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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO MAINTAIN THE RESIDENTIAL-
AGRICULTURAL-2 ZONING DESIGNATION FOR THE EL JARAL NEIGHBORHOOD
AND ADJACENT SEGMENT OF MONTOYA ROAD NORTHWEST.

WHEREAS, the El Jaral section of the villa del Albuquerque
was founded in 1706 for the purpose of farming and agricultural
activities as a source of food supplies; and

WHEREAS, the acequia Madre de Duranes was constructed to
provide water to irrigate the farmlands of the community; and

WHEREAS, since the founding of the villa del Albuquerque,
the residents of El Jaral have farmed the area using water from
the acequia Madre de Duranes, which is thought to be the oldest
currently operating agricultural ditch in North America; and

WHEREAS, the El Jaral neighborhood is currently zoned as
"residential-agricultural-2" and serves as an urban green zone

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1 area for the purpose of farming and maintaining livestock
2 within Albuquerque; and

3 WHEREAS, many urban centers in the United States have been
4 struggling to establish urban green zones to improve the
5 quality of life for their residents; and

6 WHEREAS, it is much less costly to preserve an existing
7 green zone area than to create one out of an already developed
8 urban area; and

9 WHEREAS, the El Jaral area is starting to suffer adverse
10 environmental and economic impacts resulting from urban sprawl;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the primary and economically feasible street
13 access into the El Jaral neighborhood is via a one-lane segment
14 of Montoya road northwest; and

15 WHEREAS, access to the neighborhood from any other road is
16 logistically unrealistic; and

17 WHEREAS, the current design and structure of Montoya road
18 northwest are severely inadequate to meet the needs of expanded
19 development in the El Jaral area; and

20 WHEREAS, accommodating needed changes to this segment of
21 Montoya road northwest will impose extensive changes to the
22 existing residences and property lines of existing residences;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, zone changes on Montoya road northwest would
25 significantly impact the historical agricultural character of

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1 the El Jaral community;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the city of
4 Albuquerque be requested to maintain the residential-
5 agricultural-2 zoning designation for the El Jaral community
6 and the adjacent segment of Montoya road northwest; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the Albuquerque city council and the mayor of
9 Albuquerque.