

## **Economic Development in the International District**

### **Transformation of the International District Through Economic Development**

The human suffering in this area needs to stop. Period. We need to empower this community to strengthen home and business ownership and economic development.

### **How Economic Development Can Help**

Economic development in the International District will attract more qualified workers to the Albuquerque area. This will keep people safer in all areas of District 6. To ignore the growing poverty of our people in the International District is to ignore our whole district.

### **We Need Active Leaders**

It is vital that city councilors encourage community members in the International District to become active leaders in their community. We also need to encourage home and business ownership to amplify the voices of those in the International District. As your city councilor, I will encourage a bottom-up approach that encourages the people of the International District to invest, even if it is just small investments that together make a big change in our communities. Important decisions should be made by the people in a community most likely to be impacted.

### **Walkability and Beautification Projects**

The International District should be getting the same resources as Nob Hill: lights, murals, and other safety and beautification projects. It is time that we recognize the assets of the International District and support its businesses and neighborhoods.

### **The Walmart Issue**

Walmart was recently closed in the International District, creating a food desert and a lack of other vital resources. I do not support the city buying the property, but rather the private sector must invest in this property and redevelop Walmart with the input of the community. The Walmart property should be a resource to the community, rather than a burden.