INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM September 28, 2026

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

SUBJECT:
Mayor's appointment of Mr. John M. Valles to the Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for appointment to the Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board in accordance with the City of Albuquerque Ordinance 13-3-2-7.

APPOINTEE NAME	**TERM**
Mr. John M. Valles Albuquerque, NM 87110	June 1, 2029

John Valles is an Albuquerque artist and jewelry maker. Since 2014, he has owned and run John Valles Jewelry, where he designs and handcrafts original jewelry and cultural artwork. He sells his work at markets, community events, and local venues, and he takes part in Albuquerque's arts and cultural events. Before he turned to art full time, Mr. Valles spent 20 years as a self-employed construction contractor on residential and tribal projects, carrying each one from planning through completion. He supports local artists, artisans, and small businesses, and advocates for preserving cultural traditions and creating economic opportunities for local vendors. On August 5, 2026, an official call for nominations was issued to all craft units participating in FY26. Vendors were invited to nominate candidates. On August 24-31, 2026, all eligible vendors were provided access to the online voting platform "Wufoo." 23 Votes were cast, and the final results are as follows: • John Valles 15 Votes - 65.22% • Marilyn Moquino 8 Votes - 34.78%
A resident of Council District 7, Mr. John M. Valles will fill a vacancy to serve as an elected Vendors representative on the Board; their first term will expire June 1, 2029.

The remaining members are:

Representing		Name	Term
1.	At Large	Mrs. Dana D. Sherrill	6/1/2025
2.	Merchant/F	Ms. Marie E. Coleman	6/1/2027
3.	Merchant/F	Vacant	
4.	Vendors	Ms. Denise P. Pepin	6/1/2028
5.	Vendors	Vacant	

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer Date

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