

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-20-85 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 SUPPLEMENTING PRIORITIES FOR THE CAPITAL IMPLEMENTATION
3 PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE BY IMPLEMENTING A
4 COMMUNITY EQUITY CRITERION TO BE USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
5 THE PLAN.

6 WHEREAS, laws and political priorities at all levels of government have
7 resulted in community inequities in Albuquerque and elsewhere that have
8 disparately impacted historically marginalized communities' access to and
9 leveraging of community resources, infrastructure investments, and other
10 health and wealth-building resources; and

11 WHEREAS, social and racial inequities persist relating to educational
12 attainment, encounters with the criminal justice system, jobs, housing, public
13 infrastructure, health, and the community impacts of the current COVID-19
14 pandemic; and

15 WHEREAS, A focus on equity in capital investment by local governments
16 is critically important in getting toward more equitable outcomes for
17 communities across the City with respect to allocation of public resources and
18 broader community success; and

19 WHEREAS, Local governments have the ability to implement policy change
20 at multiple levels and across multiple sectors to drive larger systemic change;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The City of Albuquerque became an active member of the
23 Government Alliance for Race and Equity in 2018, and recommitted to reshape
24 government by committing to and advancing racial equity initiatives to
25 become an inclusive community where equitable success is the norm and
26 race and ethnicity will no longer predict outcomes; and

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1 WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-256 was approved by the City Council on
2 January 17, 2018, and included a priority for the City’s 2019 General Obligation
3 Bond Program to fund programs and projects in underserved neighborhoods
4 relating to Public Safety, Senior and Community Centers, Libraries, Housing,
5 Transportation, Economic Development and Community Enhancement; and

6 WHEREAS, prioritizing improvements for neighborhoods and communities
7 that have been otherwise left behind is a step toward undoing this inequitable
8 system that many of our communities live with today; and

9 WHEREAS, endeavoring to prioritize the City’s capital resources based, at
10 least in part, on helping to address past inequities will help to raise the City’s
11 overall quality of life and will move toward a more equitable common
12 denominator for community and family health and success; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to reduce historic systemic barriers and elevate
14 opportunities, the City needs to interweave equity evaluation tools throughout
15 city operations in order to achieve better equity.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17 ALBUQUERQUE:

18 Section 1. The City shall implement equity criterion that evaluates historic
19 disinvestment in the subareas of the City with higher populations of people of
20 color, to be included as part of the City’s overall criteria assessment for
21 capital improvements project funding in the 2023 and subsequent General
22 Obligation Bond Programs; The City shall allocate capital improvement
23 funding in a way that prioritizes projects that will help remedy inequities
24 identified by this evaluation criterion.

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