



# City of Las Cruces®

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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 9 Ordinance/Resolution# 17-036

For Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of September 6, 2016  
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL       LEGISLATIVE       ADMINISTRATIVE

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF 4.5 MILES OF LA LLORONA TRAIL AS PART OF THE NEW MEXICO RIO GRANDE TRAIL.

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

Authorization to support.

<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL</b>		
<b><u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u></b> Loretta M. Reyes, P.E.	<b><u>Department/Section:</u></b> Administration/Office of the City Manager	<b><u>Phone:</u></b> 528-3136
<b><u>City Manager Signature:</u></b>		

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

On April 2, 2015, legislation was signed into law establishing the Rio Grande Trail Commission. The mission of the Rio Grande Trail Commission is to plan, design, and construct a recreation trail called the "Rio Grande Trail" (RGT) that runs parallel to the Rio Grande River and extends the length of New Mexico from Texas to Colorado. The RGT will traverse a diversity of majestic New Mexico landmarks and natural and cultural landscapes including six state parks, two national wildlife refuges, and three national monuments. It will also travel through multiple governmental jurisdictions including at least ten cities with populations of more than 5,000, and 22 counties. The RGT will encompass existing trails along the planned route as well other rights of way, including new paths yet to be created. It will provide an excellent potential for economic development and recreation for the state of New Mexico and communities and small businesses along the path. In 2016 over five million people visited New Mexico state parks and outdoor recreation contributed 3.8 billion dollars of annual economic impact throughout New Mexico.

Las Cruces enjoys a recreation trail along the Rio Grande River called the La Llorona Trail. The La Llorona Trail is a 4.5 mile multi-use path on the east bank of the Rio Grande River from Calle del Norte to the Las Cruces Dam Outfall Channel Multi-use Path (MUP). The City recently completed a resurfacing project on the existing 10 foot wide, 1.1 miles of the La Llorona Trail, north of Picacho Avenue to the Las Cruces Dam Outfall Channel MUP. La Llorona Trail, together with the Las Cruces Outfall Channel MUP and the Triviz MUP, combine to form three

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quarters of a twenty-mile multi-use trail loop around Las Cruces with connections to neighboring communities like the Town of Mesilla.

The La Llorona Trail would be a scenic and beneficial addition to the RGT. The inclusion of the La Llorona Trail into the RGT would further the progress and vision of the RGT and its progression towards completion. The designation of the La Llorona Trail into the RGT would provide additional recreational and economic benefits to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Trail System Loop Map.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Is this action already budgeted?  N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the ____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue?  N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY__.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

N/A
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**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "Yes"; this action will approve the resolution to support the designation of 4.5 miles of La Llorona Trail as part of the New Mexico RGT.
2. Vote "No"; this action will not approve the resolution to support the designation of 4.5 miles of La Llorona Trail as part of the New Mexico RGT.

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3. Vote to "Amend"; the resolution, City Council would provide staff with further direction.
4. Vote to "Table"; the resolution to a date specific to provide time to gather more information.

**REFERENCE INFORMATION:**

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A



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## COUNCIL ACTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PACKET ROUTING SLIP

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Purchasing Manager's Request to Contract (PMRC) {Required?} Yes  No

DEPARTMENT	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.	DATE
Drafter/Staff Contact		541-2271	8/19/16
Department Director			
Other			
Assistant City Manager /CAO Management & Budget Manager		541-2078 541-2022	8/19/2016 8/19/16
Assistant City Manager/COO		541-2271	8/19/16
City Attorney		EXT 2128	19 AUG 2016
City Clerk		X2115	8-19-16

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-036****A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF 4.5 MILES OF LA LLORONA TRAIL AS PART OF THE NEW MEXICO RIO GRANDE TRAIL.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2015, legislation was signed into law establishing the Rio Grande Trail Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Rio Grande Trail Commission is to plan, design, and construct a recreation trail called the "Rio Grande Trail" (RGT) that runs parallel to the Rio Grande River and extends the length of New Mexico from Texas to Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the RGT will traverse a diversity of majestic New Mexico landmarks and natural and cultural landscapes including six state parks, two national wildlife refuges, and three national monuments and will also travel through multiple governmental jurisdictions including at least ten cities with populations of more than 5,000, and 22 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, it will provide an excellent potential for economic development and recreation for the state of New Mexico and communities and small businesses along the path; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 over five million people visited New Mexico state parks and outdoor recreation contributed 3.8 billion dollars of annual economic impact throughout New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Las Cruces enjoys a recreation trail along the Rio Grande River called the La Llorona Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the La Llorona Trail is a 4.5 mile multi-use path on the east bank of

the Rio Grande River from Calle del Norte to the Las Cruces Dam Outfall Channel Multi-use Path; and

**WHEREAS**, the La Llorona Trail, together with the Las Cruces Outfall Channel Multi-use Path and the Triviz Multi-use Path, combine to form three quarters of a twenty-mile multi-use trail loop around Las Cruces with connections to neighboring communities like the Town of Mesilla; and

**WHEREAS**, the La Llorona Trail would be a scenic and beneficial addition to the RGT that would further the progress and vision of the RGT and its progression towards completion; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the La Llorona Trail into the RGT would provide additional recreational and economic benefits to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

**(I)**

**THAT** the City supports the designation of the 4.5 mile La Llorona Trail, as part of the New Mexico RGT.

**(II)**

**THAT** City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

**DONE AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Gandara: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Smith: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Pedroza: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Eakman: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Sorg: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Levatino: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

