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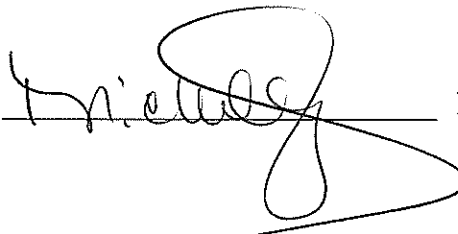
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/ CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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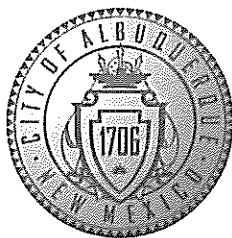
TO: DAN LEWIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM: TERRY BRUNNER, CHIEF OF STAFF 
SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2024

The following legislation is transmitted to your office for **Introduction** at the October 21, 2024 City Council Meeting:

- 1) Veto of R-24-85

Received By: 

Date: 10/18/24




TIMOTHY M. KELLER, MAYOR

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/ CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: TIMOTHY M. KELLER, MAYOR 

SUBJECT: VETO OF R-24-85 - AMENDING SECTION 2-1-7 OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CODE OF RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE
(CHAMPINE)

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2024

I support the idea of establishing a 10-year reoccurring Charter Review Task Force, and could support a resolution that offers a more equitable process that is in step with past efforts and our current Charter. I write today in the hopes that we might be able to revisit this ordinance together, to craft a structure that best balances both geographic representation and the explicit interests – as enumerated in the current Charter and previous Charter Reviews – of both the legislative and executive branches of Albuquerque government. To enable us to work on a mutually agreed upon proposal, I am vetoing R-24-85, the legislation that sets up a charter review task force, because it doesn't maintain an appropriate balance between the geographic representation or legislative and executive branch obligations outlined under the current City Charter.

Albuquerque has been through this process before, in 2008 and 2015. Both times we saw a much more balanced approach: In 2008 there were ten members appointed by the City Council and four by the Mayor; and in 2015 there were eleven members appointed by the City Council and four by the Mayor.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Isaac Padilla, Director of Council Services

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-24-85 Amending Section 2-1-7 Of The City Of Albuquerque Code Of Resolutions Related To The Charter Review Task Force (Champine), which was passed at the Council meeting of October 7, 2024, by a vote of 7 FOR AND 2 AGAINST.

For: Bassan, Champine, Grout, Lewis, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez
Against: Baca, Fiebelkorn

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-85 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Dan Champine

1 RESOLUTION

2 AMENDING SECTION 2-1-7 OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CODE OF
3 RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE.

4 WHEREAS, the City Charter, which established the City of Albuquerque's
5 current governmental framework, was adopted by the voters in 1974; and

6 WHEREAS, since then, City Charter Review Task Forces were convened in
7 1988, 1998, 2009, and 2015 to assess the City Charter and propose updates
8 that address various changes to the City over time; and

9 WHEREAS, given that approximately nine years have elapsed since the last
10 review, and in light of several recent proposals to amend the City Charter, it is
11 an opportune time to reconvene a Charter Review Task Force; and

12 WHEREAS, implementing a regular review schedule for the City Charter will
13 guarantee regular assessments of its effectiveness and enable the prompt
14 identification of areas where revisions can improve the City's governance and
15 operational efficiency; and

16 WHEREAS, a review process that fosters public engagement will offer
17 residents a platform to voice their concerns and suggestions, which can lead
18 to more transparent and representative governance; and

19 WHEREAS, regular review will ensure that the City Charter remains
20 responsive to the evolving needs of the City of Albuquerque.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
22 ALBUQUERQUE:

23 SECTION 1. Section 2-1-7 of the City of Albuquerque Code of Resolutions
24 is hereby amended as follows:

25 § 2-1-7 CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE.

1 (A) A City Charter Review Task Force consisting of 11 members is hereby
2 created to review and evaluate all areas of the City Charter, including those
3 sections which have been challenged as well as the unchallenged sections.
4 The Task Force shall be made up of the following 11 members: one member
5 selected by each City Councilor; one at-large member selected by the City
6 Council who shall chair the Task Force; and one member appointed by the
7 Mayor. The Task Force shall be a blue-ribbon group, whose members are well
8 respected in the community. Among the members shall be citizens who are
9 knowledgeable as to municipal government organization in Albuquerque
10 and/or in general. Membership shall include attorneys respected in the area of
11 municipal and constitutional law.

12 (B) The Task Force shall be governed by Chapter 2, Article 6, R.O.A. 1994,
13 the Public Boards, Commissions and Committees Ordinance, except the term
14 of appointment shall be six months, or until its final report is presented.

15 (C) The charge of the Task Force, which shall be liberally construed, shall
16 be to examine any and all articles, sections, and provisions of the City Charter
17 for the purpose of recommending any amendments to the Charter deemed
18 appropriate. Prior to the Task Force's first meeting, the City Council may by
19 resolution direct the Task Force to consider specific matters, in addition to its
20 overall review of the City Charter as a whole.

21 (D) The Task Force shall present its recommendations to the Mayor and
22 the Council in the form of a final report.

23 (E) The Task Force shall hold one or more public hearings at which the
24 citizens of the City shall be encouraged to give their views on the Charter.

25 (F) The Office of the Mayor and the Council Services Department shall
26 cooperate in providing staff and financial support necessary to assist the Task
27 Force.

28 (G) The Task Force shall convene once every ten (10) years, beginning in
29 January 2025.

30 (H) The City Clerk shall develop educational materials informing the public
31 of the purpose of the Charter Review Task Force and how interested
32 individuals may apply to serve on the Task Force. At least three (3) months
33 prior to the date on which the Task Force will convene, the City Clerk shall

1 make this information available to the public online and conduct at least three
2 (3) community question and answer sessions.

3 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
4 word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
5 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
6 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council
7 hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section,
8 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
9 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

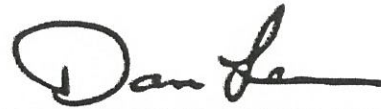
10 **SECTION 3. COMPILATION.** SECTION 1 of this Resolution amends, is
11 incorporated in, and is to be compiled as part of the City of Albuquerque Code
12 of Resolutions.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2024
2 BY A VOTE OF: 7 FOR 2 AGAINST.

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4 For: Bassan, Champine, Grout, Lewis, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez
5 Against: Baca, Fiebelkorn
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10 Dan Lewis, President
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14 APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF October, 2024
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19 Bill No. R-24-85

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21 **VETO** 
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23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
24 City of Albuquerque
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27 ATTEST:
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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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