CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-99 ENACTMENT NO. _____ SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan and Renée Grout 1 RESOLUTION 2 ESTABLISHING MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET 3 PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 57TH NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE. 4 5 WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque, a 6 municipal subdivision of the State, are charged with providing for the public's 7 health, welfare and safety; and 8 WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque strive to 9 create policies and programs to provide for just and equitable communities 10 and often share missions, and work cooperatively, to provide citizens mental 11 and physical health services, job and food security, a quality civic 12 infrastructure and a thriving and sustainable economy; and 13 WHEREAS, many of the facilities provided by, and services offered 14 through, the City of Albuquerque have a regional impact. These facilities and 15 services benefit residents of Albuquerque, Central New Mexico and citizens 16 from throughout the State. To succeed in acquiring the funds to construct and improve these amenities requires a joint effort between the State of New 17 18 Mexico and the City of Albuquerque; and 19 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque is one community created through 20 many neighborhoods that require continual investment. Efforts to fund these neighborhood projects are multi-year combined efforts between neighborhood 21 22 groups, Albuquerque City Councilors, New Mexico State Legislators and Bernalillo County Commissioners. 23 24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF

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ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque encourages the New Mexico Legislature to adopt the Mayoral/Administration's priority policies, programs and fund the listed Capital requests as identified in Attachment 1 to this Resolution and the City Council's policy program and capital priorities listed in Attachment 2 to this Resolution. Through these priorities the State and the City can further their missions to provide the residents of Albuquerque, and all the people of New Mexico, safe and healthy communities, quality infrastructure, and robust economic development.



2025 MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mayor-Administration Capital and Policy Priority Requests of the First Session of the 57th Legislature of the State of New Mexico

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL PROGRAM PRIORITIES

• Investments in Albuquerque Police Emergency Vehicles

To ensure our officers are equipped to fight crime through investments in police patrol vehicles and an armed response vehicle for Albuquerque Police Department.

• Investments in Albuquerque Police Technology

To fight crime by investing in state-of-the-art technologies including body cameras (POV), tasers, license plate readers, mobile surveillance units, smart cameras on public-use trails, improved crime lab examination equipment and in-vehicle cameras for Albuquerque Police Department.

• Fire Station Construction and Conversion

Funding to complete construction of Fire Stations across Albuquerque, including Fire Station 4, Fire Station 12, Fire Station 14, and a Fire Station in Mesa del Sol.

Investments in Housing Navigation Centers for Youth, Elderly, Recovery, and Families

Funding to provide low-barrier overnight beds, case management, and other supportive services through trauma-informed design, on-site services, and multi-agency coordination to reduce wait times for housing placements, focusing on multi-site facilities in both the east and west side of Albuquerque, as well a site for young adults, families, and neighbors in recovery from substance abuse.

• Investments in Micro-Community Shelters

Funding to support the purchase and construction of micro-community shelters to create safe and designated areas on the eastside and westside of Albuquerque to combat homelessness.

Housing and Homelessness Data Infrastructure

Funding to meet the needs of City staff and service providers in Albuquerque by investing in data infrastructure to track available beds, voucher systems, and other data points.

• Transitional and Supportive Housing Conversion

Funding to construct permanent supportive housing to those transitioning from the City's Housing Navigation Center.

• Investments in Affordable Senior Housing in Albuquerque

Funding for much-needed affordable senior housing in Albuquerque.

• Investments in Affordable Housing in SW Albuquerque

Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the southwest quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.

• Investments in Affordable Housing in NW Albuquerque

Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the northwest quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.

Investments in Affordable Housing in SE Albuquerque

Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the southeast quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.

Investments in Affordable Housing in NE Albuquerque

Funding for affordable housing construction, improvement and rehabilitation in the northeast quadrant of Albuquerque, including critical supportive housing and facilities rehabilitation.

Preservation and Rehabilitation of Public Housing

Funding to rehabilitate, improve, and preserve existing affordable public housing in Albuquerque.

Transitional Housing for Veterans

Investing in construction and improvements to transitional housing for veterans in Albuquerque.

• Motel Acquisitions & Conversions

Funding to increase the number of affordable housing units by investing in existing motel properties across the City though acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation.

Funding for Housing in Cooperation with Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque for the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative

Funding to acquire land and to construct, improve, and equip housing in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County through the City and County's joint affordable housing agreement.

• Connecting Community to Work and Wellness through the Rail Trail

Funding to construct Rail Trail phases including a crossing at Central Ave., a crossing at Lomas Blvd, and construction in the Sawmill area. The Rail Trail will be an iconic and artistic pedestrian parkway that reflects Albuquerque's vibrant history and cultural diversity.

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION POLICY PRIORITIES

METRO CRIME INITIATIVE

Fighting crime and fixing the broken criminal justice system are the top priorities in Albuquerque. Through the third Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative (MCI), we are pursuing concrete actions in the 2025 legislative session to make our communities safer now.

Reduce Gun Violence

- Stronger penalties for possessing firearms in drug distribution crimes.
- New charges for firing off a gun in public.
- New charges for carrying a firearm while intoxicated.
- Fund New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
- Expand ACS's Violence Intervention Program to all high schools.
- Close loopholes in Red Flag law.
- Remove the preemption on cities from addressing assault rifle proliferation.
- Add federal prosecutors to New Mexico, addressing gun and drug-related offenses.
- Implement "Duke City Stats," to other jurisdictions in crime strategy and tracking.

Bolster Courts to Close the Revolving Door

- Establish a dedicated 'fentanyl court'.
- Establish a fentanyl specific response team.
- Continued improvement to the pretrial detention system.
- More jail time for retail theft offenders who brandish a gun during a crime.
- Enhance domestic violence penalties and breadth of laws.
- Designate 2nd degree homicide by vehicle to a serious violent offense.
- Expand addiction programs with emphasis on fentanyl treatment.
- Capital funding for facility improvements at the Family Advocacy Center.
- Fund peer support programs for crime victims.
- Incentivize new provider services.
- Expand treatment programs for mental/behavioral health problems.
- Establish immediate options for behavioral health and addiction services as an alternative to jail time.
- Career training in behavioral health for underserved youth.
- Contract to transport inmates to jail.
- Establish security branch to monitor prisoners while at UNMH.
- Develop behavioral health training/ career path programs.
- Establish and fund a community victim's ombudsman.

Fight Crime

- State funding and direct participation in warrant backlog initiative.
- Enact stricter street racing penalties.
- Common sense regulations on large capacity magazines and bump stocks.
- Fix "asset forfeiture" law to increase funding for public education & support drug trafficking investigations.
- Funding for regular presence of New Mexico State Police (NMSP) in ABQ with a traffic unit to patrol highways and dedicated narcotics and auto theft investigators.
- Enhance criminal sentencing for road rage and violent crimes on the roadways.
- Prioritize enforcement efforts against drug trafficking and distribution networks.
- Extend the referendum on violent juvenile diversion programs.
- Increase penalties for assault and battery of public transportation workers.
- Public Safety Enhanced Retirement for Prison Transport Officers and Transit Sergeants

Strengthen Collaboration and Procedures

- Establish medical check protocols between UNM Hospital and Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC).
- Notify law enforcement when offenders are deemed incompetent by the courts.
- Require parole/probation officers to notify police and victims when offenders are released.
- Fund broader specialty courts to address homelessness, addiction, and mental health cases.
- Improvements to conservatorship programs for severely addicted.
- Work with Bernalillo County to identify and resolve bottlenecks when individuals are taken to jail.
- Create a specialty court for auto theft.
- Mandate that prosecutors utilize habitual offender enhancements.
- Require use of statewide database for firearm prohibitions.
- Enable mental health providers to report individuals under their care to the National Instant Criminal Check system.

MAYOR-ADMINISTRATION POLICY PRIORITIES

METRO HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

We are committed to combating homelessness and expanding affordable housing by forging strong partnerships with government agencies, non-profits, and community groups to pool resources and develop actionable strategies. Our immediate focus is to enhance and expand our existing support services, which address mental health, substance abuse, and other underlying issues; provide emergency shelters to offer relief; strengthen our prevention efforts with targeted rental assistance and eviction prevention programs; and identify transformative policies that address systemic barriers and create lasting change.

- Protect renters through a Tenant Bill of Rights.
- Pass a Manufactured Housing Bill of Rights.
- Establish Vacant and Dilapidated buildings policies.
- With the State and CABQ Municipal Redevelopment Agency, establish additional TIFs and BIDs.
- Expand Tax Abatement areas.
- Create Zoning Changes for additional housing development.
- Enact State-Level changes to Anti-Donation laws to allow for more housing development.
- Invest in City's Gateway facilities.
- Investments for land banking for the construction of affordable housing.
- Establishing and supporting micro communities.
- Sell City land to fund housing.
- Overhaul Housing Voucher System.
- Investments and incentives for affordable housing.
- Hotel Conversions.
- NM Housing Trust Fund Set aside of 20% for local governments.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES







LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



PUBLIC SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DISTRICT 1

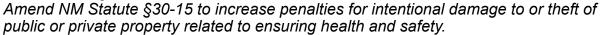
❖ Denial of Bail

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



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 sectoin 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.



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 Abuquerque'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.



Renovate median landscaping and irrigation systems on Laurelwood Parkway.



❖ 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.

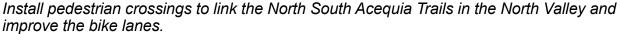
❖ Bio Park Street Trees - Rail Trail

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

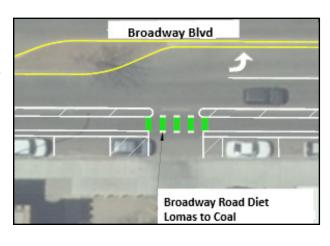


❖ 12th And Sawmill Striping

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.

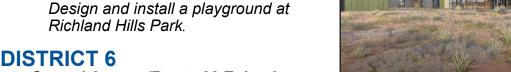


DISTRICT 5

❖ 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 Richland Hills Park.



❖ 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.

Officer Daniel Webster Park

Plan, design, construct, and equip an allinclusive 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 rightof-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, 4, 5, 8, & 9

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

