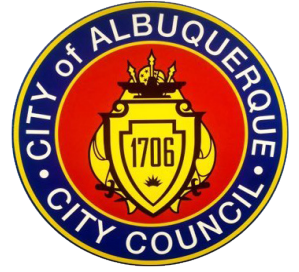


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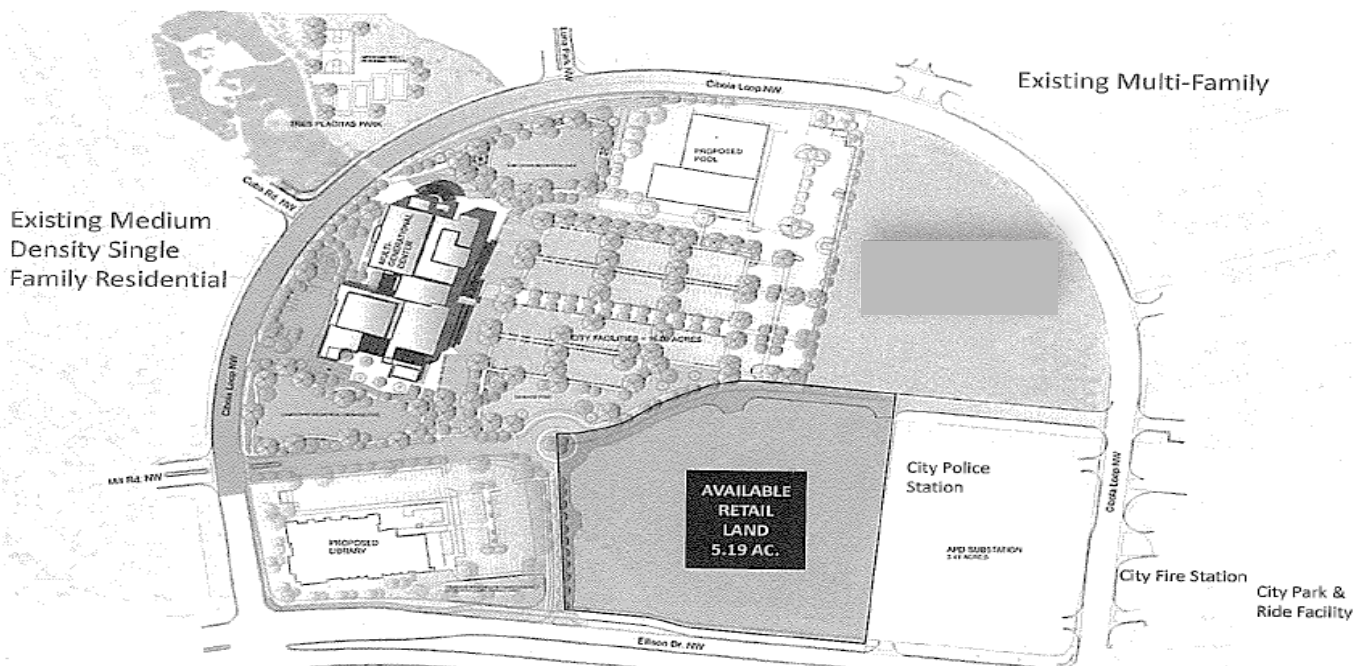


City Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego



City Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego's District 5 Office has bustled with activity since the beginning of the New Year, and the beginning of the NM State Legislature's session in 2020. Several major projects along with smaller projects benefiting District 5 were submitted to Legislators for funding. These projects include the expansion of Paseo del Norte to four lanes from Rainbow Blvd. to Calle Norteña. The total cost to build-out Paseo del Norte is approximately \$24 million. \$2.7 million was already secured last year from combined City and 2019 State funding and will be used to create engineering designs for Paseo del Norte. A different District 5 street expansion project on Paradise Blvd at Golf Course has a completion date of June 2020.

The Cibola Loop Multigenerational Community Complex is another significant project for District 5 submitted for 2020 NM State funding. The 2019 Legislative Session approved \$600,000 for this expansive project. The Cibola Loop project, to include a Multi-Generational Center, library, pool, and single family affordable housing, was additionally supported for \$1.5 million in funding by voters on the 2019 Bond Ballot in November 2019.



The Cibola Loop Community Complex will be built on an existing drainage basin. After discussions with Albuquerque's administrative departments, it is determined that one additional piece of property to the four already purchased by the City is necessary to manage hydrological issues connected to building in the drainage basin. Funding by the NM State Legislature in 2020 is needed to purchase this additional property and progress designs to build the Community Complex. Smaller, miscellaneous, projects submitted for 2020 NM State funding include District 5 median landscaping, bus stops, and park playground improvements.

Final State funding allocations are expected to be approved by signature of the Governor within 20 days of the close of the State Legislative session. Our office expects the Governor's support for many District 5 projects submitted for State funding; however, the Governor has the authority to line item veto any portion of the final budget requests.

Councilor Borrego recently used her District 5 set-aside funds, to assist in the purchase of new computers and software for APD's Crimes against Children's Unit (CACU). She gathered significant support from other Albuquerque City Councilors for this effort. CACU's requirements for advanced technology systems are necessitated by officers' increased efficacy made possible by rapid communication with multiple federal, state, and local platforms and their ability to compile data at the scene of incidence.

At the local level, Councilor Borrego purchased a street light for a District 5 community after the neighborhood submitted a petition. The community on Steward St. waited over 20 years for the neighborhood light and is very grateful for Councilor Borrego's authorization.

After noting a number of children playing, bicycling, and skating on Galaxia Park and Del Sol Park Dr., Councilor Borrego approved the purchase of 'Children at Play' signs for the surrounding neighborhood. Councilor Borrego will host a press conference to commemorate the new 'Children at Play' signs on Saturday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. at a new sign on Galaxia Park Dr., nearest its intersection to Del Sol Park Dr. All are welcome.



The District 5 Reusable Bag Giveaway on February 29th at the Smith's Grocery Store, 8301 Golf Course was well received. Box after box of One Albuquerque and City Council insignia stamped black reusable bags made their way into grocery store aisles with Saturday morning customers. The event was organized by the City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Department Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Program and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination with assistance from Albuquerque City Council.

Councilor Borrego secured funding for another promising District 5 initiative, the District 5 Business Node characterization and business organizing project. McMahon and Golf Course four corner area will be the initial commercial node to be looked at to apply this economic development initiative. It is currently being coordinated by Simply Social Marketing, a local, women owned commercial planning, representation, and social media marketing company. The project includes crime prevention coordination with APD.

Please consider attending the **District 5 Spring Open House on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00pm** to be held at the **Ventana Ranch Community Center, 10001 Rainbow NW (not on Rainbow, but off of Ventana Village Rd.)**. The topic of the meeting will be updates on District 5 2020 NM State Legislature project funding, as well as updates from APD and AFR on NW Albuquerque Public Safety. For information on these and other District 5 activities please visit Councilor Borrego's City Website <https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-5> or you may call her at 505-768-3100, email: cynthiaborrego@cabq.gov. District 5 Policy Analyst Susan Vigil is also available to answer your questions, comments or concerns at 505-768-3189, e-mail: susanvigil@cabq.gov