UPDATE: MIDTOWN MOVING FORWARD

## July 14 – ENN Meeting on Long-Term Land Use and Zoning Plans

Virtual Meeting Will Not Discuss Encampment Proposal

SANTA FE, July 12 – The Midtown Early Neighborhood Notification (ENN) meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will be hosted via Zoom (link available here). The meeting will not be in-person in the City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting will focus solely on proposed permanent land uses for the site master plan, rezoning, general plan amendment, and LINC overlay amendment of the 64-acre midtown property, which includes the former College of Santa Fe/SFUAD campus, as well as certain adjacent government owned lands.

The City of Santa Fe must move forward with a zoning change in order to implement and incorporate the public's feedback and desires for the site identified over the course of the robust community engagement campaign. Changing the zoning from residential to commercial is the first required step in achieving the long-term goals, which include:

- a mixed-use center with new homes
- Affordable Housing
- jobs and creative enterprises
- public open spaces
- the expansion of film production
- educational uses

"The ENN marks a pivotal moment in the process for our long term goals. These are the types of development that members of the community have said they want to see at Midtown in a thorough and extensive public engagement campaign, and years of preliminary planning," said Mayor Webber. "The plan is going into effect to create a dynamic, welcoming, mixed-use urban center that is uniquely Santa Fe and founded on the principles of sustainable and equitable development."

The City is using a model of planning that allows for incremental development over time. It also provides opportunities for local small- and medium- sized developers to redevelop individual parcels, and for master developers to redevelop large blocks or acres.

## **Next Steps:**

## Request for Proposals (RFP)

The City will be putting out Request for Proposals (RFP's) that will allow for increased business activity at Midtown. The RFP's will be issued in August for the following:

- rehabilitation and reuse of the Visual Arts Center
- the Greer Garson Performance Theater
- expansion of the Garson Production Studios

These projects will transform the site and bring people back to Midtown. The City is also assessing the Fogelson Library Complex for possible use as a Public Library and Community Creativity Center.

## Encampment Proposal Town Hall with Community Partners Will be Announced Soon!

The City and other community partners will host a town hall to discuss the encampment proposal and receive feedback from the community. Details for the town hall will be forthcoming. The City will not receive feedback on the encampments proposal during the ENN meeting on July 14.