

# Albuquerque Model City Council Curriculum

## District Score Card

What makes your City Council district a good place to live?

If you were a city councilor, how would you grade your district? Does it feel like it's alive and growing or does it feel old and run down, like it's not getting what it needs to be vibrant and dynamic?

For each category below, rate your district on a scale of 1 to 10.

**Remember, a city councilor represents everyone in the district: children, teenagers, parents, single people, older people, men, women, people from different cultures, business owners, consumers, and all education and income levels.**

1. **Housing:** Is there a range of housing opportunities for all different incomes or are all the choices of places to live pretty much the same?

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
few choices									a wide range of housing choices

Comments:

2. **Safety:** Is the district safe to walk around in, even after dark?

*"The measure of a good city is one where a child on a tricycle or bicycle can safely go anywhere. –Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia"*

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
not safe									very safe

Comments:

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3. Transportation: How accessible is your district by bus? Are the roads in good repair? Are there bicycle routes? Is it easy to walk around?

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
little access to buses unrepaired roads; few bike routes								easy access to buses roads in good repair; bike routes	

Comments:

4. **Shopping:** Are there food stores with good quality and selection of foods at affordable prices? Are there clothing stores with good quality and selection of clothes at affordable prices? Do you have to leave your neighborhood to shop?

*"Studies have shown that people who live in communities with greater access to supermarkets, they eat more fresh fruits and vegetables -- surprise. ... they just have to have access to the foods that they know will make their families healthier."*

-Michelle Obama

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
few supermarkets, clothing stores and other stores								many supermarkets, clothing stores, and other stores	

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5. **Parks:** Are there trees, yards, benches, and public spaces in which to walk and sit? How far do residents have to go to get to the nearest park? Are there any dog parks?

*"A great city is one where people want to go out of their homes. Public space is a magical good, and it never ceases to yield pleasure. ... Just as a bird needs to fly, fish need to swim and deer need to run, we need to walk."*

-Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
few parks, including dog parks								many parks, including dog parks	

Comments:

6. **Recreation:** Are there playgrounds, fields, basketball courts or other sports facilities? Is there an indoor gym people have access to?

*"If we can build a successful city for children, we will have a successful city for all people."*

-Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
few places for recreation								many places for recreation	

Comments:



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9. **Connectedness:** Do people in your district feel like they are equals? Do they feel like they belong in their community?

*"We need to be around other people. ... most of all, we need not to be excluded. In every detail a city should reflect that human beings are sacred and that they are equal. "*

–Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
not much sense of equality community							a good sense of equality and community		

Comments::

10. **Creativity:** Does your district feel like a place people can grow, be creative, innovate, start a business?

*"City Hall, through its Innovation District plans ... wants to make Albuquerque a destination of choice for the young, the creative, the innovative, the entrepreneurial ... that design software, harness social media for business, find new energy sources, create fashion, make movies, invent molecules and modify genes."*

–Winthrop Quigley, Albuquerque Journal

<http://www.abqjournal.com/597101/arts-crucial-for-growing-abqs-economy.html>

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
creativity discouraged							creativity encouraged		

Comments: