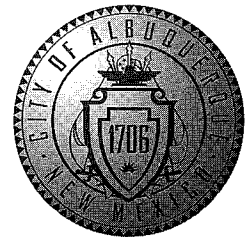


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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

November 14, 2019

City of Albuquerque
City Council
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Project #2018-001843
RZ-2019-00063 – Text Amendment

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The above Amendment of the IDO Text - City Wide. O-19-78 Amending 14-16-6-2(E) of the Integrated Development Ordinance to add 2 at Large members to the EPC.
Staff Planner: Russell Brito

On November 14, 2019 the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to forward a recommendation of Denial to the City Council of Project 2018-001843/RZ-2019-00063, Text Amendment to the IDO Amending 14-16-6-2(E), based on the following findings:

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1. This is a proposed Amendment to the text of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO), Council Bill O-19-78, to alter the composition of the Environmental Planning Commission by adding two at-large, Mayor-appointed members to the EPC subject to the advice and consent of the City Council (14-16-6-2(E)).
2. Pursuant to IDO section 14-16-6-7(D)(1), all applications to amend the text of the IDO, with two exceptions, are subject to the procedure set forth in IDO section 14-16-6-7(D)(2)(c) which states that the EPC shall conduct a public hearing on text amendment applications and shall make a recommendation to the City Council.
3. The proposed text amendment is a political representation issue and not directly related to an actual or potential land use matter.
4. Comprehensive Plan Guiding Principle, Equity: The proposed IDO text amendment will violate the principle of equity because it will result in “double representation” from two Council Districts, or potentially a single Council District could have “triple representation” on the EPC. The resulting “slight” felt by residents and stakeholders in 7 or 8 of the 9 Council Districts could serve to undermine the integrity and effectiveness of the EPC to carry out the required duties given to them by the Council.
5. The matter is not urgent in light that the upcoming 2020 US Census will provide guidance to the City Council on whether it is necessary and equitable to increase the

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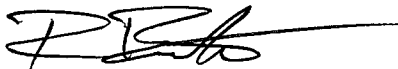
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number of Council Districts to reflect population increases and then increase the number of representatives of the EPC commensurate with representational government.

6. City Charter: The proposed amendment would conflict with the separation of powers prescribed by the City Charter in that it delegates Council power to the Mayor and may be construed to exert unjust political influence on the decision-making body of the EPC.
7. The inevitable double or triple EPC representation for a Council District could lead to unjust and unavoidable negative consequences.
8. All contact persons for all Recognized Neighborhood Associations (NAs) were notified of this proposed text amendment to the IDO. Staff received one comment from the Inez NA that does not support the proposal to add two at-large members to the EPC.

Sincerely,


For Brennon Williams
Planning Director

BW/RB

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See attachment for list of Neighborhood Association Representatives who will receive this notice via mail