



ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
"Improving quality of life through housing opportunities"

BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1

NAMING THE AHA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
THE CARNIS SALSIBURY BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Housing Authority ("AHA") Board of Housing Commissioners ("Board") met in regular session in the Manuel Cordova Conference Room in the AHA Administrative Office Building at 1840 University Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 on January 16, 2013 to consider this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque as a community has a well-documented history of discrimination directed against certain racial and ethnic groups, including denial of access to houses for sale and for rent; and

WHEREAS, historically, certain racial groups were forced by law to adhere to restrictive real estate covenants that prohibited the sale of new and existing homes in many Albuquerque subdivisions to people of color, excluding many people from purchasing and living in the newest homes or the most popular neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, restrictive covenants intentionally created racially and/or ethnically segregated neighborhoods and communities located within the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carnis Salisbury, along with her husband, Mr. Oliver Salisbury, worked in the 1960's to organize diverse groups locally to strike down restrictive covenant laws based on race or national origin that prohibited the sale of new and existing homes in many Albuquerque subdivisions to people of color. They both worked tirelessly to promote individual civil rights in Albuquerque and across New Mexico; and

1 WHEREAS, Carnis Salisbury courageously worked with a team of local civil rights
2 organizers to bravely convince the Albuquerque City Commission on June 18, 1963 to
3 unanimously adopt, on an emergency basis, a groundbreaking City Ordinance to ban
4 discrimination on the basis of race or national origin in the sale and rental of houses and
5 apartments city wide. Carnis Salisbury was a key part of the 1963 effort that led the City of
6 Albuquerque to adopt a Fair Housing laws over the organized public opposition of some real
7 estate industry groups; and

8 WHEREAS, civil rights pioneers like Carnis Salisbury made it possible for the
9 people of Albuquerque today to have the freedom to live and buy homes where they could freely
10 choose; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1990 the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Office awarded Carnis
12 Salisbury its Human Rights Award for promoting human rights, human dignity, equal access and
13 the elimination of discrimination; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carnis H. Sailbury died on December 23, 2011 at the age of 97; and

15 WHEREAS, the AHA Board recognizes the outstanding lifelong contributions that Mrs.
16 Carnis Salisbury made to rectifying past housing discrimination and promote civil rights within
17 Albuquerque.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AHA BOARD OF HOUSING**
19 **COMMISSIONERS, the Governing Body of the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA),**
20 **that:**

21 Section 1. AHA Administrative Office Building at 1840 University Blvd SE,
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23 Albuquerque, NM 87106 shall now be known as the Carnis Salisbury Building.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2013
2 BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR, AND AGAINST.

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4 Members Absent: _____

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6 Members voting against: _____

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8 ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
9 BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

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11 By: _____
12 Roxanne Rivera-Wiest
13 Vice-Chairperson of the Board

14 ATTEST:

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17 Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board and Executive Director

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