

THE NEW DEAL; A TRANSFORMATIVE PLAN TO RESTORE HOPE AND BUILD A THRIVING ECONOMIC FOUNDATION FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF DISTRICT SIX

PREAMBLE

The District Six Coalition of Neighborhoods is proposing a New Deal for those communities within the South- Eastern Sector of District Six. The New Deal is a Comprehensive Development Plan designed to provide economic development and reform through the joint effort of the City, County, State and Federal government that would provide sustained funding for a period of Five Years. The South- Eastern Sector of District Six, a political subdivision of the City of Albuquerque, has been neglected and underrepresented for decades. The New Deal contends that the laissez-faire approach by the City Government needs to be disregarded and replaced by an aggressive economic plan with measurable, evidence based, annual outcomes.

The communities, east of the Red Line, have been plagued by the neglect and failure of City Government to address the behavioral health, economic development and public safety needs of this predominantly Blue-Collar population. It should be noted that the South- Eastern section of District Six is still reeling from the Covid 19 Pandemic. The lack of economic opportunity for most of the Blue-Collar Population continues to expose and exacerbate the inability of City Government to develop and implement an Economic Master Plan.

CITY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE A RIDDLE, WRAPPED IN A MYSTERY INSIDE AN ENIGMA. This must stop.

## THE PLAN

The New Deal is comprised of:

Community Coalitions and Neighborhoods joining together with the government to promote and implement "big ideas" which will drive public investment, infrastructure, job growth; to grow small business by making public funding available to Blue Collar Entrepreneurs. The goal is to build public confidence through democratic reforms that will bring opportunity within the reach of those living in the South Eastern Sector of District Six. The implementation of the New Deal will begin the re-birth, the economic transformation for the communities found in the South-Eastern quadrant of District Six, transforming them from a neglected and forgotten sector of Albuquerque, plagued by homelessness, crime and economic stagnation to a model residential community that is healthy, safe and business friendly. Proactive behavioral health programs, affordable housing, small business development and public safety will be transformative for the communities across District 6. The goal is to make life better for all Citizens through economic prosperity.

The New Deal for District Six is a Five-Year Program that is driven by a comprehensive Economic Master Plan supported by sustained public funding. The New Deal is a 50-million-dollar, five-year program, with 10 million to be appropriated on an annual basis. The monies would be received by the County Government who would serve as Fiscal Agent.

The New Deal for District Six is based on three guiding principles;

Public Health, necessary to healthy families and a vibrant workforce.

The population of D-6 for decades has been thrown into the cycle of poverty at birth, without hope for a positive future; a better tomorrow. Many of these under acknowledged and under supported generations end up in the criminal justice system, with mental health and substance abuse issues, with

increasing numbers of children placed in Child Protective Services.

Economic Development, is necessary to transform the South- Eastern Sector of District Six into a thriving economic hub.

Public Safety, necessary for a safe environment that will attract families and sustained public and private sector growth.

The New Deal “will make life better” for all citizens, especially Blue-Collar Families. It will transform the South-Eastern Sector of District Six into a thriving, healthy and safe environment; into a community of neighborhoods that will have a sustainable, positive future. The New Deal will allow Blue-Collar families to look out of their kitchen windows and see a better day; a positive future for their children.

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