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Economic Development Department announces new Arts and Culture Plans for Las Vegas and Silver City

SANTA FE, NM – The Economic Development Department and New Mexico MainStreet announce that the Arts and Cultural Districts of Las Vegas and Silver City have unveiled their Arts and Cultural District Plans. These documents detail the future development and creative collaboration planned for each district within these communities.

The Arts and Cultural Districts are a unique joint effort between the New Mexico Department of Economic Development's MainStreet Program, the Department of Tourism's Scenic Byways Program, and the Department of Cultural Affairs' Divisions of New Mexico Arts and Historic Preservation. These cultural plans were created by community representatives, artists, artisan and cultural entrepreneurs from the local creative economy to establish a collaborative pathway for the future development, support and promotion of the district.

"I would like to congratulate Las Vegas and Silver City in their efforts to continue to move their Arts and Culture Districts forward. It is important for communities to take advantage of our State's unique cultural diversity and strong history of artistry to help grow their economic base," said Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón.

The goal of the program is for communities to turn their dynamic arts and cultural environment into commerce, tourism, artistic growth, and civic pride. Each district leverages their artistic, historic and cultural institutional resources to develop and support the growth of the creative economy.

Arts and Culture Plans are sponsored in part by the McCune Foundation, the Museum of New Mexico Foundation and the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business Economic Research.

For more information on the New Mexico Arts and Cultural District Program or to review the District plans, please log on to the New Mexico Economic Development Department site, www.goNM.biz.

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