

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-17-154 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
3 FOR THE 2017 NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 Section 1. The following initiatives providing for the health, safety and
7 welfare of the people of Albuquerque require the joint efforts and resources of
8 the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque and therefore are
9 adopted as the State legislative priorities of the City of Albuquerque:

10 (A) REVENUE MEASURES. The City of Albuquerque supports:

11 (1) maintaining local government taxing authority and gross receipts
12 tax base; and

13 (2) examining alternatives to improve municipal revenue streams or
14 create diversity to stabilize municipal revenue sources.

15 (3) creating a joint state and local government task force to identify
16 means and methods to improve or create an alternative to the hold harmless
17 provision of the state budget.

18 (4) creating a joint state and local government task force to identify
19 means and methods to reorganize the capital outlay process to address the
20 goals of the administration and the legislature while maintaining the ability to
21 assist local agencies in funding projects.

22 (B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ACT. The City of Albuquerque
23 supports:

24 (1) amending the Public Employee Retirement Act (PERA) to permit
25 law enforcement officers who retire through PERA to return to work in law

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1 enforcement, including with the agencies from which they retired and continue
2 to collect a PERA pension.

3 (C) CAPITAL PROJECTS. The City of Albuquerque requests that the
4 legislature reauthorize existing City capital projects and provide funding for
5 the following projects;

6 (1) developing a Regional Crisis Stabilization Center for Bernalillo
7 County and surrounding areas in Albuquerque;

8 (2) purchasing lands identified as priority acquisitions for the City
9 of Albuquerque open space program including, the East Tijeras Arroyo, in
10 Southeast Albuquerque, the La Cuentista parcels, the Middle Branch of the
11 Boca Negra Arroyo, and the Northern One Third of the North Geological
12 Window, all in Northwest Albuquerque and the North Rio Puerco Escarpment
13 in west central Bernalillo County;

14 (3) streetscaping improvements to Central Avenue from 98th Street
15 to Tramway Boulevard in Albuquerque;

16 (4) constructing a gymnasium at the Pat Hurley Community Center
17 in Northwest Albuquerque;

18 (5) constructing phase II of the Regional Sportsplex in Northwest
19 Albuquerque;

20 (6) replacing the Broadway Storm Water Pump Station in
21 Northcentral Albuquerque;

22 (7) designing and constructing multi-use trail improvements along
23 the Alameda Drain within the City of Albuquerque;

24 (8) Implementing capital improvement recommendations adopted
25 through the North Fourth Street Corridor Plan in Northwest Albuquerque;

26 (9) constructing pedestrian improvements to the Central Avenue
27 railroad underpass and station platform at the NMRX railroad tracks in the
28 Albuquerque Central Business District;

29 (10) stabilizing historic buildings at the Albuquerque Rail Yards in
30 Southwest Albuquerque;

31 (11) constructing a Park and purchasing furnishings and
32 information technology equipment for the Westgate Community Center in the
33 Route 66 West Neighborhood in Southwest Albuquerque;

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- 1 (12) constructing a Route 66 Visitor Center in Southwest
- 2 Albuquerque;
- 3 (13) Metropolitan Redevelopment projects in the West Central
- 4 Redevelopment Area near Central Avenue from the Rio Grande to Volcano
- 5 Road Northwest in West Central Albuquerque;
- 6 (14) pedestrian improvements in the 86th Street right of way from
- 7 Bridge Boulevard to Tower Road in Southwest Albuquerque;
- 8 (15) designing a Gymnasium at the North Domingo Park in Far
- 9 Northeast Albuquerque;
- 10 (16) developing Paseo del Volcan in West Bernalillo County;
- 11 (17) constructing West Side Boulevard between Golf Course Road
- 12 and New Mexico Highway 528 in Northwest Albuquerque;
- 13 (18) designing and constructing a community complex that will
- 14 include a multi-generational center/library and Aquatics Center in Northwest
- 15 Albuquerque;
- 16 (19) constructing a new full service library in the International
- 17 District in Southeast Albuquerque;
- 18 (20) demolishing and reconstructing the Phil Chacon Memorial
- 19 Police Substation in Southeast Albuquerque;
- 20 (21) bicycle, motor vehicle and pedestrian safety improvements in
- 21 Uptown in Northeast Albuquerque;
- 22 (22) constructing a BMX Bicycle Park at Los Altos Park in Northeast
- 23 Albuquerque;
- 24 (23) designing and constructing a new fire station near the
- 25 intersection of Eubank and Menaul in Northeast Albuquerque;
- 26 (24) land acquisition, and design and construction of a facility for the
- 27 public to repair bicycles and receive training to repair bicycles in the McKinley
- 28 Neighborhood in Northeast Albuquerque;
- 29 (25) constructing phase three improvements to the Lobo Little
- 30 League Complex at Balduini Park in Northeast Albuquerque;
- 31 (26) landscaping medians on Juan Tabo Boulevard from Candelaria
- 32 Road to Menaul Boulevard in Northeast Albuquerque;

1 (27) constructing an alternative response paramedic station near the
2 Juan Tabo Hills Subdivision in Southeast Albuquerque;

3 (28) funding for Metropolitan Redevelopment Projects in the East
4 Gateway Corridor in Southeast Albuquerque; and

5 (29) constructing Juan Tabo Hills Park.

6 (D) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The City of Albuquerque supports:

7 (1) the State Mainstreet program including the Barelas,
8 Downtown, and Nob Hill Mainstreet efforts in Albuquerque;

9 (2) funding to purchase properties in targeted areas to remove
10 blighted structures and to stimulate redevelopment;

11 (3) preserving and prioritizing local economic development in
12 State economic planning;

13 (4) continuing incentives for, the film industry;

14 (5) comprehensive legislation to eliminate abusive predatory
15 lending practices, including payday, car title and predatory mortgage loans;

16 (6) increasing marketing funds for State tourism;

17 (7) increasing marketing funds for economic development and
18 recruitment.

19 (E) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SENIORS. The City of Albuquerque
20 supports:

21 (1) full funding at all existing sites for the 21st Century Learning
22 Center Educational Programs;

23 (2) protecting Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance
24 Program (SCHIP) coverage; and

25 (3) protecting funding for programs for low income seniors that
26 provide home repairs and retrofits, and assist with household chores.

27 (F) HOUSING AND EDUCATION. The City of Albuquerque supports:

28 (1) protecting funding for the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund;

29 (2) adequate and equitable funding for Albuquerque public
30 schools, charter schools, institutions of higher education, and alternative
31 schools for at-risk children;

32 (3) providing capital funding to charter schools; and

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1 (4) requiring local school districts to enter into partnerships with
2 local governments to achieve the most effective use of all public facilities by
3 the community.

4 (G) PUBLIC SAFETY. The City of Albuquerque supports:

5 (1) adopting a resolution directing the state Department of Public
6 Safety Crime Lab to assist the City of Albuquerque in reducing the number
7 Albuquerque Police Department's unprocessed sexual assault evidence kits
8 and providing funding for both agencies to address this backlog.

9 (2) adopting a uniform act establishing a reoccurring funding
10 source to provide for the processing and archiving of sexual assault evidence
11 kits and related court expenses at the State Department of Public Safety Crime
12 Lab and qualified local agency crime laboratories.

13 (3) granting local governments powers to establish and enforce
14 curfews for persons under the age of 18 for the purposes of public safety;

15 (4) continuing funding for alcohol and drug treatment services;

16 (5) authorizing local governments to seize vehicles for the
17 purpose of reducing the rate of repeat DUI Offenses;

18 (6) expanding the list of violent crimes that qualify for a life
19 sentence under the current three strikes law;

20 (7) eliminating the statute of limitations for violent felonies;

21 (8) strengthening penalties and expanding the scope of identity
22 theft laws;

23 (9) compensating local jails for the cost of holding parole
24 violators and other State prisoners;

25 (10) prohibiting the imposition of a fee on municipalities for
26 municipal prisoners housed in county detention facilities;

27 (11) sentencing alternatives to allow more effective local control of
28 jail populations;

29 (12) strengthening the sentences for human trafficking convictions
30 from a third-degree felony to a first-degree felony; and

31 (13) amending the Treatment Guardian Act statutes to create a
32 process for individuals to voluntarily receive treatment and supervision who

1 are living with mental illness and are declared incompetent after being
2 adjudicated.

3 (H) LAND USE. The City of Albuquerque supports:

4 (1) reinstating the City of Albuquerque’s extraterritorial planning
5 and zoning authority and authorizing the City and Bernalillo County to develop
6 a mutually acceptable and cooperative decision-making process regarding
7 land in the extraterritorial area.

8 (I) ANIMAL ISSUES. The City of Albuquerque supports:

9 (1) funding to assist local animal shelters with the costs of
10 sheltering animals under court-ordered protective custody;

11 (2) addressing issues arising from the links between domestic
12 violence, child abuse and animal abuse; and

13 (3) amending the State Cruelty Law to define neglect as cruelty
14 and increase penalties for animal cruelty.

15 (J) GENERAL. The City of Albuquerque supports the policy statements
16 and resolutions of the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML); if any NMML
17 policies are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions
18 herein shall prevail.

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