## CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL	BILL NO. R-20-68 ENACTMENT NO.
SPONSO	RED BY: Isaac Benton & Diane Gibson
1	RESOLUTION
2	URGING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE AN ELECTION ON
3	A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE
4	CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
5	WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution was
6	amended by popular vote in November of 1986, in a manner that apparently
7	diminished municipal authority to address firearms issues at the local level
8	(the "1986 Amendment"); and
9	WHEREAS, while the City recognizes the present Constitutional right of
10	citizens to keep and bear arms, the 1986 Amendment appears to impose a
11	one-size-fits-all approach for all localities within the state despite the vast
12	differences in population concentrations and other factors amongst various
13	cities and areas of the State, and has largely eliminated local discussion and
14	self-determination on many aspects of this this issues since that time; and
15	WHEREAS, over thirty years has passed since the 1986 Amendment, and
16	attitudes and perspectives can change drastically over that amount of time;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, it is now timely for the citizens of New Mexico to once again
19	consider whether the 1986 Amendment should remain in place; and
20	WHEREAS, the New Mexico Constitution may be amended only by a
21	popular vote on a proposal approved by the Legislature; and
22	WHEREAS, the legislature may propose constitutional amendments during
23	any regular session.
24	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF

25 ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. REQUEST OF LEGISLATURE. The City of Albuquerque requests and encourages the 2021 New Mexico State Legislature to pass a proposal that authorizes the voters of New Mexico to consider whether or not to repeal the 1986 Amendment. Section 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase of this resolution 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 resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section. paragraph, sentence, clause word phrase irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.