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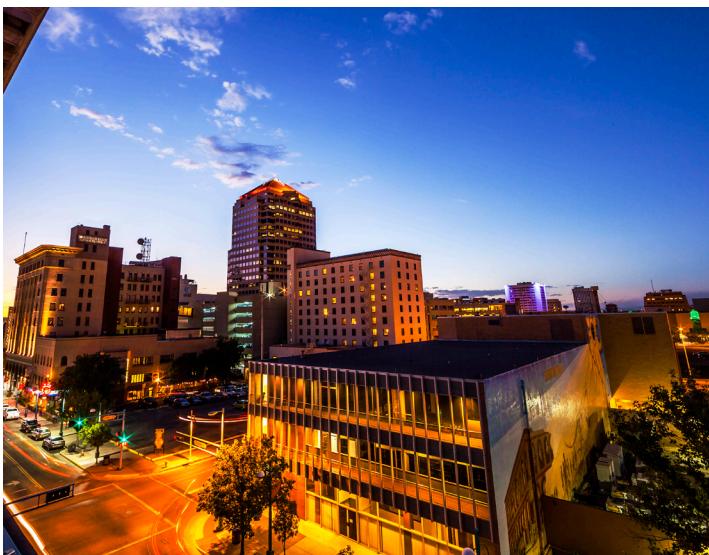
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IN MEMORY OF

KEN SANCHEZ
CITY COUNCILOR, D-1

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Ken Sanchez, one of the City's longest-serving City Councilors, passed away on January 1, 2020. He served as City Councilor for District 1 from 2005 until his death. He was a true public servant who served his District and his constituency with integrity, honesty and love. He was a staunch advocate for the West Side. A graduate of West Mesa High School, he also owned a tax accounting firm and a photography business. He is survived by many loving family and friends. •



Neighborhood Coordinates Efforts to Help Schoolkids in Need

The Huning Castle Neighborhood Association (HCNA) is no stranger to community outreach and engagement. During the construction and subsequent challenges related to the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) project and launch, they joined forces with local businesses in the West Downtown area to form the West Downtown Business Coalition. The Coalition supported all of the locally-owned businesses in the area long Central Avenue, sharing successes and weathering the construction storm to keep many businesses going.

Recently, they came together again to help a school in desperate need for many of its vulnerable students. Brenda Marks, a neighborhood association member who volunteers at local elementary school Reginald Chavez, sent a letter to the HCNA board, describing the needs of many students at the school.

"It was heartbreaking to read about these kids needing such basic items as coats, shoes and backpacks," said HCNA Board Member Len Romano, pictured Treasurer Monica Martinez (center) and President Harvey Buchalter (right). "We take for granted having things like a safe, warm place to sleep and clothes and shoes, but so many of the students at Reginald Chavez don't even have these basics. We had to do something to help."



Romano shared the letter with members of the association, and on the HCNA website and social media venues. The response was immediate. Members of the Albuquerque community, many of whom were not affiliated with the HCNA, donated bagsful of clothing, shoes, winter coats, art supplies, games, backpacks, gloves and much more. The Montessori of the Rio Grande's Afterschool Program, under the direction of Maggie Casias-Goodmon, coordinated a donation drive and collected over 20 boxes of clothes, shoes, and other items, pictured below. One Reginald Chavez family, whose children received clothing were able to take their first Christmas photo ever because it was the first year they had something nice to wear. Over 150 individuals, groups and associations donated to the school, ensuring a happy holiday for these kids in need.

"HCNA is proud and humbled to be part of this effort," said Romano. "We forget that there are so many in our community in need, and when we come together to help those less fortunate, it really is a testament to how committed our community is to helping each other."

To learn more about this community effort, contact the Huning Castle Neighborhood Association at: hcnaalerts@gmail.com.





Public Input Needed for Metro Transportation Plan

Meetings being held in January for MRCOG's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The initial draft of the Connections 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the region's long-range transportation plan, will be available for public review in early January. The draft MTP includes population and economic growth projections and outlines strategies to shape a multi-modal transportation network that benefits people all across the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area.

Federal funding for roadways, rail, bus systems, bike infrastructure,

and pedestrian improvements are all tied to this plan, which incorporates feedback received from the public so far and which will incorporate forthcoming feedback as well.

Three public meetings are planned to gather your input this month:

Wednesday, January 15, 6-7:30 PM
Town of Bernalillo Council
Chambers (829 Camino del
Pueblo, Town of Bernalillo)

Wednesday, January 22, 6-7:30 PM
Los Lunas Council Chambers (660
Main St SW, Los Lunas)

Thursday, January 30, 6-7:30 PM
Mesa Verde Community Center
(7900 Marquette Ave NE,
Albuquerque)

Snacks and activities for children 6+ will be provided.

If you require special accommodation(s) for a meeting, please contact Tara Cok at 505-724-3627 or tcok@mrcog-nm.gov at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Learn more about Connections 2040 MTP at:

www.mrcog-nm.gov/503/Connections-2040-MTP





Planning Updates for January

FOLLOW-UP ZONING CONVERSIONS

City Council is almost done with reviewing and deciding on zoning conversions requested by property owners following the adoption of the Integrated Development Ordinance. The Planning Department received over 1,300 forms from property owners looking to take advantage of this free, one-year opportunity.

These zoning conversions are adopted legislatively as text amendments to the IDO, changing the conversion rules for the properties submitted in each batch. See more information and check for updates on the project webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/zc-project>.

Batch 1

In August, the City Council approved Batch 1 zoning conversions, which became effective in September. The Official Zoning Map has been updated.

Batch 2

In November, the City Council approved Batch 2, which became effective in December. The Official Zoning Map will be updated as soon as possible.

Batch 3

Batch 3 is heading to the Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) committee on Wednesday, January 15, 5:00 p.m., in the Council Committee Room on the 9th floor of City Hall.



<https://tinyurl.com/batch3zc-map>

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE INTEGRATED

DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

There will be at least one more hearing by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) of changes proposed as part of the 2019 annual update of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). EPC's review and recommendation is the first step in the City's legislative review/decision process for this text amendment to the IDO.

WHAT: EPC Hearing #5

WHEN: Thursday, January 9, 2020

**WHERE: Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW,
Basement Hearing Room**

EPC voted not to take additional written materials, so please see the staff report for December 12 for the latest conditions of approval.

<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/boards-commissions/environmental-planning-commission/epc-agendas-reports-minutes>

Staff presentations and other hearing materials are posted on the project webpage: <https://abc-zone.com/ido-annual-update-2019>

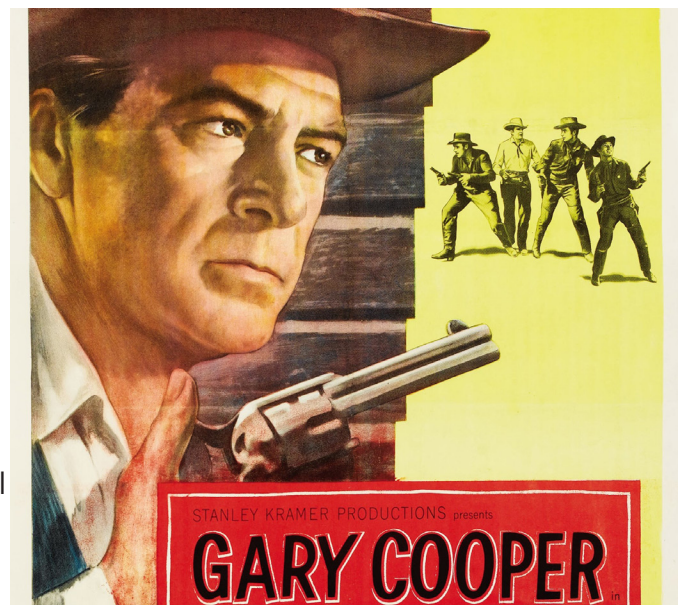
You can email your ideas, edits, or comments to abcto@cabq.gov for consideration by the City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) committee at the next step in the review/decision process. To be most helpful, please reference a particular page number or section in the IDO, if possible, so that staff can best understand your suggestion.

See the IDO Effective Draft here: <https://ido.abc-zone.com>. •

"Books to Big Screen" Heads To the Wild West!

Join the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library and Friends of the Public Library in February for "Books to the Big Screen," featuring film showings of classic and modern movies based on books! This year's program takes us to the Wild West, featuring Western films such as "The Searchers," "Cimarron," "High Noon," "True Grit," and many more!

Showings are all free and take place at the Main Library, the KiMo Theater, and the Special Collections Library. To see a complete schedule of all film showings, visit: www.abqlibrary.org. •





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HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

Want to get involved?

If you want to learn more about neighborhood associations, or find out what resources we can bring to your neighborhood, contact us! Our vision is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their concerns in a meaningful way.

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