

# INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN



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**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY  
JANUARY 2025**



## MEETING GOALS

The International District Choice Neighborhood Steering Committee hosted its third meeting on Thursday, January 30 at the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA).

The primary goal of the Steering Committee meeting was to focus on the Neighborhood Strategies. The meeting aimed to engage participants in identifying potential key neighborhood strategies. Participants were asked to identify two strategies for each of the four neighborhood topics (8 in total) that could be included as part of the Plan. Discussion focused on sharing insights from the neighborhood survey, working groups, and previous community meetings.

The following summary reflects feedback provided by various Steering Committee members. Their insights will continue to shape and inform the Plan's strategies and elements as the process evolves.



STEERING COMMITTEE BREAKOUT GROUP



## KEY FINDINGS

During the session, Steering Committee members worked in groups to identify potential key neighborhood strategies. They also explored potential project partners to enhance community input and amplify the project's impact. This collaborative exercise provided valuable perspectives that will inform actionable strategies moving forward.

Key findings from each breakout group have been organized in the following themes:

**Transportation & Mobility:** Add more stops along main corridors, and increase safety for walkability in the neighborhood.

**Parks & Recreation:** Increased attention from Parks Department to maintain parks in the ID, and host annual events for people to gather.

**Amenities & Services:** Better outreach to existing amenities, leverage spaces for housing, and address unhoused population.

**Identity, Arts & Culture:** More outreach to residents about current events, establish new partnerships with organizations in the ID.

**Community Partnerships:** Engage groups like City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation, CABQ Planning, Quaker Friends Meeting House, and more.



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# BREAKOUT GROUP 1

## Identify potential neighborhood strategies:

### Transportation & Mobility

#### Strategies:

- Work with transit department to add more bus stops
- Improve lighting along sidewalks, schools and parks

### Parks & Recreation

#### Strategies:

- Create an event in partnership with City Parks to host clean ups
- Hold national night outs at the three parks in the planning area

### Amenities & Services

#### Strategies:

- Inform community about amenities and services available in the ID
- Establish mini local community clinics in the neighborhood

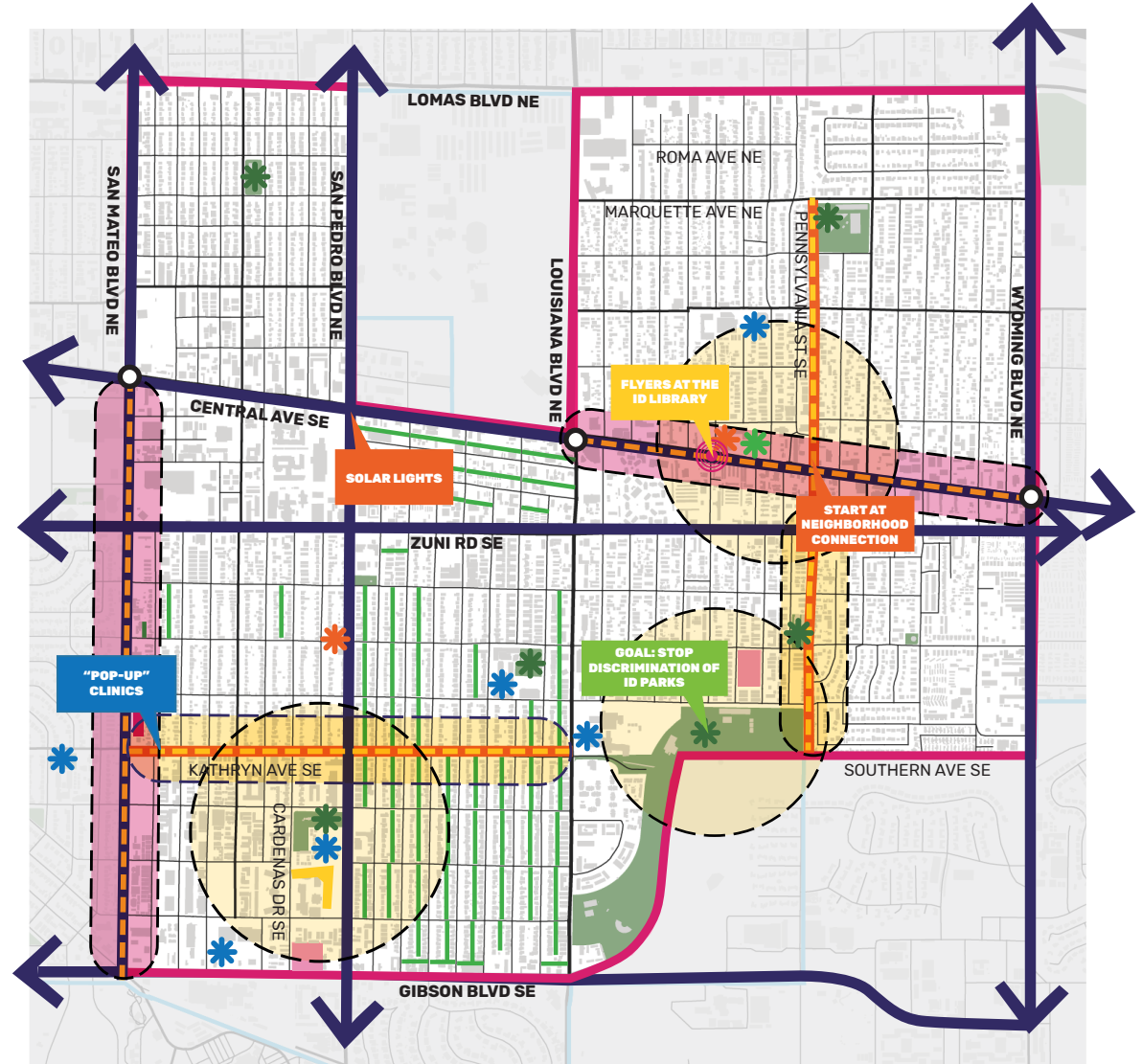
### Identity, Arts & Culture

#### Strategies:

- Spread flyers to established places where people meet

## Potential partners and connections:

- Arid LID
- Phil Chacon Park



MAP OF NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES



## BREAKOUT GROUP 2

### Identify potential neighborhood strategies:

#### Transportation & Mobility

##### Strategies:

- Enhance walkability and safety along Pennsylvania Avenue as a safe route
- Implement the planned improvements in Central corridor/walkability

#### Parks & Recreation

##### Strategies:

- Create a civic center and library
- Provide safe injection sites and designated disposals for needles

#### Amenities & Services

##### Strategies:

- Establish safe spaces for unhoused people
- Leverage fair grounds redevelopment to create a range of housing and priority investment in the surrounding area

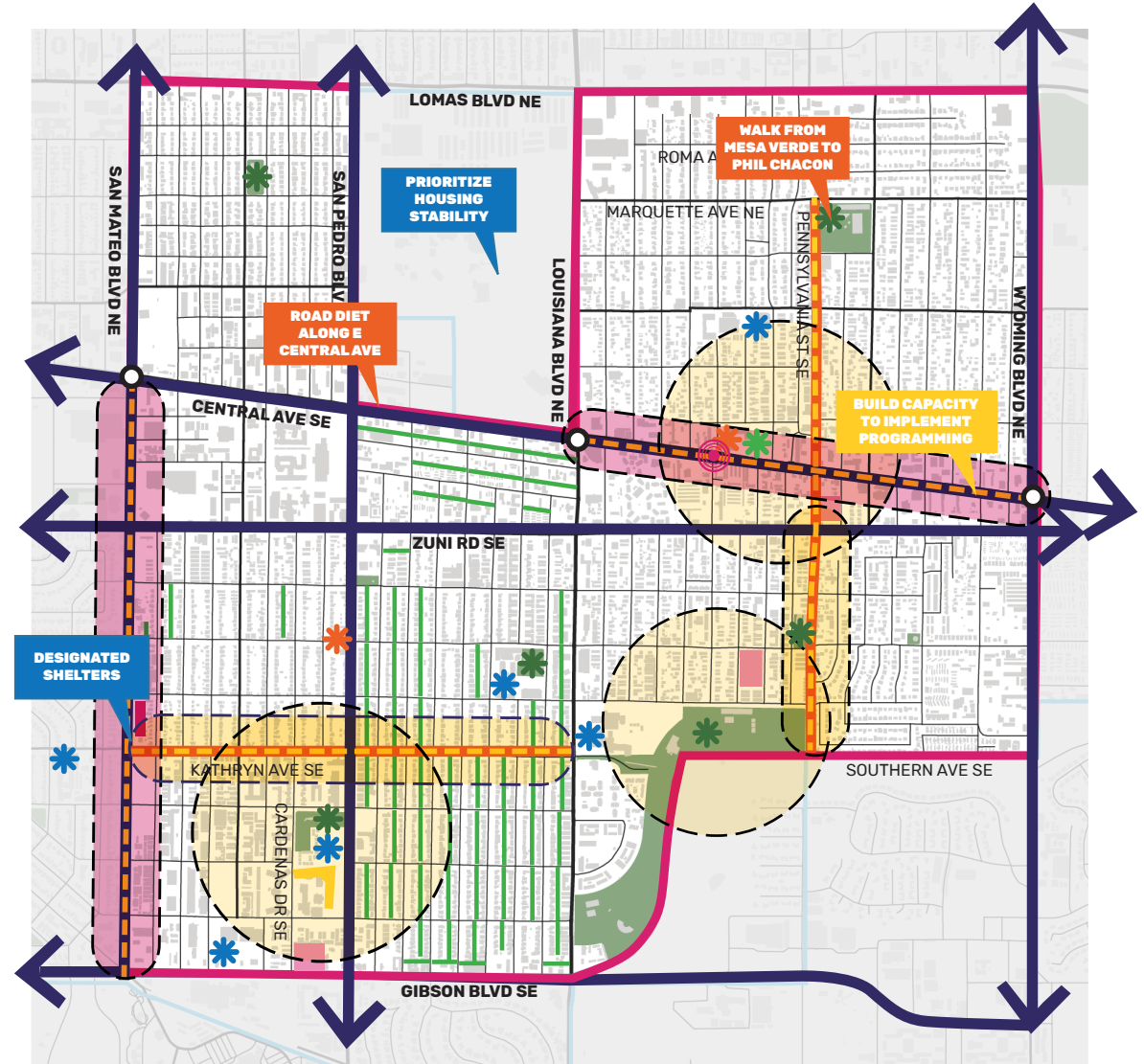
#### Identity, Arts & Culture

##### Strategies:

- Establish partnerships between faith organizations and city resources/programs

### Potential partners and connections:

- Gateway Center
- CABQ Planning
- Quaker Friends Meetings House



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## BREAKOUT GROUP 3

### Identify potential neighborhood strategies:

#### Transportation & Mobility

##### Strategies:

- Connect with ABQ Ride to create more bus stops along main streets
- Improve lighting with updated solar lights along neighborhood connections

#### Parks & Recreation

##### Strategies:

- Create annual events in City parks to get people to utilize the spaces
- Create clean up events at the parks
- Establish an adopt-a-park model where housing residents help with park maintenance and stewardship

#### Amenities & Services

##### Strategies:

- Create mini local community clinics “pop-ups” around the neighborhood
- Invite local businesses to table at annual local events

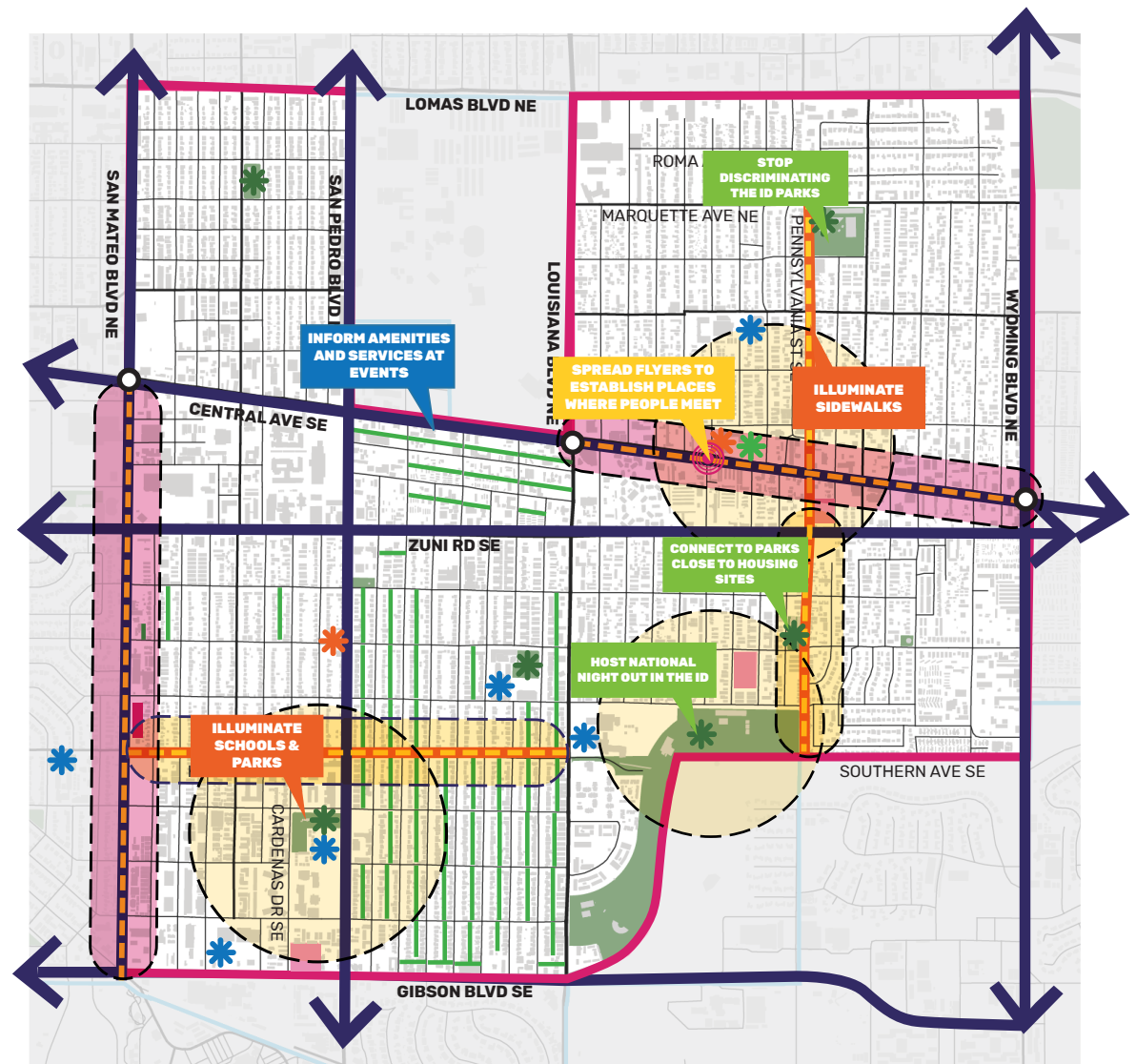
#### Identity, Arts & Culture

##### Strategies:

- Connect residents to events happening in the neighborhood

### Potential partners and connections:

- ABQ Ride
- City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation
- ID Library



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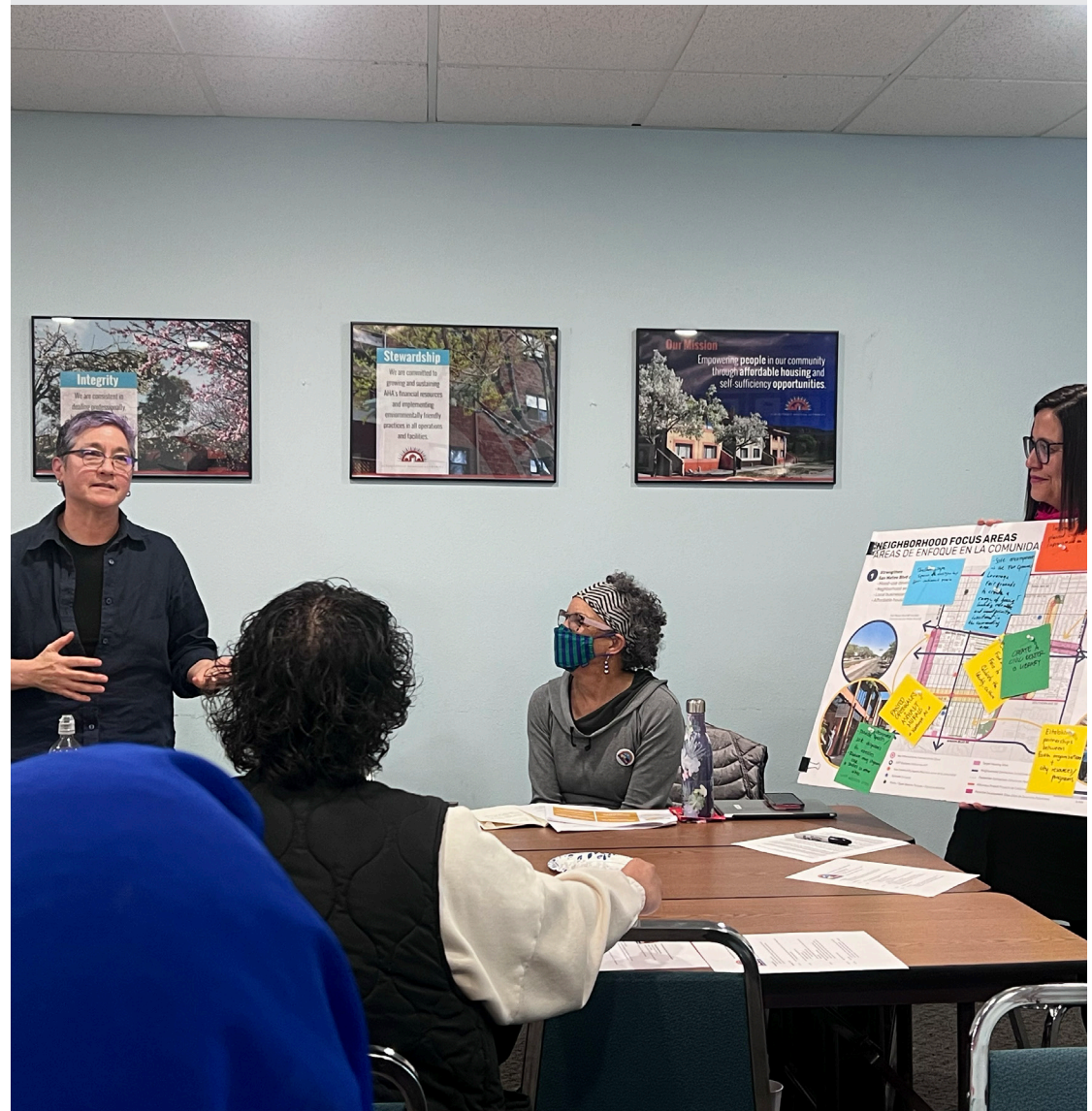
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