WEST SIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE/ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION AND METRIC USED FOR THE TERM “DENSITY” WITHIN THE IDO

Whereas, the public has been asked to provide input into the 2019 Annual IDO Update process and;
Whereas, the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA) is a collaborative organization, comprised of Neighborhood Associations from throughout the City of Albuquerque's West Side;
Whereas, WSCONA's purpose is to reach consensus on broad, common concerns and whereas, over a series of meetings and interactions with public officials WSCONA has identified several community-wide issues, each of which includes short and long-range concerns and;
Whereas, WSCONA provides a means for neighborhoods and homeowner associations, through their respective Neighborhoods' and Homeowners' Associations - a collective voice - to achieve and maintain communications on civic and neighborhood matters and;
Whereas, WSCONA provides for a means to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and whereas; WSCONA has a significant interest in the IDO amendment process and resultant changes to the IDO and;
Whereas, ‘Density’ is a term referenced throughout the IDO and Comprehensive Plan - yet unlike our sector plans - is not defined and;
Whereas, ‘Density’ has many meanings in the context of planning, ranging from lot area to dwelling units per acre - it would appear that the only differentiating metric in the IDO between high, medium and low-density - is building height. Yet, height alone does not define density and;
Whereas, it is inconsistent (for but one example), for the IDO to reference the term “low-density multi-family residential” multiple times without the provision of supporting information to clarify the distinction between “low-density multi-family” and other multi-family categories;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that WSCONA requests that the City Council and the Environmental Planning Committee clarify the definition and metric used for ‘Density’ in developing the IDO and further - numerically quantify the terms: “high-density”, “medium-density” and “low-density.”