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## CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAN LEWIS ANNOUNCES CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Councilor Dan Lewis, newly elected President of the City Council, has announced a series of steps to ensure that the City is doing all that it can to promote economic development and create jobs in the City of Albuquerque. "We've got incredible community resources in Albuquerque, and in the past I don't think we've done as good a job as we could have in actively listening to them" said Councilor Lewis. "I want to make sure that the City Council proactively reaches out to the community and that we're all working towards the same goal – bringing more jobs and opportunities to Albuquerque. We need to prioritize economic development discussions. By opening that communication line, we will be able to better understand what we can do as a City Council to ensure the success of the City of Albuquerque."

As a part of that effort, Council President Lewis has asked the Administration to provide the Council a monthly economic development report from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Economic Development Department and/or the City Planning Department at the first Council meeting of every month beginning in January, 2013. The Council will dedicate time at the second meeting of the month to discuss economic development issues with various groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque Economic Development, and the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Organizations such as these, that have their fingers on the pulse of Albuquerque's economy, will have an opportunity to present their

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thoughts and suggestions to the City Council about how to make Albuquerque a better and more competitive place to do business.

The Council President also asked for more frequent reports to the Council by the City's recently created Small Business Advisory Commission. In addition to reviewing legislation from a small business perspective, the Commission also reviews City rules and regulations and makes recommendations for changes that will make it easier to do business with and in the City.

Finally, the City Council President will also be requesting presentations on the progress of large infrastructure projects that will assist in future economic development, such as the recently approved improvements to the Paseo del Norte and I-25 intersection, the redevelopment of the Central Avenue corridor, the completion of Unser Boulevard, and the potential development of Paseo del Volcan on the City's west side.

"I know that economic development is one of the Mayor's priorities, and I'm looking forward to working side-by-side with the Administration to help strengthen local businesses, attract new ones, and help keep Albuquerque a great place to live and work."

#### Attached:

- 1. Proposed rules amendment to make economic development discussions a priority at City Council meetings
- 2. Legislation R-12-117 which appropriates funds for economic development
- 3. Legislation R-12-119 which establishes the importance of Paseo del Volcan to the region as an economic generator and calls for coordination and cooperation between various government entities

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# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.			NO	ENACTMENT NO			
SPONSORED BY:							
	1			RULES AMENDMENT			
	2	AMENI	NDING THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE REGARDING THE				
	3	ORDER	R OF BUSINESS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.				
	4	Article	e III, Section 4 of the Rules of Procedure is amended to read as follows:				
	5	"Section	"Section 4. Order of Business.				
	6	A.	A. The City Council shall consider business in the following order:				
	7		(1)	Roll Call			
	8		(2)	Moment of Silence			
	9		<u>(3)</u>	Proclamations & Presentations			
	10		<u>(4)</u>	<b>Economic Development Discussion</b>			
, <u>.</u>	11		<u>(5)</u>	<b>Administration Question &amp; Answer Period</b>			
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	16		( <del>7</del> )( <u>9</u> )	General Public Comments			
	17		( <del>8</del> )( <u>10</u> )	Announcements			
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	19		( <del>10</del> )( <u>12</u> )	Public Hearings			
e Ke	20		( <del>11</del> )( <u>13</u> )	Approvals			
퇿첉	21		( <del>12</del> ) <u>(14</u> )	Final Actions			
	22		( <del>13</del> )( <u>15</u> )	Other Business			
	23	В.	The City C	ouncil shall not allow general public comments (Item 7 <u>9</u>			
	24	above) a	at Special M	eetings.			
	25	<u>C.</u>	Presentati	ons (Item 3 above) include the Companion Animal Project,			
	26	which s	hould be pre	esented to the Council by staff or volunteers from the			

	1	Animal Welfare Department at the first regular meeting each month, the Gross
	2	Receipts Tax report at the second regular meeting each month, and any other
	3	presentation allowed at the discretion of the President.
	4	C. D. The President shall have the discretion to proceed out of order to
	5	any order of business or return to any prior order of business.
	6	Đ. E. All business which would be for Approval, Final Action, and Other
	7	Business may be placed on the Consent Agenda by the President if he or she
	8	believes that no discussion or amendment is needed. At the beginning of the
	9	Consent Agenda, the President shall ask if Councilors wish to drop items from
	10	the Consent Agenda; upon the request of any Councilor, any item shall be
	11	removed from the Consent Agenda and placed in its regular part of the
	12	agenda. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda shall be affirmatively acted
	13	on by one or more motions, which motion is non-debatable; items on the
	14	Consent Agenda may not be amended or substituted."
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## CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

	COUN	CIL BILL NO. R-12-117 ENACTMENT NO.
	SPONS	SORED BY: Dan Lewis, Trudy E. Jones and Rey Garduño, by request
	1	RESOLUTION
	2	ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION ACCOUNT
	3	(EDAct Account); ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
	4	ACTION COUNCIL; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC
	5	DEVELOPMENT
	6	WHEREAS, the national economic recession has had a serious effect
	7	on the economy of Central New Mexico and the Albuquerque metropolitan
	8	area, with the loss of more than 28,000 jobs in the past four years; and
	9	WHEREAS, potential Federal budget cuts could have a significant
	10	negative effect on New Mexico and the Albuquerque region, with the
≥ .	<u></u> 5 11	potential loss of numerous Federal jobs as well as substantial Federal
nderscored Material+] - New	Deletion 12	contract funding; and
<u>+</u> .	<b>□</b> 13	WHEREAS, the competition for quality job creation projects is very
eria	14 15 16 17 18	intense on both the national and international levels; and
Ma	章 15	WHEREAS, the City recognizes that economic base companies,
led led	<u>≩</u> 16	which export the majority of their goods or services out of the region or
SCC	<b>∯</b> 17	state (thereby bringing additional money into the community), provide the
nde	<b>∯</b> 18	economic foundation for the entire area economy; and that the viability of
	19	all other businesses in the community, small and large, depends on the
kete	20	success and growth of economic base companies, through new locations
3rac	21	and relocations of such companies into the Albuquerque region,
[+Bracketed/Ur	22	expansions of existing companies, and new start-ups; and
_	23	WHEREAS, the lack of resources at the regional and state level over

compete for economic development projects; and

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recent years has made it difficult to effectively market the area and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the retention and expansion of existing area economic base companies, and the growth of new entrepreneurial ventures, also are vital to the economic future of our region; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to appropriate certain funds to be used to promote economic development in the Albuquerque area; and WHEREAS, the City has collected \$5,521,686 in termination

WHEREAS, the City has collected \$5,521,686 in termination payments in FY 2013 from companies that had received City incentives to locate in the community (the "2013 Termination Payments"); and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish an "Economic Development Action Account" (the "EDAct Account") to enhance the development of economic base companies in expansion and relocation decisions, and to increase the incidence of high quality economic expansion in the Albuquerque metropolitan area of Central New Mexico, and to fund the EDAct Account with the 2013 Termination Payments; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of the 2013 Termination Payments to the City must be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an Economic Development Action Council ("EDAct Council"), and finds that this EDAct Council is the most appropriate entity to review and recommend the use of such funds received by the City, including funding for particular economic development initiatives.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> That the EDAct Account is created in Fund 305 to enhance the development of economic base companies in expansion and relocation projects, and to increase the incidence of high quality economic expansion in the Albuquerque metropolitan area of Central New Mexico.

Section 2. That the EDAct Account shall be funded with the 2013 Termination Payments.

Section 3. That EDAct Council is hereby created to review and recommend to the Economic Development Department the use and disbursement of funds appropriated to the EDAct Account.

1	A.	Membership
2		i. The EDAct Council shall consist of the Mayor or designee;
3		two City Councilors chosen by the President of the
4		Albuquerque City Council; and two members of the public,
5		appointed by the Mayor, who have expertise in economic
6		development programs. A representative from the City's
7		Economic Development Department shall serve as a non-
8		voting technical advisor to the EDAct Council. Membership
9		of the Mayor shall change with any change in the Mayor's
10		position, and membership of the City Councilors may
11		change with any change in the President of the City Counci
12		or the make-up of the City Council
13	B.	Responsibilities, Powers and Duties
14		i. The EDAct Council shall act as the review entity for the
15		disbursement of funds appropriated by the Albuquerque
16		City Council to the EDAct Account, as specified in Section
17		3. The EDAct Council is charged with:
8t jū 18		ii. Reviewing and prioritizing proposed expenditures from the
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± 20		iii. Recommending to the Economic Development Department
章 <b>21</b>		expenditures from the EDAct Account.
E	C.	The EDAct Council's recommendations regarding the disbursement
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<b>24</b>		i. First: an expanded marketing program promoting the
型 型 25		Albuquerque area as a positive business location;
<b>1</b>		ii. Second: a closing fund to assist significant economic
27 <u>a</u> 27		development projects through the Local Economic
28		Development Act;
± 4 29		iii. Third: expand the community's programs for the retention
30		and expansion of existing economic base companies, and
31		the growth and development of technology-based
32		entrepreneurs; and
33		iv. Fourth: support for workforce development programs.

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## D. The EDAct Council shall remain in existence until all funds have been expended.

Section 4. That the City's Economic Development Department, with consultation from the EDAct Council, shall approve expenditures for the EDAct Account. The Economic Development Department shall act as staff to the EDAct Council and shall be responsible for administering any contracts or programs arising out of the **EDAct** recommendations, except where otherwise specified. The Economic Development Department shall report to the Albuquerque City Council not less than annually regarding the expenditures and results of activities and programs supported with these funds.

Section 5. That the amount of \$5,521,686 received from the 2013 Termination Payments along with any future interest earnings shall be used in accordance with Section 3.C., and herewith is appropriated in the Capital Acquisition Fund 305 as follows:

#### Department/Fund

Source Amount

#### **Economic Development/ Fund 305**

Economic Development Programs/Projects Fund 820 \$5,260,060 Economic Development Programs/Projects Fund 110 \$ 261,626 The scope of the project is as follows: to plan, design, build, acquire, and construct projects in support of new company locations and the retention and expansion of existing companies; to market and promote Albuquerque as a business location; to support programs for the retention and expansion of existing economic base companies, and the growth and development of entrepreneurs; to support workforce development programs; and to contract and/or procure services needed in support of the above items. Of the above funds, \$350,000 is designated for the Economic Development Department to administer these programs and projects.

<u>Section 6.</u> That the following amount of Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Termination Payments deposited in the General Fund is hereby appropriated to the following program strategy for operating City government during Fiscal Year 2013:

	1	General Fund - 110							
	2	City Support Functions							
	3	Transfer to Other Funds:							
	4		Capital Acqu	isition Fund 305	\$ 261,626				
	5	Section 7.	Severability.	If any provision of th	nis Resolution is held				
	6	invalid, the invali	dity of such p	provision shall not affe	ect the validity of any				
	7	other provision of	this Resolution	on.					
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# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

CO	UNC	IL BILL NOR-12-119 ENACTMENT NO
SP	ONS	ORED BY: Dan Lewis
	1	RESOLUTION
	2	STATING THE REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE PASEO DEL
	3	VOLCAN CORRIDOR AND ESTABLISHING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
	4	PASEO DEL VOLCAN CORRIDOR AS A HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT IN FUTURE
	5	ALLOCATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING.
	6	WHEREAS, constructing Paseo del Volcan as a limited access arterial, and
	7	eventually a limited access highway, would encourage additional economic
	8	development along the corridor, and thereby reduce congestion on the west
	9	side of Albuquerque and the Rio Grande bridge crossings, and improve the
	10	jobs to housing balance between the west and east sides of the Rio Grande;
	11	and
.v tion	12	WHEREAS, constructing Paseo del Volcan will create the economic activity
- New Deletion	13	necessary to generate revenue to fund the construction of the public
	14	infrastructure that is lacking for the City's neighborhoods west of the Rio
teric late	15	Grande; and
<u>    Dracketed/Underscored Material</u>     <del>Bracketed/Strikethrough Material</del>   -	16	WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports that by 2035
	17	the region can expect significant increases in congestion at the river
ders thre	18	crossings and on the entire transportation system west of the Rio Grande; and
	19	WHEREAS, the ongoing pattern of residents locating west of the Rio
af S	20	Grande while major job concentrations locate east of the river will continue to
	21	increase rush hour traffic congestion at the river crossings; and
	22	WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports that by 2035
<u> </u>	23	the projected level of population growth west of the Rio Grande, combined
	24	with an increasing imbalance between housing and jobs, will double vehicle
	25	miles traveled per day from 16 million to 32 million and generate one million
	26	daily tring corose the Die Grande, and

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1 WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports these growth 2 trends will increase annual vehicle hours of delay from 400,000 to 1,500,000; 3 and 4 WHEREAS, the resulting severe congestion at the river crossings will 5 reduce the geographical area of the labor markets conveniently accessible to 6 key employment centers, will compromise the community's quality of life (a 7 key factor for employers when choosing where to locate a business) and will 8 drive up transportation costs which depress housing prices west of the Rio 9 Grande resulting in expensive speculative housing prices for the fixed number 10 of homes in the built out neighborhoods east of the River; and 11 WHEREAS, the high number of rooftops, the limited number of bridge 12 crossings, and the concentration of jobs on opposite sides of the river has 13 created a dire need to significantly improve the jobs/housing balance by 14 developing a major employment area west of the river that is equivalent in 15 labor capacity to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) or the University of New 16 Mexico/Central New Mexico College (UNM/CNM) complex; and 17 WHEREAS, the Paseo del Volcan corridor and adjacent properties are the only area with adequate land west of the Rio Grande for a large employer or group of employers; and WHEREAS, constructing Paseo del Volcan will open up land use options for development of private and public research parks and institutions of higher education required to support the high skilled jobs that will dominate the future economy of North America, and still provide land to house those who work in these facilities; and WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan identified over \$2,000,000,000 in transportation infrastructure needs west of Rio Grande, including completing Unser Boulevard and Paseo Del Norte, extending Atrisco Vista Boulevard north to Southern Avenue in Rio Rancho, and adding high capacity transit to Coors Boulevard and the Montano and Paseo del Norte 30 river crossings in addition to numerous other improvements needed for the 31 arterial and collector street system west of the river; and

WHEREAS, the property and gross receipt taxes created by developing a

new economic generator equivalent to KAFB or UNM/CNM could provide a

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7	significant portion of the funding to construct the needed infrastructure west
2	of the Rio Grande; and
3	WHEREAS; New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has filed
4	an environmental impact statement with the Federal Highway Administration
5	that states; "if implemented, Paseo del Volcan would create a major
6	transportation corridor with efficient access to the developing properties on
7	Albuquerque's west side and in Rio Rancho. Paseo del Volcan will facilitate
8	and provide for orderly development in a rapidly growing area of Bernalillo
9	and Sandoval Counties; and improve the roadway network's linkages and add
10	additional roadway capacity to other existing and planned transportation
11	facilities within the northwest subarea."; and
12	WHEREAS, the NMDOT has constructed the segment of Paseo del Volcan
13	as a limited access highway from United States Highway 550 south to the Rio
14	Rancho Town Center. The Department is currently acquiring right of way for
15	the roadway from the Town Center to the Bernalillo/Sandoval County Line.
16	WHEREAS, acting now to designate Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority
17	before the lands adjoining it are developed will reduce right-of-way costs and
18	avoid disrupting existing neighborhoods and businesses (even condemning
19	sound buildings in stable neighborhoods).
20	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
21	ALBUQUERQUE:
22	Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque considers the development of
23	Paseo del Volcan a priority project for the 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021
24	Capital Improvement Programs and for any reauthorization of the Quarter Cent
25	Transportation Infrastructure Tax.
26	Section 2. The City requests the New Mexico State Legislature designate
27	the development of Paseo del Volcan as a State priority for the funding cycles
28	from Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2024.
29	Section 3. The City requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Board of
30	the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area establish the development of
31	Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority for the Transportation Improvement

Programs in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022.

- Section 4. The City requests that the County of Bernalillo, the County of Sandoval and the City of Rio Rancho designate development of Paseo del Volcan as a priority and assist in the project's funding.
- Section 5. The City encourages property owners of lands within the corridor to participate in and provide assistance to the development of Paseo del Volcan.
- Section 6. The City requests that the New Mexico Congressional Delegation
  work to secure federal funds for building Paseo del Volcan and assist in
  accessing federal programs for developing an employment center in the
  Paseo del Volcan Corridor.