressure and the
20 property offers invaluable environmental and conservation benefits to the
21 public. The City shall pursue the properties identified in Section 5 as its most
22 immediate open space acquisition priority through fee purchase, acquisition
23 of easements, negative easements, licenses, leases, or any other reasonable
24 mechanism or any combination thereof that allows for the preservation and
25 enjoyment of this open space for the general public.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2021
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

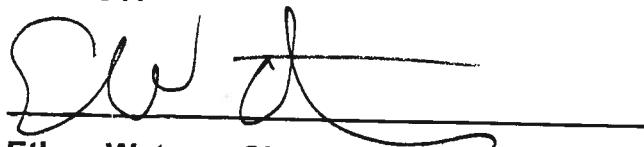
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9 Cynthia D. Borrego, President
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14 APPROVED THIS 9 DAY OF March, 2021
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23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
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