

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. P-25-8 ENACTMENT NO. P. 2025.002

SPONSORED BY: Joaquín Baca

1 CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

2 ADOPTING A PROPOSITION TO BE SENT TO THE VOTERS AT THE 2026  
3 GENERAL ELECTION, PROPOSING TO REPEAL ARTICLE XI, SECTION 7 OF  
4 THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE REGARDING A PUBLIC  
5 VOTE ON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

6 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI of the Albuquerque City Charter,  
7 amendments to the Charter may be proposed by the Council and must be  
8 approved by a vote of a majority of all Councilors plus one.

9 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY  
10 OF ALBUQUERQUE:

11 SECTION 1. The City Clerk shall place the summary, title, and text of the  
12 following proposition on the ballot of the 2026 General Election, and City of  
13 Albuquerque voters shall be permitted to vote “for” or “against”:

14 SUMMARY

15 Proposing to amend the City Charter by repealing the requirement that  
16 before the City can appropriate funds for a performing arts center, a majority  
17 of voters must approve the proposed performing arts center in a municipal  
18 election.

19 PROPOSITION

20 Proposing to amend the City Charter of the City of Albuquerque as follows:

21 “ARTICLE XI. ORDINANCES

22 ~~[Section 7. PUBLIC VOTE ON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.~~

23 ~~The city shall not appropriate funds for a performing arts center costing~~  
24 ~~more than ten (10) million dollars without prior approval of a majority of votes~~  
25 ~~cast on the proposed performing arts center in a municipal election. The city~~  
26 ~~may, however, appropriate funds to study, to analyze the feasibility of, and to~~

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~~undertake preliminary design of any such center prior to the election required by this section.]”~~

**SECTION 2. TIME OF FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK.** The Director of Council Services, or their designee, shall file this Charter Amendment Proposal with the City Clerk upon its final passage.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, word, or phrase of this Proposition is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Proposition. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Proposition and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Proposition is effective immediately. The Charter Amendment described in SECTION 1 of this proposition shall take effect on January 1, 2027 so long as certified as approved by the voters.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF December, 2025  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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18 Bill No. P-25-8  
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28 Ethan Watson, City Clerk  
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