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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-16-10 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton

RESOLUTION

Adopting The Downtown Arts & Cultural Plan And Establishing The Boundary Of The Downtown Arts & Cultural District (Benton)

ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN ARTS & CULTURAL PLAN AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARY OF THE DOWNTOWN ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Downtown area has been designated by the State of New Mexico MainStreet Program an Arts and Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City Council accepted a \$35,000 grant from the New Mexico State Economic Development Department’s MainStreet Program for the purpose of developing a Downtown Arts and Cultural Plan; and

WHEREAS, adopted City policies have long called for a downtown that celebrates the mixture of vintage and midcentury modern buildings, local businesses and cultural amenities; and which is safe, easily accessible, active 24 hours, and pedestrian oriented; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Albuquerque Arts & Cultural District Steering Committee engaged key stakeholders and the public to identify opportunities in the district and create a Downtown Arts and Cultural Plan: “Multitude of Riches: A Blueprint for the Creative Development of Downtown Albuquerque,” hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides a vision for cultivating the growth of arts, cultural and creative activity in downtown Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the Plan produces an implementation guide intended to promote partnerships

between local government, private and commercial entities, non-profit organizations, interested citizens, and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Plan establishes four priorities generated by the community and industry experts: development of leadership capacity to implement the Plan, branding and marketing Downtown's cultural assets, continued development of arts and culture-related business activity and physical improvements such as streetscapes and beautification; and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines strategies and objectives aimed at achieving those priorities and goals; and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines a list of recommended Capital Projects that would support the development of the Arts and Cultural District.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the Downtown Arts & Cultural District boundary, as also adopted by the New Mexico Arts Commission in 2012, as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto. The district covers approximately 5.5 square miles in the Downtown core, generally bounded by Broadway Blvd., 10th Street, Coal Ave. and Lomas Blvd.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby adopts the Downtown Arts & Cultural District Plan, as shown in Exhibit B, attached hereto.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.

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