



City of Albuquerque

Mayor Martin J. Chávez

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

December 5, 2007

TO: Brad Winter, President, Albuquerque City Council

FROM: Martin J. Chávez, Mayor, City of Albuquerque

RE: **Veto Message on O-07-64: Amending Enactment No. 0-2006-036, Council Bill No. F/S O-06-44, which Established Policy Guidelines for the Establishment of Tax Increment Development Districts in the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Specify that Tax Increment Development Districts may Only be Established in Fully Served Areas, Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas, or in Reserve Areas in which One or More Tax Increment Development Districts Have Previously Been Approved. (Cadigan)**

As a community, we have a responsibility to learn from our past; especially in the area of Albuquerque's growth and infrastructure. When the West Side began its development, the infrastructure was not fully funded. Revenues generated by the development were siphoned off by City Hall for other projects and the City has been playing catch up ever since. Albuquerque will continue to grow. Families will continue to prosper in Albuquerque and others will want to relocate to our vibrant, thriving City. Progressive communities committed to well-planned growth need to assure that there is adequate infrastructure and that the infrastructure is financed by private sector growth rather than being another burden to taxpayers. O-07-64 thwarts that need.

Albuquerque's planning needs to be harmonious with Bernalillo County. Since Bernalillo County recently passed an ordinance that closely mirrors our current Tax Increment Development District ordinance, we have an obligation to the community-at-large to make sure there is equality and consistency in the law. Under our current ordinance, the City Council has the authority to review and approve any proposed project based on its proven merits.

Finally, because this ordinance affects the entire City, it is only fair that the full council should weigh-in. This debate which has been postponed four times was decided when only five of the nine members were present. Complete representation will yield a healthy debate on this matter which in turn will make for better public policy.

I hereby exercise my veto authority and apply it to O-07-64 that was passed at the City Council meeting of **December 3, 2007**.