

AIA Albuquerque

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects



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To: Albuquerque City Council

From: American Institute of Architects - Albuquerque Chapter

Re: Albuquerque Complete Streets Ordinance (O-14-27)

Dear Council President Ray Garduño & Council Members:

The Albuquerque Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA-ABQ) asks for your support of the proposed Albuquerque Complete Streets Ordinance (O-14-27) sponsored by District 2 Councilor Isaac Benton. The AIA-ABQ Board and our constituent members have been consistent advocates of multi-modal transportation and pedestrian and bicycle friendly transportation planning to encourage traffic calming and slower vehicular movement in residential and light commercial contexts.

As presented in the proposal, it is widely accepted the principles of slowed vehicular traffic and improved accessibility to public transportation, bicycle paths and sidewalks, as well as added vegetation and landscape features in street planning, precipitate benefits of greater safety, health and quality of life for residents and enhanced opportunity for business.

AIA Albuquerque strongly supports the Complete Streets Ordinance being proposed here for the greater Albuquerque area, and we applaud Councilor Benton's efforts to bring this initiative to our community.

Sincerely,

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AIA-ABQ President 2015