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Subject: Recommendation to Adopt the East Mesa Community Blueprint

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The East Mesa Community Blueprint (EMCB) is a City of Las Cruces (CLC) planning document initiated by residents of the east mesa neighborhood (located south of Cortez Drive and east of Porter Drive) with the intent of establishing policies to protect and enhance their unique neighborhood and surrounding area.

The EMCB is based on public input gathered during three neighborhood meetings between October 2012 and March 2013. At the request of the area residents and participants at the first neighborhood meeting, the planning area for the blueprint was expanded to include adjacent properties in the Extra-Territorial Zoning (ETZ) area. Subsequently, all property owners within the blueprint planning area, including those in the ETZ, were notified of neighborhood meetings and public hearings. Along with county residents, Doña Ana County (DAC) planning staff were also involved in the blueprint process. Meeting summaries and public input can be viewed on the CLC website at www.las-cruces.org/eastmesablueprint.

The Las Cruces City Council adopted the EMCB by resolution in October, 2013. One of the recommendations in the blueprint is to encourage DAC to recognize/use the blueprint during the ETZ development review process. Therefore, staff requests that the ETZ Commission provide a recommendation to the Extra-Territorial Zoning Authority to adopt, by resolution, the East Mesa Community Blueprint.

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