

District 5 Newsletter



City Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego



City Councilor Cynthia Borrego vision for District 5 is demonstrating good progress to include crime, infrastructure, economic development and neighborhood level projects. District 5 remains the District with the lowest numbers across all crime categories.

Councilor Borrego continues to work to ensure Paseo del Norte is a Council priority through her advocacy for the Quarter Cent Transportation Deficiency Bond Bill (R-47, O-31). Approved by City Council on September 9th, R-47 and O-31 specify \$12 million for Paseo's expansion from Rainbow to Calle Nortena. These funds will be used to build the first expansion phase of Paseo del Norte from Kimmick to Unser.

Funding for Paseo del Norte design was held in tact during the 2020 State Legislative Special Session. The State Legislature approved \$2.1 million in 2019 and \$1.9 million in 2020 for Paseo del Norte. This funding provides enough money to begin design and right-of way acquisition for Paseo's expansion. The Transportation design engineer for Paseo is already in the field performing survey work. McMahon Blvd. saw similar recognition at the 2019 State Legislature retaining funding in the amount of \$300,000 for its design to expand the roadway from Rockcliff Dr. to Anasazi Ridge Ave. /Kayenta St. Westside Blvd.'s expansion is funded at the federal level and scheduled to begin construction in 2021.

Interior neighborhood park Piedras Marcadas' improvements are completed with \$86,000 in State funding advocated for by Councilor Borrego and neighborhood representatives. Please visit the park at Eagle Ranch Rd. and Ranch Central now offering ADA accessible parking. Additionally, District 5 bus stops are undergoing improvements—one complete at Homestead and Taylor Ranch Rd. funded by \$20,000 in state funding, and another covered bus stop improvement planned at Eagle Ranch and Paseo del Norte at a cost of \$150,000 partially funded by State capital outlay, and partially funded by Councilor GO Bonds (District 5 set-aside) and Transit Department funding. Additionally, District-5's Rapid Ride recently underwent upgrades with a new bus and naming--ArtX. Median beautification on Homestead and Taylor Ranch Rd. at a cost of \$267,000 as funded by District 5 set-aside/GO Bonds and State Capital Outlay, are almost complete. The District 5 Business Nodes' Market development project is also moving forward to completion of Unser and McMahon node's organizational plan. Due to the ample patio space at this location, a few events will occur in person including a Small Business Resource Fair at 11:00 a.m. on September 29th at Tractor on McMahon and Unser. Pizza and sodas will be served (See McMahon/Unser Node Brochure at <https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-5/unser-and-mcmahon-brochure>).





Councilor Borrego took on the task of supplying Albuquerque Businesses with the tools and funding to weather COVID-19, successfully applying for Federal CARES Act funding. “I was proud to have sponsored and gained approval for three resolutions permitting business outdoor expansion (R-57, O-16, O-23). I further advocated and found approval for \$1 million to fund small businesses’ acquisition of personal protection equipment (F/S R-73 Amendment, Borrego), as well as \$500,000 in funding for restaurant and retail outdoor expansion equipment such as tent shades and air-conditioning (R-78)”.



Recently Councilor Borrego announced the procurement of advanced computers and technology for APD’s Crimes Against Children Unit at a cost of \$1563/computer. All City Councilor’s contributed to this technology purchase for APD at Councilor Borrego’s request. Finally, Councilor Borrego initiated R-75--Strengthening and Re-affirming the City of Albuquerque’s Commitment to Addressing Racial and Social Inequity. Passed September 9, 2020, R-75 is crafted to ingrain equity considerations into the City’s hiring, community investment, and budget models as well as requiring equity training for Director’s and administrators as designed by the City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion.

Other projects in process include finalizing Paradise Blvd. improvements, Swimming Pool Improvements, hiring a designer for the Cibola Loop Community Complex Multi-Generational Center and finalizing RFP applicants for the Cibola Loop Community Complex Housing component. With targeted leadership and community collaborations, District 5 will continue to offer exceptional quality of life and opportunities to its residents and businesses.

Residents Resources

- If you are displaying symptoms, contact the New Mexico Department of Health at 1-855-600-3453.
- If you need assistance with childcare, food, diapers, etc., check the City’s website, [here](#).
- If you are in an unsafe environment due to domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).
- To get information on Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, click [here](#), or contact 505-266-1900.
- The New Mexico Crisis and Access Line has counselors available 24/7 to speak at 855-662-7474.
- The Department of Senior Affairs can be reached at 505-764-6400. A full list of resources available for seniors can be found [here](#).
- The Child Abuse Hotline can be reached at 505-841-6100.
- For Adult Protective Services, contact 505-476-4912.
- The Agora Center is available at 505-277-3013

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