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1 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Intergovernmental Legislative
2 Relations Committee convened December 27th of 2023 and approved a list of
3 projects to be submitted to the City Council as the City of Albuquerque’s
4 Federal Priorities for Federal Grant and Congressionally Directed Funding.
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
6 ALBUQUERQUE:

7 SECTION 1. To further provide for the health, safety, welfare and quality of
8 life of its residents, the City of Albuquerque entreats the Federal Government
9 to create policies and programs that strengthen and expand the City’s
10 responsibilities to its residents that:

- 11 • Protects the rights of all citizens.
- 12 • Fosters and preserves equity and social justice by implementing
13 policies and programs inclusive of all persons so as to utilize the vast
14 potential present in the diversity of our citizens.
- 15 • Develops and expands behavioral health and public safety services
16 that better provide health care and substance abuse services, reduce
17 recidivism through the courts and correctional system, address the needs of
18 the unhoused, offer housing assistance and mental health care, create
19 services for the physically and mentally disabled, and institute family, child
20 and senior care services.
- 21 • Provides funding for community policing services that develop a
22 working relationship between the citizens who serve as police officers and the
23 citizens they serve, so as to provide public safety that is effective, just,
24 equitable, and built on trust and understanding and to support the shared
25 missions between police services and mental health and social service
26 agencies.
- 27 • Creates a sustainable economy that generates opportunities for
28 entrepreneurs and existing businesses while providing living wages, a safe
29 work environment, health insurance, sick leave, and retirement benefits for
30 employees.
- 31 • Fosters a co-existence with the natural environment to ensure a
32 sustainable water supply, clean air, the conservation of open spaces, water

1 courses, protection of wildlife, and mitigation of the impacts of climate
2 change.

3 • Provides all citizens access to art, civic engagement, culture,
4 entertainment, history and literature.

5 • Invests in infrastructure that supports and sustains the health,
6 housing, transportation, and ecological systems critical to sustaining a
7 community.

8 SECTION 2. The City of Albuquerque encourages the New Mexico
9 Congressional Delegation to advocate for the programs listed in the
10 Attachment to this Resolution.

11 SECTION 3. That this Resolution be presented and delivered to members
12 of the Congressional Delegation.

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Congressional Support of Programs that Support City of Albuquerque Mission Objectives

Behavioral Health

- Short-and long-term addiction prevention rehabilitation and sobriety assistance.
- Data collection of populations needing behavioral health and indigent care.
- Facility development for centers that assist indigent and homeless persons.
- Services for families requiring crisis assistance.
- Inter-agency continuum of care initiatives.
- Provision of basic living needs.
- Recidivism reduction.

Education

- Early childhood education Head Start Program.
- Funding for community 5G and wi-fi infrastructure.
- STEM training programs for low- and moderate-income populations.
- Workforce training in key and developing industry clusters for minority populations.

Economic Development

- Assistance with job development at transportation hubs including aviation facilities.
- Economic development planning.
- Emerging industries facility development including re-use of vacant or partially used commercial and industrial structures.
- Planning, design and construction of economic development projects.
- Planning and public works components of economic development projects.
- Renewable energy support.
- Route 66 historic trail tourism capacity and facility development.
- Workforce development for key economic clusters including film making, high-tech components, and other emerging industries.

Environmental Protection

- Continue funding for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program.
- Flood mitigation funding for stormwater management systems.
- Implementation of low-impact development stormwater remediation projects.
- Kirtland Air Force Base fuel plume clean-up assistance.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - stormwater management compliance assistance.

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Fire Management Assistance

- Brush fire equipment.
- Fire fighter gear.
- Open space and wildland rescue equipment.

Housing

- Affordable housing development via the low-income housing tax credit program.
- Continuation and expansion of eviction protection voucher programs.
- Continue to provide adequate funding for federal programs that assist housing low- and moderate-income households, including the Housing and Urban Development Choice Planning and Implementation Grant program, Community Development Block Grants, etc. to expand the capacity of state and local housing programs.
- Regulations to improve access to fair housing by housing voucher recipients.
- Improving funding for low-income home weatherization programs.
- Infrastructure funding for low-income communities.
- Mortgage and rent assistance.
- Pandemic related eviction assistance program.
- Supportive housing for the American with Disabilities Act eligible, the homeless, and domestic violence victims.

Infrastructure For CDBG Qualified Underserved Communities

- Dedicate a percentage of the Federal Gas Tax for the development and renovation of roadways and transit systems in underserved low-income communities.
- Expand funding for the Environmental Protection Agency small and disadvantaged communities drinking water grant program.
- Expand the United States Army Corps of Engineer's program to provide funding for the construction of water and stormwater systems in underserved low-income communities.
- Expand funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster mitigation grants program to serve low-income underserved communities.
- Increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant program.

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Kirtland Air Force Base

- Continue support for units and organizations located at Kirtland Air Force Base.
- *Military Affordable Housing*: Expand the authorized uses of Defense Department Programs that aid communities with military installations to include affordable housing assistance for military personnel, base employees, and those who reside on the installation's perimeter.
- *Space Technology Hub*: Continue support of the development of missions at Kirtland Air Force Base that further the development of the Albuquerque economy as a Renewable Energy and Space Technology Hub.

Medicaid In-House Substance Abuse Treatment

- Expand funding for Medicaid in-House Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.

Public Health

- Funding for local agencies to address public health needs.
- Funding for pandemic related public health needs.
- Public health education.
- Indigent health care assistance.
- Funding to develop school-based health clinics.

Public Safety

- Crime interdiction operations training.
- Non-military public safety equipment purchases.
- Violence Intervention Protection Program.

Recreation and Conservation

- Renovate parks irrigation systems, tree canopies, and public swimming pools.
- Conserve and rehabilitate community and neighborhood natural open spaces.
- Funding for purchase and restoration of sites with historical significance.
- Preservation funding for older buildings and neon signs.

Stand Alone Energy Systems Tax Credit

- *Stand Alone Energy Systems Tax Credit*: Adopt the proposed investment tax credit for stand-alone energy storage systems to increase national energy storage.

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Sustainability Programs

- Energy management development.
- Funding for forest/urban area interface management for the Sandia and Manzano Ranger Districts.
- Funding for urban tree canopy restoration.
- Funding for recyclable waste management programs.
- Funding for preservation and conservation of the Rio Grande Bosque.

Transportation Infrastructure and Systems

- Expand the transportation funding bill carbon reduction funding program.
- Planning research, design, installation, and construction of electric charging stations.
- Equipping maintenance facilities to repair electric motors.
- Funding for complete streets, and bike pedestrian and transit corridors.
- Pedestrian, cyclist, and motor vehicle safety.
- Roadway development for congestion management.

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Requests for New Federal Policy Priorities and Programs

Behavioral Health

- *Data Sharing:* Adopt legislation supporting the sharing of federal data with state and local agencies as well as organizations working to end homelessness, reintegrating previously incarcerated citizens back into the community, and ending the cycle of hospitalizations.

Consent Decree Assistance

- Create grant programs to assist police agencies under a federal consent decree to implement the recommendations and required improvements issued through the consent decree.

Economic Development

- *Local Tourism Grants:* Create grant programs for communities to develop local tourism, including facility development and entrepreneur and workforce training.
- *Small Business Technical Assistance:* Adopt legislation creating programs to fund technical assistance programs that aid small businesses to establish capacity building, including information technology systems, data management, utility burden management, and other systems necessary for operating a business in the 21st century.
- *Space Technology Hub:* Expand support of federal programs that further space technology development, the transfer of military technology to civilian use, and assisting metropolitan areas in developing the infrastructure to support space technology.

Education

- *Unhoused Children Education:* Adopt legislation creating a program to provide communities with resources to offer quality education services to unhoused children, including both on-site and remote-learning opportunities.
- *Learning Technologies Low Income Students:* Adopt legislation creating a grant program to provide remote learning technologies to children who reside in families with low- and moderate-income.

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Requests for New Federal Policy Priorities and Programs

Equitable Access To Transportation And Infrastructure

- *Affordable 5G*: Create a grant program to ensure that internet infrastructure, including wi-fi and 5G technology, are affordable and available to all persons, especially those least able to access services, including the homeless and the indigent.
- *Low-Income Neighborhoods Basic Infrastructure*: Create grant programs to provide roads, transit and utilities to underserved low-income communities.
- *Non-Fuel Revenue Transportation Funding*: Diversify the funding stream for the federal highway and transit programs to adjust to revenue losses due to declining Federal Gas Tax revenues.
- *Security Practices*: Create a program to fund research and development into security practices for transit systems and create grant programs to provide operating funds for security operations at transit agencies.
- *Transit Fares*: Funding for Transit Zero Fares and motor coach driver training and retention.

Environmental Protection

- *Carbon Emission Reduction*: Create programs for local and state government agencies to reduce carbon emission from their facilities and fleets to help reduce carbon emissions by 2050 to levels that stave off the worst of climate change.
- *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Compliance*: Create grant programs to assist local agencies in implementing best practices and infrastructure projects to comply with the requirements established in the “Regional Storm Water Discharge Permit”.

Support Senate Bill 2286 Streamlining Federal Grants Act.

- *Urging the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to Support Senate Bill 2286 “Streamlining Federal Grants Act”*: Standardize and coordinate grant administration across the federal government to make it easier for communities and organizations to apply for grants.

Immigration Reform

- *Humane Immigration Reforms*: Enact immigration reforms that provide immigrants with rights that respect their human dignity and status as taxpayers and contributing members of the community.

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Affordable Housing Funding

- Funding to allow local government entities to work with developers to form public-private partnerships, provide incentives, land, and/or planning assistance to developers, or otherwise assist in the creation of new affordable housing units in locations beneficial to the government entity.

Housing Land Banks

- *Land Banks:* Create a grant program to establish land banks for acquiring blighted or underutilized land in at-risk neighborhoods and productively developing the properties by establishing standards for construction, underwriting loans, loan insurance, and expanding the inventory of American With Disabilities Act compliant homes.

Medicaid-Medicare Long Term Home Care

- Expand funding for long term care for disabled and aging persons from low-and middle-income households.

Paid Sick Leave

- Adopt legislation guaranteeing paid sick leave for employees and instituting tax policies to alleviate the expense incurred by small employers for providing sick leave.

Public Health

- *Post Pandemic Impacts:* Adopt legislation creating programs to assist communities in mitigating post-pandemic impacts.
- *Public Health Law Update:* Update laws and regulations and improve funding to address rising challenges to the public’s health and to better utilize new developments in the field of public health.

Route 66 National Historic Trail

- *National Historic Trail Designation:* Adopt legislation creating a Route 66 national historic trail and establish grant programs for the conservation and rehabilitation of culturally and historically significant structures located on Route 66.

Seniors Technology Literacy

- Adopt legislation to fund programs, such as “Teeniors”, that provide education and training for seniors to use computers and personal digital assistants (PDA’s).

Student Loan Debt Relief

- Adopt legislation eliminating and or reducing student loan debts.

Workforce Training

- Adopt legislation creating programs to fund the development of workforce training for low-income and indigent persons to acquire employment skills that help them participate in emerging and high-tech industries.

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Metro Crime Initiative (MCI)
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Body Camera Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create model body camera laws that allow federal, state and local law enforcement officers to turn off electronics, including body cameras, when responding to a bomb situation and not wear a body camera during an undercover operation.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Firearms - Drug Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create model laws pertaining to firearm cases that involve a drug distribution crime to be charged separate from the seized drug and elevate the random discharge of a firearm in a populated area to a fourth-degree felony.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Increased Funding For Narcotics Education And Criminal Investigations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt laws to allow for criminal forfeitures to be used for public education on narcotics and for alpha and beta testing to develop and improve effective digital investigative technology.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Judiciary Appropriations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support additional funding to hire, train and provide continuing education for federal and state prosecutors, public defenders, and court personnel.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Law Enforcement Recruitment/Retention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support and incentives for recruiting, training, and continuing education for law enforcement officers for federal, state and local governments.

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Potential 2024 City of Albuquerque Federal Project Grant Applications

Albuquerque Rail Yards and Rail Trail

- Funding to continue preserving and upgrading the historic Albuquerque Rail Yards as a hub for economic activity in the heart of Albuquerque, and to support the Albuquerque Rail Trail Project, which is bringing needed safety improvements to road intersections and creating opportunities for families, creators, and visitors to enjoy Albuquerque’s historic neighborhoods.

City-Wide Homelessness Initiatives

- Funding to support additional overnight capacity and support services for the unhoused community in Albuquerque.

City-Wide Public Safety Initiatives

- Funding to expand the Real Time Crime Center, procure public safety field technology, acquire aerial patrol vehicles, expand area command stations, acquire supply vehicles and equipment for Albuquerque’s Community Safety and Police Departments, and enhance and renovate the Family Advocacy and Trauma Recovery Centers.

Hahn Arroyo Renovation and Enhancements

- Funding to rebuild and update the Hahn Arroyo Channel including installing Green stormwater management and recreation facilities.

Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative Funding

- Funding to allow the newly formed MRG Housing Collaborative (a joint powers agreement between the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County) to work with developers to form public-private partnerships, provide incentives, land, and/or planning assistance to developers, or otherwise assist in the creation of new affordable housing units in locations beneficial to the City and County.

Rio Grande Levee (Oxbow Heading North)

- Funding for levee construction of the west bank of the Rio Grande from the outfall of the Corrales Main Canal to the outfall of the San Antonio Arroyo.

Route 66 Revitalization

- Funding to prepare for the National Route 66 Centennial Celebration by planning, designing, constructing, and installing improvements to Route 66, including roadwork, signage, historic preservation, and education projects.

Unser Boulevard Build Out

- Acquire right-of-way, construct, and otherwise expand and improve Unser Boulevard to include four lanes, multi-use trails, storm water management and shovel ready utility corridors from Kimmick Avenue to Paseo Del Norte.

West Mesa Sand Dunes

- Acquire, restore and conserve West Mesa Sand Dunes on the City’s Southwest Mesa.

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