

# **CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**

## **EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL BILL NO. R-09-199** **ENACTMENT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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1 **RESOLUTION**

2 REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT THE  
3 CITY'S SAFE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES TO  
4 TRAFFIC SAFETY.

5           **WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2005, City Council enactment O-2005-  
6 65 became effective authorizing the creation of the Safe Traffic  
7 Operations Program (“STOP”) to deal with drivers who violate the  
8 requirement to obey red lights and not to speed in school zones; and

9                   **WHEREAS**, the STOP has since been expanded to deal with  
10                   speeding violations at other locations; and

11                   WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque web-site states that the goal  
12                   of the red light camera enforcement program is to “reduce violations,  
13                   prevent crashes, avoid injuries, and most importantly save lives”; and

14                    WHEREAS, the Mayor asserts that a one week discontinuance of  
15    the red light camera program caused a 100% increase in traffic violations  
16    in the City; and

17 WHEREAS, there is evidence as whether the STOP is effective  
18 that is not being provided to the City Council; and

19 WHEREAS, it has been announced that the City Council will be  
20 asked, following the current New Mexico legislative session, to approve  
21 a multi-year extension of the contract with Redflex to continue the STOP;  
22 and

23                    WHEREAS, the City Council should have the best available  
24 information on whether the STOP works prior to approving a multi-year  
25 extension.

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
27 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

1           **Section 1. Within 60 days of the adoption of this Resolution the**  
2   **Administration shall deliver to the City Council all available information**  
3   **that either supports or refutes the claim that the STOP prevents**  
4   **accidents and saves lives.**

5           **Section 2. The information provided to the City Council shall not**  
6   **be anecdotal but shall be supported by verifiable evidence.**

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