



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL

TO: All Councilors

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SUBJECT: Albuquerque City Council Legislative Program for the First Session of the 57th Session of the New Mexico State Legislature.

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CC: Mayor Tim Keller, Samantha Sengal Chief Administrative Officer-Chair Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Issac Padilla, Director City Council Services Department, Josh Anderson, Government Affairs Official.

We are pleased to submit the Albuquerque City Council's State Legislative Program for the First Session of the 57th New Mexico State Legislature. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee at its October 9th, 2024, meeting forwarded the attached list of requests to the Council "with recommendation". Three additional requests were included by the City Council at the November 4th Council meeting. The requests in the attached program were submitted by the City Councilors and represent their aspirations and efforts to join with the State of New Mexico to create state laws, programs and award capital outlay funds that provide for a just and equitable community. Fulfilling these requests will help secure mental and physical health services, public safety, job and food security, a quality civic infrastructure and a thriving and sustainable economy for the residents of the City of Albuquerque.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this matter.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES





LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



PUBLIC SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DISTRICT 1

❖ **Denial of Bail**

Amend Article II §13 of the New Mexico Constitution to allow conditions for denial of bail to be set by the Legislature.

❖ **Enhanced Penalties for Aggravated Battery on Peace Officers**

Amend NM Statute § 30-3 (2023) to increase the penalty to a second degree felony for aggravated battery upon a peace officer.

❖ **Enhanced Penalties for Intentional Damage To or Theft Of Property Related to Health and Safety**

Amend NM Statute §30-15 to increase penalties for intentional damage to or theft of public or private property related to ensuring health and safety.

❖ **Enhanced Penalties for Sexual Offenses**

Amend NM Statute § 30-9 (2023) to increase penalties for sexual offenses, adding a definition of “sex offender,” and limiting the defense for criminal sexual communication with a child.

❖ **Fentanyl Exposure/Fentanyl Exposure as Child Abuse**

Amend NM Statute §31-3-1 to create a crime for fentanyl possession and add the exposure to the use of fentanyl as evidence of abuse of a child.

❖ **Pre-Trial Detention**

Amend NM Statute §31-3 to establish a presumption that the prosecution has proven by clear and convincing evidence that a defendant is dangerous, and release conditions will not reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.

❖ **Three Strikes Law**

Amend N.M. Statute §31-18-20 to establish three strikes for violent felons for the purposes of life imprisonment and adding violent offenses.

❖ **Unlawful Possession of Firearm While Trafficking**

Amend NM Statute §31-3-1 to insert a new section creating the crime of unlawful carrying of a firearm while trafficking a controlled substance and providing penalties.



DISTRICT 3

❖ **Law Enforcement Recruitment/Retention**

Provide the necessary support and incentives for recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers including amending NM Statute §29-7 to prohibit the exclusion of cadet candidates who have a misdemeanor conviction for possession of marijuana.

- ❖ **Rebuilding the Behavioral Health System**

Establish immediate options for behavioral health and addiction services as an alternative to jail for some non-violent offenders.

DISTRICT 9

- ❖ **Enhanced Penalties for Violent Felonies Committed by Minors**

Amend NM Statute §32A-2 to establish or increase penalties for minors convicted of violent felonies and explore opportunities to hold minors in jail while awaiting trial.

- ❖ **Pedestrian Safety in Medians and Roadway**

Amend NM Statute §66-7 to ensure pedestrian safety in medians and roadways by establishing conditions by which a pedestrian can walk on a roadway or occupy a median.

- ❖ **Statewide Childhood Handle with Care Funding**

Expand the City of Albuquerque's Handle with Care Program to go Statewide to address New Mexico's high rate of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

DISTRICTS 1 & 9

- ❖ **Criminal Competency Determination**

Amend NM Statute §31-9-1 to provide for the determination of competency, create a process for raising the issue of competency, and establish competency restoration programs.

- ❖ **Enhanced Penalties for Felons in Possession of a Firearm**

Amend NM Statute §30-7-16 to increase penalties for felons in possession of a firearm.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

DISTRICT 3

- ❖ **Designating the Lowrider As the Official State Car**

Through Memorial-23-9 enacted by the Albuquerque City Council, urge the State Legislature to consider adoption of the lowrider as the official state car.



DISTRICT 6

- ❖ **Bolstering Local Participatory Budgeting Processes**

Match local government funding dedicated to participatory budgeting with State funding.

- ❖ **Poverty Alleviation Programs**

Appropriate funding to create programs that alleviate poverty, such as Guaranteed Basic Income, and/or reduce income inequality and strengthen enforcement of wage theft.

❖ **Rent Stabilization Programs**

Appropriate funding for rent stabilization, including creating programs that remove application fees, junk fees, convenience fees, damage fees, and other burdensome costs that families incur in the rental application process and throughout the duration of their lease.

DISTRICT 7

❖ **Adopt the Powering Up New Mexico Act**

Adopt the “Powering Up New Mexico Act” to direct utilities to prepare the grid for transportation and building electrification aligned with federal, State, regional, and local climate and air quality laws and standards, speed the process of meeting customer requests for new or upgraded electrical service, and direct utilities to propose beneficial electrification programs subject to PRC review and approval that help customers adopt efficient electric appliances, as they currently do with electric vehicle charging stations.

❖ **City of Albuquerque/County of Bernalillo Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative Funding**

Enact legislation to support and fund the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative, a joint powers agreement between the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County designed to acquire property, plan, design, construct, and improve affordable housing in the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County area.

❖ **Legislative Action to Fight Climate Change and Improve Climate Resilience**

Develop climate actions to reduce climate impacts and improve climate resilience.

❖ **Low Income Utility Rates Assistance**

Enact legislation to allow public utilities to provide low-income rates and/or preferential rate treatment for low-income customers by creating a low-income rate class.

❖ **Repeal Statewide Prohibition of Fireworks Sale**

Repeal Paragraph “C” Of N.M. Statute §60-2C-7 to ban local governments from prohibiting fireworks and include a provision to allow local governments to enact fireworks prohibitions.





CAPITAL OUTLAY PRIORITIES



Below is a list of each City Councilor's capital outlay priorities. Each City Councilor's list of projects is ranked by priority.

DISTRICT 1

- ❖ **Ken Sanchez Indoor Sports Complex**
Plan, design, and construct an indoor sports complex in Albuquerque's Northwest Mesa to host regional and multi-state tournaments and provide a city-wide practice facility.
- ❖ **Ladera Golf Course and Pickle Ball Courts**
Plan, design, construct, equip, and improve Ladera Municipal Golf Course, including designing and constructing pickle ball courts.
- ❖ **Sierra Vista Tennis & Aquatic Center**
Plan, design, construct, and improve court surfaces and shade structures at Sierra Vista Aquatic and Tennis Center.
- ❖ **Laurelwood Parkway Median Construction**
Renovate median landscaping and irrigation systems on Laurelwood Parkway.



DISTRICT 2

- ❖ **Broadway Boulevard Road Diet**
Design and install a road diet on Broadway Boulevard between Lomas Boulevard and Martin Luther King Junior Avenue to create a multi-modal zone along the Historic Camino Rael.
- ❖ **Bio Park Street Trees - Rail Trail**
Design and install Street Trees on Central Avenue between New York Avenue and the River to benefit the rejuvenation of the Route 66 Corridor and the Rail Trail and create a best practice exhibit for street trees.
- ❖ **Montano Road And Guadalupe Trail Hawk Signal Crossing**
Design and construct a pedestrian crossing on Guadalupe Trail to create neighborhood connections across a major arterial and improve pedestrian connections along the Historic Camino Rael.
- ❖ **Griegos From 4th St To Rio Grande Bike And Pedestrian Improvements**
Install pedestrian crossings to link the North South Acequia Trails in the North Valley and improve the bike lanes.
- ❖ **12th And Sawmill Striping**
Install traffic safety measures in the Sawmill neighborhood for traffic and pedestrian safety.
- ❖ **4th St Road Diet Striping And Improvements**
Install a road diet on 4th Street from Candelaria to the Alameda Drain to provide parking facilities and enhance pedestrian safety and comfort.



DISTRICT 3

❖ **Route 66 Visitors Center**

Plan, design, construct, expand, purchase, and install signage, educational projects, historical preservation, and a walking pedestrian overlook bridge, and equip a visitor center and a multi-use trail along Central Avenue.

❖ **100th Year Route 66 Celebration**

In preparation for the National Route 66 Centennial Celebration, plan, design, construct, purchase, equip, and install improvements to Route 66/Central Avenue in Albuquerque, including roadwork, signage, historic preservation, and educational projects.



❖ **86th Street and Tower Road Intersection Signalization**

Plan, design, purchase right-of-way, and construct a traffic signal at the intersection of 86th Street and Tower Road.

❖ **118th St Development**

Plan, design, purchase right-of-way, construct, furnish, and equip a Southwest Public Safety Center.

❖ **Blake Road Roadway Improvements**

Plan, design, purchase right-of-way, and construct Blake Road between Unser Boulevard and the Amole Del Norte Arroyo.

❖ **Central Avenue Strategic Plan**

Fund the development of a strategic plan for Central Avenue between the Rio Grande and Atrisco Vista Boulevard to include but not limited to community branding, corridor design regulations, government services and recreation facility planning, metropolitan redevelopment area planning, small business development strategic initiatives, and urban center planning.

❖ **Crestview Bluff Park Development**

Plan, design, purchase, construct, furnish, and equip a Park in the Crestview Bluff Neighborhood.

❖ **Sunset Terrace Park Playground Improvement**

Plan, design, develop, construct, furnish, purchase, equip, and install playground equipment and picnic shade structure and renovate and upgrade the playground.

❖ **Southwest Mesa Median Landscaping**

Plan, design, and construct improvements to median landscaping on various roadways in Albuquerque's Southwest Mesa.

❖ **Southwest Mesa Parks**

Improve and acquire property and equipment for parks located in the Southwest Mesa.

❖ **Southwest Mesa Street Lights**

Plan, design, construct, equip, and install streetlights in the Southwest Mesa.

❖ **Southwest Public Safety Center**

Construct, furnish, and equip a Southwest Public Safety Center.

❖ **Westgate Community Center**

Plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip, including purchasing technology for Phase 3 of the Westgate Community Center.

❖ **Westgate Little League Concession Stand**

Plan, design, construct, and equip a concession stand at Westgate Little League.

❖ **Westside Animal Shelter**

Plan, design, improve, and construct an expansion and renovation of the City of Albuquerque's Westside Animal Shelter, including but not limited to, new kennels, associated support facilities, officers, public areas, and a veterinary clinic.

DISTRICT 4

- ❖ **North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center**
Construct and equip an aquatics facility at North Domingo Baca Park.
- ❖ **Vista Del Norte Park**
Plan, design, construct, install, equip, and improve Vista Del Norte Park in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County.
- ❖ **Alameda Park Construct**
Plan, design, and construct improvements to Alameda Park for sports facilities including, fencing, lighting, security, concessions, irrigation, landscaping, and American with Disability Act amenities.



DISTRICT 5

- ❖ **Paseo Del Norte Calle, Nortena To The City Limits, And Unser Between Paradise And Rainbow**
Plan, design, acquire right-of-way, construct, and otherwise improve transportation and storm drainage related improvements.
- ❖ **Cibola Loop Multigenerational Center**
Plan, design, acquire right-of-way, acquire land, purchase materials and equipment, construct, and otherwise provide for the Cibola Loop Multigenerational Center.
- ❖ **Richland Hills Park Albuquerque**
Design and install a playground at Richland Hills Park.



DISTRICT 6

- ❖ **Central Avenue/Route 66 Eubank Boulevard To Louisiana Boulevard**
Plan, design, acquire right-of-way, and construct sidewalks, install street lighting, and make other pedestrian and safety improvements on East Central Avenue.
- ❖ **District 6 Participatory Budgeting**
Plan, design, and construct neighborhood capital projects, including but not limited to, improvements to community centers, parks, and roads selected through the City Council District 6 Participatory Budgeting Process.
- ❖ **Senior Stability Site**
Plan, design, and construct a trauma-sensitive shelter, healthcare, and case management housing complex for unhoused seniors.
- ❖ **Mesa Verde Park**
Plan, design, purchase, install, equip, furnish, and construct park renovations to Mesa Verde Park.
- ❖ **New Fire Station 11**
Plan, design, acquire land and right-of-way, construct, equip, furnish, and purchase a new fire station in Southeast Albuquerque.
- ❖ **Marion Fox Park**
Plan, design, construct, equip, furnish, install, and otherwise upgrade Marion Fox Park, including but not limited to playground and amenities, tennis courts, landscaping, security, and lighting.

❖ **Mesa Del Sol Master Clean Drinking Water Study**

Funding a study to determine the water systems required for potable and reclaimed water for the entire Mesa Del Sol development to identify the overall water and sanitary sewer system requirements and funding responsibilities.

❖ **Mesa Del Sol Pedestrian Bridge**

Funding to plan, design, acquire right-of-way, and construct a pedestrian bridge over Bobby Foster Road to connect the Mesa Del Sol Community to the Isleta Amphitheater and the Mesa Del Sol Regional Sports Complex.

❖ **Mesa Del Sol Public Safety Infrastructure**

Funding for public safety infrastructure for Mesa Del Sol in Albuquerque to include police cameras, shot detectors, and other technologies and equipment to provide public safety until a police substation can be constructed.

❖ **Officer Daniel Webster Park**

Plan, design, construct, and equip an all-inclusive park for mentally and physically challenged persons.



DISTRICT 7

❖ **San Pedro/Mile Hi Main Street Improvements**

Plan, design, and construct pedestrian and streetscape improvements to San Pedro Road from Cagua Place to Lomas Boulevard.

❖ **Lomas Road Diet/Green Stormwater Infrastructure**

Plan, design, construct, and acquire right-of-way for a road diet and green stormwater infrastructure improvements between Arizona Street and Vassar Drive.

❖ **Hahn Arroyo Reconstruction And Landscaping Improvements**

Plan, design, and construct the Hahn Arroyo and landscaping improvements from California Street to Pennsylvania Avenue.

❖ **Worker's Memorial Park**

Plan, design, and construct Worker's Memorial Park, including green stormwater infrastructure and renovating the park.

❖ **Girard Streetscaping - Indian School Road To Haines Avenue**

Plan, design, construct, and acquire right-of-way for streetscape and pedestrian improvements on Girard Avenue from Hannett Avenue to Indian School Road.



DISTRICT 8

❖ **AFR All-Terrain Vehicles**

Purchase all-terrain fire fighting vehicles to support wildland fire fighting services.

❖ **Eisenhower Pool Splash Pad**

Design and construct a splash pad at Eisenhower Pool.

❖ **Academy Hills Park**

Design and construct a playground at Academy Hills Park.

❖ **Travel Fire Brush Truck**

Purchase a fire brush truck to support wildland fire fighting services in Albuquerque and major incidents throughout New Mexico.



❖ **Moon Bikeway Academy Boulevard To Montgomery Boulevard**

Design, acquire right-of-way, and construct improvements to Moon between Academy Road and Osuna Road.

DISTRICT 9

❖ **Manzano Mesa Pickleball Courts Complex**

Design and construct the final phase of the regional Manzano Mesa Pickleball Court Complex, including but not limited to pickleball courts, a club house, and a storage building.

❖ **Juan Tabo Hills Connectivity Trail**

Design, acquire right-of-way, and construct a commuter multi-user trail along the Tijeras Arroyo between Juan Tabo Road and Eubank Boulevard.

❖ **Embudo Hills Park Playground**

Design and construct a renovation of the Embudo Hills Park Playground.

❖ **East Central Lighting/Bulbouts/Improvements**

Plan, design, acquire right-of-way, and construct streetscaping, landscaping, and pedestrian improvements on Central Avenue from Eubank Boulevard to Tramway Road.

❖ **Tijeras Arroyo Biozone Education Center At Carnuel**

Plan, design, and construct a regional education center for the Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Open Space Preserves, the Sandia National Wilderness Area, the Carnuel Land Grant, and Ciudad Soil and Conservation District.



DISTRICT 1, 5, 8, & 9

❖ **Albuquerque Shooting Range Park**

Plan, design, and construct updates and renovations at Albuquerque's Shooting Range Park.

