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February 10, 2012

The Honorable Richard J. Berry
Mayor
City Hall, 11th floor
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dear Mayor Berry:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, and the hundreds of residents and dozens of businesses in East Downtown, we request that you not approve any City Council action that would move the District 3 Council seat to the West Side.

The reasons for this request are outlined in the attached memo and aerial photo we previously provided to City Council, and about which we have testified in front of them on several occasions.

There are two other reasons for our request:

1. Should you approve such an action, such approval is likely to result in protracted litigation, which is not in the best shared interests of a cohesive city.
2. Should you not approve such an action, we believe you will be viewed as a statesman who rose above geographic bias and partisan politics, acting in the best interest of the city.

I, and any of our Board members, would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter.

Sincerely and with best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terry Keene'.

Terry Keene
Immediate Past President and Board Member



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To: City Council

From: Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Inc., dba EDo
Neighborhood Association

Date: December 9, 2011

Subject: City Council District 3/Albuquerque's Original "New
Town"

We write to request that City Council District 3 remain
substantially in its current form, for the following reasons:

1. Its compactness.
2. Its contiguity.
3. Its diversity and its substantial minority populations.
4. The strength of its "community of interest" – perhaps the
strongest community of interest in the City.

Why do we say this? History. From 1880 to 1940, other than
Old Town, the land comprising current District 3 WAS the City
of Albuquerque.

During this 60 years, there were created New Town (now
Downtown), Huning Highlands (of which EDo is now a part),
UNM and University Neighborhood, Silver Hills, Reynolds
Addition, Martineztown, Santa Barbara, South Broadway,
Downtown Neighborhood, Spruce Park, and all the other
historic neighborhoods that have been here for anywhere from
91 to 131 years.

See the attached photo from 1940 – other than Old Town
(District 2) and the very beginnings of Nob Hill (District 6),
everything in view is District 3 today.

As in 2001, we believe the most reasonable approach, one for
which there is precedent, is to merge a central one of the four
Northeast Heights districts into the remaining three Northeast
Heights districts, to create the needed new West Side district.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.