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City of Alamogordo Sahara Apartments Update

Alamogordo, NM Thursday, March 08, 2018 City Attorney Petria Schreiber and Assistant City Attorney Dustin Johnson appeared before Judge Steven Blankenship today for a planned scheduling conference regarding the case to enforce the resolution declaring the Sahara Apartments a menace to public comfort, health, peace or safety and ordering their abatement and removal. The resolution was passed by the City Commission on August 11, 2015 and upheld at a public hearing on September 22, 2015. Immediately following, the owners of Sahara Apartments, who reside in Arizona, filed an appeal with the Twelfth Judicial District Court which has been ongoing with no action since October 5, 2015.

At the hearing March 8, 2018 Schreiber verbally moved for the Court to dismiss the case based upon a failure to prosecute by the owners of the building who have taken no significant action in the matter in over two years. Twelfth Judicial District Court Judge Steven Blankenship agreed and granted the motion to dismiss.

City Staff is eager and excited to move forward with this long awaited project and once a signed Court Order has been received, will immediately begin taking the necessary steps to abate the asbestos and other hazards prior to the destruction of the buildings. The safety of the citizens of Alamogordo will be greatly improved by this project.

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