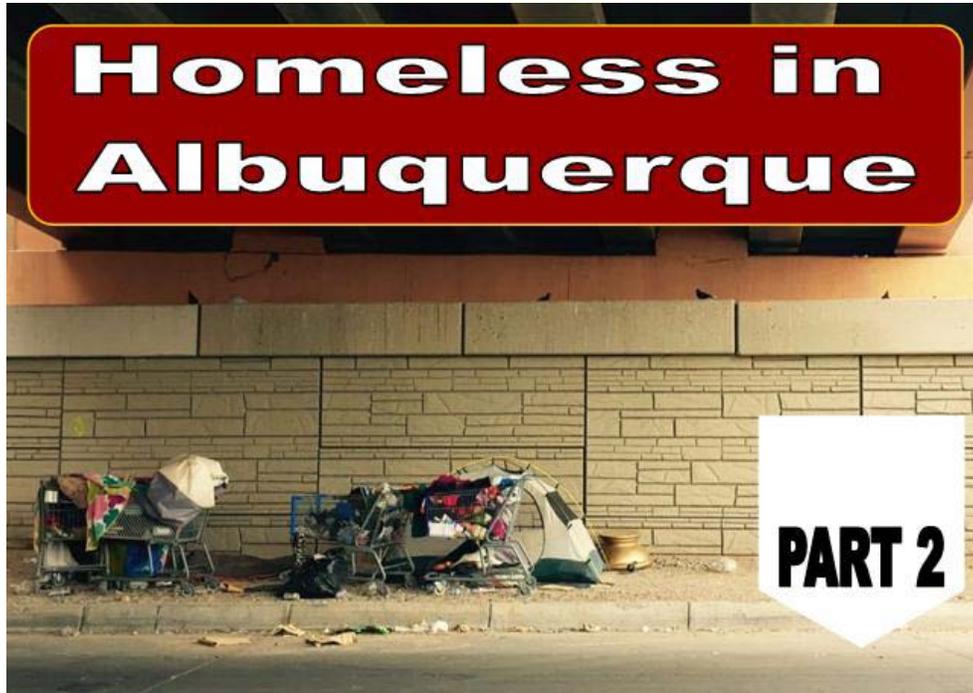


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PART 2
"SAFE OUTDOOR SPACES"
From Integrated Development Ordinance



We The People New Mexico continues its **3 Part Series** on the **EPC Striking Down “Saf Outdoor Spaces”**.

*Thank you to all of you that took action to stall a plan that will not solve a very complex problem especially when there is a real plan that does work. **Our Republic** form of government works when the Citizens become involved.*

*We the people are watching. It is just another battle in this war to *bring back our beautiful city* and truly *help the Homeless to become successful moving out of homelessness*.*

PART 2

From Pete Dinelli

EPC Votes To Recommend Striking “Safe Outdoor Spaces” From Integrated Development Ordinance

MAYOR KELLER VETOS MORATORIUM OF SAFE OUTDOOR SPACES

On Monday, August 15, the City Council passed the moratorium on a 6 to 3 vote that barred the City Planning Department from accepting or approving any pending applications for “**Safe Outdoor Spaces**”. Before passing the moratorium, the City Council amended the bill to ensure that the moratorium stopped the City Planning Department from approving any “**pending**” applications and to add language stopping the city from authorizing any “**Safe Outdoor Space**” on city property. Under the legislation, a complete moratorium was to be in effect until August 1, 2023, unless the City Council enacts a separate bill removing them totally from the zoning code. The vote was bipartisan. Voting **YES** for the moratorium where Republicans Brook Bassam

Renee Grout, Trudy Jones, and Dan Lewis who were joined by Democrats Klarissa Peña and Louie Sanchez. Voting “**NO**” on the moratorium were Democrats Isaac Benton, Pat Davis and Tammy Fiebelcorn.

On Friday, August 26, in a late afternoon and what amounts to a “*sneaky announcement*” to ensure little media attention, Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller announced he vetoed the Albuquerque City Council legislation that placed a moratorium on “**Safe Outdoor Spaces.**” Keller argued in his veto message that the city cannot afford to limit its options for addressing homelessness and said he understood how new policies sometimes take time to refine after testing. Keller wrote in part in his veto message:

“We need every tool at our disposal to confront the unhoused crisis and we need to be willing to act courageously. ... However, reasonable time, testing and piloting has not been allowed”.

The link to the quoted news source article is here:

<https://www.abqjournal.com/2527750/new-keller-veto-aims-to-save-safe-outdoor-spaces.html>

COUNCIL FAILS TO OVERRIDE VETO

On **September 7**, the Albuquerque City Council voted “**NO**” to override Democrat Mayor Tim Keller’s veto of a one-year moratorium on the application process for “Safe Outdoor Spaces”. In order to override the veto, 6 **YES** votes were needed. The 4 who voted NO to override were Republican Trudy Jones who joined Democrats Isaac Benton, Pat Davis and Tammy Fiebelcorn. The 5 who voted YES to override the veto. Were Republicans Brook Bassam, Renee Grout, and Dan Lewis who were joined by Democrats Klarissa Peña and Louie Sanchez. During the September 8 city council meeting, discussion about the veto went on for more than an hour. The city council heard from more than 15 people who signed up to comment, and from several councilors who spoke both for and against Safe Outdoor Spaces.

What is interesting to note is that City Councilor Trudy Jones for more than a few days ignored or would not respond to calls and questions from her constituents who wanted to voice their support for the veto and who wanted to know how she intended to vote. During the September 8 City Council debate on the veto, Jones remained stoically silent and then when the time came to vote, she voted **NO** without any explanation for her reversal.

Councilor Jones in an interview after the vote was asked why she changed her vote and she had this to say:

“It’s the right thing to do. ... Sometimes, along the line, you have to stick your neck out and do what’s right, not what is politically expected.”

The links to quoted news sources are here

<https://www.abqjournal.com/category/news/abq-news>

<https://www.kob.com/new-mexico/albuquerque-city-council-fails-to-override-veto-of-safe-outdoor-spaces/>

COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS

What is clear from the EPC vote is that what is now occurring within the city is a prolonged political battle to prohibit Safe Outdoor Spaces from being allowed throughout the city, a battle that is being lost by the public. This is not just an issue of “**not in my back yard**” syndrome, but one of hostility against elected officials, especially Mayor Tim Keller, who are mishandling the city’s homeless crisis despite millions and millions being spent each year to help the homeless with little or no progress being made by Keller and with the homeless crisis becoming even worse.

It is an epic political battle being waged between the city’s elected officials and the general public. On one side of the battle are elected the city’s elected officials of Democrat Mayor Tim Keller and Democrats City Councilors Isaac Benton, Pat Davis and Tammy Fiebelcorn and Republican Trudy Jones and City Departments who feel they know best for the city and public. All 5 are hell bent on creating “**Safe Outdoor Spaces**” and cramming them down the public

and their constituents' throats ignoring city ordinances and the city's housing first policy and without public input and contrary to public opinion.
On the other side of the issue is the general voting public who by all accounts are extremely hostile and who are opposed to temporary homeless tent encampments known as "Safe Outdoor Spaces." Notwithstanding the objections of property owners and voters, Keller and the 4 city councilors believe they know best and intend to go forward with **Safe Outdoor Spaces**.

Remember,
Part 3 will be
released tomorrow

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