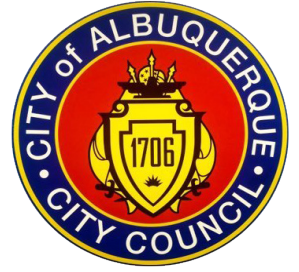


District 5 Newsletter



City Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego



This year has brought many challenges and opportunities to demonstrate our care for one another, and our resilience as a people, and community when challenged in the midst of a pandemic. Thank You for believing and supporting each other with your superpowers of human kindness, innovation, and consideration so important at this time.

As we prepare for the coming of 2021, our NM State Legislature funding priorities persist despite the tightened State budget. Paseo del Norte's expansion, though well on its way with approximately \$17.6 million secured, remains a priority for my administration. I am focused on obtaining funding to complete the realignment of McMahan Blvd. between Ridgecrest Dr. and Kayenta St., another important road safety project in District 5. The Cibola Loop Multigenerational Community Complex Community Center is in its design phase. It is planned to eventually include the community center, a library, and pool, with an affordable housing component focused on seniors. This Community Center is at the forefront of our Legislative priority list.

At the request of the American Heart Association, Councilor Ike Benton and I recently sponsored **Memorial-20-4 Urging The State Legislature Of The State of New Mexico To Repeal Statutory Provisions Preempting Stricter County And Municipal Regulations Of The Sale of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices.** This memorial asks the New Mexico State Legislature to allow the City of Albuquerque and other local governing bodies to regulate the sale of tobacco products at the local level, as studies show that targeting local tobacco use is effective in the prevention of underage smoking, and vaping.



In the 2021 State Legislature, I am also advocating for legislation to strengthen protections for crimes against NM children. As always, I will be working with local legislators to find ways to both fund and advance children's education, health, safety and welfare in Bernalillo County and New Mexico.

Demonstrating compassion is not necessarily limited to our human companions. My office recently donated \$500 to Albuquerque's Animal Welfare Department. The Department is conducting a donation drive through December 31st to collect beds and toys for shelter animals. For a listing of drop-off locations, go to www.cabq.gov/pets



District 5's family safety and welfare are a primary focus under my City Council watch. This year, January through November the average rate of auto burglaries per month was 46, the average rate of residential burglaries per month was 16, and the average rate of stolen vehicles reported per month was 37. Commercial burglaries per month from January to November averaged 9. District 5 exhibits some of the lowest numbers in theft violations in the City is due to the excellent watch of APD's NW Area Command.



In other areas related to family, we recently allotted \$22,874.50 to design the playground at Petroglyph Park. To the neighborhood's credit, residents actively sought support for the project through a petition, and we were delighted to work hand in hand with them to achieve their goal. Extensive upgrades and renovations to the Petroglyph Little League grounds at Mariposa Basin Park, funded with over \$300,000 in State Legislature Capital Outlay, are under design to be followed by construction. This park project is also a response to outreach made by the District 5 community and represents a co-operative vision formed with State Legislators.

In other news, I recently approved funding in the amount of \$14,336 for Radar Feedback Signs placed at Universe and Irving, a site said to exhibit regular and excessive speeding. You may have also noticed the medians at Taylor Ranch are close to completion. Additional project funding for District 5 median landscapes is being sought and will be announced as it is received. I also advocated for and received approval for an additional WiFi hotspot to be located in District 5 for our students to access their lessons. I'm happy to announce a new hotspot is being installed near Ventana Ranch and will soon be activated.

Stay safe and please follow all COVID-19 Precautions during the Holidays! From my District 5 Office to your home, "We Wish You A Very Merry Christmas And A Wonderful 2021"!

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