Guidelines on Delineating the NM Arts and Cultural District Boundary:

- The district size is one that can be managed and enhanced with available funding and resources, and is the area of focus for new projects and future funding requests.

- The majority of the arts and cultural assets (historic buildings, art centers/galleries, libraries, museums, performance venues, creative class entrepreneurs, significant cultural features, restaurants/lodging, etc.) are contained within the district boundaries.

- A critical mass of buildings within the district boundary is dedicated to the creative and/or cultural economy and cultural community.

- Has a “there-there” related to a destination or center, and a distinct district edge.

- The district is a compact and walkable area, generally a 1/4 mile radius from the center of the proposed ACD area, which creates a 5 minute “ped-shed” walking distance (area in which a pedestrian is willing to walk within a district).

- The facilities and venues of partnering organizations may be included within the district provided partners are committing resources (funding, staffing, etc.) which enhance the district’s vitality and financial sustainability. (* Please see policies on ACD compounds and Institutions to include outlying cultural facilities).

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