CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-16-125 ENACTMENT NO. 2-2017-013

SPONSORED BY:

Brad Winter and Ken Sanchez

	1	RESOLUTION							
	2	ESTABLISING A PROPERTY CRIME REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM BY							
	3	INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PSA POSITIONS AND PROVIDING AN							
	4	APPROPRIATION TO THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.							
	5	WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) is tasked to protect							
	6	and serve a Metropolitan population base of close to one million people; and							
	7	WHEREAS recruitment and retention of officers is an increasing challenge							
	8	for police agencies in the State and across the Nation; and							
	9	WHEREAS, for the past several years, APD has similarly experienced a							
	10	decrease in the number of officers on its force; and							
> .c	11	WHEREAS, while APD is aggressively marketing and recruiting new							
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	13	making it difficult to quickly fill officer positions; and							
ateri e	14	WHEREAS, the current APD staffing shortage has hampered APD's							
	15	community policing efforts and has resulted in increased response times to							
	16	Priority Three property crimes (home burglary, auto theft, home larceny							
arsc Ara	17	crimes, and vandalism/property damage) calls for service where no suspect is							
E E	18	reported on scene; and							
	19	WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Albuquerque deserve a timely and							
	20	high quality response to reports of crime; and							
	21	WHEREAS, a solution to address the response times is for the City to							
	22	establish PSA Positions whose duties would include responding to Priority							
	23	Three property crime calls through collection of forensic evidence, including							
	24	latent print evidence, photographing of crime scenes, interviewing witnesses,							
	25	taking reports, and testifying in court; and							

	3	report taking for certain non-critical calls, including auto and residential
	4	burglaries; thereby allowing sworn officers to respond to the more critical
	5	calls for service; and
	6	WHEREAS, as of January 18, 2017 there are 21 filled PSA positions and 17
	7	PSAs either in the Academy or on the job training (OJT); and
	8	WHEREAS, APD is budgeted for 25 PSA positions but authorized to fill an
	9	additional 35 through vacancy savings; and
	10	WHEREAS, since inception of the program, 27 PSAs have been
	11	successfully recruited as APD sworn officers, and another 2 are currently APD
	12	Academy Cadets; and
	13	WHEREAS, the filling of 25 PSA positions will enhance APD's efforts to
	14	recruit additional sworn officers through the PSA program; and
	15	WHEREAS, the use of additional PSAs to respond to Priority Three
	16	property crime calls will free up APD officers to respond to Priority One
	17	emergency and violent crime calls; and
> .	<u>- 18</u>	WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cumulative effect of the Property Crime
rscored Material] - New	19	Reduction Program would be decreased response times overall for both
<u>_</u>	20	Priority One and Priority Three calls and improvement to service delivery to
ateri	21	the community.
M	22	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
orec	23	ALBUQUERQUE:
ersc	24	Section 1. That the Administration is directed to establish a Property Crime
Jnd	25	Reduction Pilot Program staffed with up to twenty-five (25) PSAs that will
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	27	of forensic evidence, including latent print evidence, photographing of crime
Bra	28	scenes, interviewing witnesses, taking reports, and testifying in court.
	<u>2</u> 9	Implementation of the program will begin at the Northeast, Southeast and
	30	Southwest Area Commands

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2014 APD implemented the Police Service Aide

(PSA) program to boost officer recruiting and provide general assistance and

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		1 Section 2. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated and/or de-					
	2	2 appropriated in the following programs for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to fund					
	3	this pilot program for the last quarter of the year:					
	4	Police Department					
	5	Neighborhood Policing	\$300,000				
	6	Municipal Development Department					
	7	Design Recovered Storm Drain	(\$200,000)				
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	9	Transfer to Capital Acquisition Fund 305	(\$100,000)				
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