

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-16-125 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY CRIME REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH
3 THE USE OF NEWLY CREATED COMMUNITY REPORTING TECHNICIAN
4 POSITIONS AND DESIGNATED PSA POSITIONS AND PROVIDING AN
5 APPROPRIATION TO THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) is tasked to protect
7 and serve a Metropolitan population base of close to one million people; and

8 WHEREAS recruitment and retention of officers is an increasing challenge
9 for police agencies in the State and across the Nation; and

10 WHEREAS, for the past several years, APD has similarly experienced a
11 decrease in the number of officers on its force; and

12 WHEREAS, while APD is aggressively marketing and recruiting new
13 officers, selecting, vetting, and training new applicants is a lengthy process,
14 making it difficult to quickly fill officer positions; and

15 WHEREAS, the current APD staffing shortage has hampered APD's
16 community policing efforts and has resulted in increased response times to
17 Priority Three property crimes (home burglary, auto theft, home larceny
18 crimes, and vandalism/property damage) calls for service where no suspect is
19 reported on scene; and

20 WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Albuquerque deserve a timely and
21 high quality response to reports of crime; and

22 WHEREAS, a solution to address the response times is for the City to
23 establish Community Reporting Technician Positions whose duties would
24 include responding to Priority Three property crime calls through collection of
25 forensic evidence, including latent print evidence, photographing of crime
26 scenes, interviewing witnesses, taking reports, and testifying in court; and

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1 WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2014 APD implemented the Police Service Aide
2 (PSA) program to boost officer recruiting and provide general assistance 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 10 PSA positions will enhance APD's efforts to
14 recruit additional sworn officers through the PSA program; and

15 WHEREAS, the use of Community Reporting Technicians and additional
16 PSAs to respond to Priority Three property crime calls will free up APD
17 officers to respond to Priority One emergency and violent crime calls; and

18 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cumulative effect of the Property Crime
19 Reduction Program would be decreased response times overall for both
20 Priority One and Priority Three calls and improvement to service delivery to
21 the community.

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

24 Section 1. That the Administration is directed to establish a Property Crime
25 Reduction Pilot Program staffed with up to twenty-five (25) Community
26 Reporting Technicians and (10) PSAs that will focus on responding to Priority
27 Three property crime calls through collection of forensic evidence, including
28 latent print evidence, photographing of crime scenes, interviewing witnesses,
29 taking reports, and testifying in court. Implementation of the program will
30 begin at the Northeast, Southeast and Southwest Area Commands.

31 Section 2. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated and/or de-
32 appropriated in the following programs for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to fund
33 this pilot program for the last quarter of the year:

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1	Police Department	
2	Neighborhood Policing	\$300,000
3	Municipal Development Department	
4	Design Recovered Storm Drain	(\$200,000)
5	Police Department	
6	Transfer to Capital Acquisition Fund 305	(\$100,000)

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