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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
1996**

INTRODUCED BY  
CYNTHIA NAVA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF  
THE COSTS OF SPRAWL AND EVALUATION OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
ALTERNATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the sixth fastest-growing state in  
the country with a three and two-tenths percent population  
increase from 1993 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, growth and development provide opportunities and  
challenges for the future of the land of enchantment; and

WHEREAS, many of our decisions affecting growth and  
development are fragmented, inconsistent and contradict  
community-wide goals; and

WHEREAS, piecemeal and fragmented development decisions

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1 engender unintended costs to the state and local government  
2 treasuries and unintended consequences that are long-term and  
3 often irreversible; and

4 WHEREAS, sprawl changes our communities forever, imposing  
5 economic, social and environmental costs for all New Mexicans;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, coordinated planning can address the effects of  
8 growth, maximizing its benefits and minimizing its costs, while  
9 balancing the interests of rural and urban communities, public  
10 and private sectors and new and ancient cultures; and

11 WHEREAS, planning and cooperation for quality development  
12 can integrate social values, market values and ecological values  
13 to guide us toward a healthy and sustainable future;

14 WHEREAS, planning is critical to protecting property  
15 values, preventing nuisances and reducing public costs; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's planning and zoning statutes were  
17 first enacted in 1965 and have not been substantially revised  
18 since then;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local government division of the  
21 department of finance and administration be requested to perform  
22 a comprehensive evaluation of the costs of sprawl; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following areas be  
24 specifically evaluated:

25 A. the role and function of state, regional and

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1 local agencies in the planning and development process;  
2 B. land-use and planning laws as well as the  
3 procedural aspects of policy formulation and implementation;  
4 C. the fiscal costs to the state and local  
5 government treasuries of growth; and  
6 D. statutory land-use and planning reforms of other  
7 states, including Colorado, Georgia, Washington, Virginia,  
8 Maryland, Utah, Oregon, Florida, Vermont, Maine and Hawaii; and  
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local government division  
10 of the department of finance and administration be requested to  
11 report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate  
12 interim legislative committee by December 1, 1996; and  
13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, EJennings, Rutherford

Absent: 0

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

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The roll call vote was 5 For 4 Against

Yes: 5

No: Lovejoy, Macko, Sanchez, R. R., Wallace

Excused: Hobbs, Roberts

Absent: None

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