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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-175 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton, by request

RESOLUTION

Approving The East Downtown/ Huning Highlands/ South Martineztown Metropolitan
Redevelopment Area Plan (Benton, by request)

APPROVING THE EAST DOWNTOWN/ HUNING HIGHLANDS/ SOUTH MARTINEZTOWN
METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN.

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has enacted the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code (herein the "Code"), Chapter 3, Article 60A, Sections 1-48 NMSA 1978, as amended, which authorizes the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico (the "City") to prepare metropolitan redevelopment plans to undertake and carry out metropolitan redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council"), the governing body of the City, after notice and public hearing as required by the Code, has duly passed and adopted Council Resolution 19-174, which designated the East Downtown/ Huning Highlands/ South Martineztown Area, commonly referred to as the Edo MR Area, as a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) and established its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, that Resolution made certain findings declaring, among other things, the Edo MR Area as blighted, and that rehabilitation, conservation, development or redevelopment of the Edo MR Area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-60A-8 (A) NMSA 1978 of the MR Code, two public meetings were held on April 11, 2019 and May 7, 2019, and notice of the meetings was mailed to all

property owners within the proposed Edo MR Area, the Huning Highland Historic District Association, the Edo Neighborhood Association, and the Citizens Information Committee of Martineztown; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Development Commission held a public hearing on the proposed East Downtown/ Huning Highlands/ South Martineztown Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan (Edo MR Plan) on May 16, 2019, and recommends the Council's approval of the Edo MR Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted at least one public hearing on the proposed Edo MR Plan prior to final consideration of the plan, after proper notice as required by Section 3-60A-9 (B) NMSA 1978 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Edo MR Plan proposes activities that will aid in the elimination and prevention of blight conditions including conditions of aging and deteriorating buildings, closure of commercial businesses, deterioration of site improvements and low levels of commercial activity and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Edo MR Plan identifies multiple strategies for revitalization of the area, including infrastructure upgrades to improve connectivity, walkability, public spaces, drainage and streetscapes; redevelopment of vacant, underutilized and infill properties; addition of multi-family housing; and implementation of Tax Increment Development District(s), Tax Increment Financing or other financing tool(s) to benefit the Edo MR Area; and

WHEREAS, investment in and redevelopment of the Edo MR Area is critical to the sound growth and economic health of the City; and

WHEREAS, implementing the Edo MR Plan is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Albuquerque.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council, after having conducted a public hearing pursuant to the code, finds that:

- A. The proposed redevelopment of the Edo MR Area will aid in the elimination and prevention of blight or conditions which lead to the development of blight;
- B. The Edo MR Plan does not require the relocation of any families or individuals from their dwellings; therefore, a method for providing relocation assistance is not required;
- C. The Edo MR Plan conforms to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan;
- D. The Edo MR Plan affords maximum opportunity consistent with the needs of the

community for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Edo MR Area by private enterprise and the objectives of the Edo MR Plan justify the proposed activities as public purposes and needs.

SECTION 2. The Edo MR Plan, as attached as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof, is approved in all respects.

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.

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