

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-9 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-008

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa Peña, Diane Gibson and Cynthia D. Borrego

1 RESOLUTION
2 NAMING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FIRE STATION 7 THE “KEN SANCHEZ
3 FIRE STATION 7”

4 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez served the City of Albuquerque and
5 District 1 as City Councilor for fourteen years, from 2005 to 2019, until his
6 passing on January 1, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez also served as Bernalillo County
8 Commissioner for seven years, from 1995 to 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a model public servant who was
10 steadfast in his dedication to improve District 1, the Westside, and the entire
11 City of Albuquerque; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Keller fully supports changing the name of Station 7 to
13 Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7 and stated, “Ken Sanchez was Council President
14 when I first came into office, he helped my administration find our way with
15 City Council and joined with us to directly address many deep-seeded
16 challenges facing City Hall with a focus on public safety”; and

17 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a staunch supporter of Public
18 Safety, including his direct legislative support for wage increases and
19 procurement of equipment for the City’s Police Officers and Firefighters; and

20 WHEREAS, Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) Fire Chief Paul Dow and AFR
21 Retirees Association President Kerry Horton presented the family of Councilor
22 Ken Sanchez with a Resolution of Condolence plaque and a Silver Fire Fighter
23 Helmet in appreciation for all the work he completed on behalf of AFR during
24 his tenure as City Councilor; and

25 WHEREAS, Albuquerque Area Fire Fighters Local 244 (IAFF) President
26 Justin Cheney stated that “Councilor Sanchez was always a strong champion

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1 for public safety; whether advocating for the construction of a new fire station
2 of his continued support in adding additional members to our ranks, thereby
3 providing improved services to the citizens of Albuquerque. The impact of his
4 service and dedication will be felt for decades to come”; and

5 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was instrumental in securing funding
6 for the land acquisition and construction of the new Fire Station 7 located on
7 the corner of 57th Street and Central Avenue, which included a combination of
8 Impact Fees, CDBG Grants, West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Funds,
9 NMFA Loans, Red Light Camera revenues, and General Obligation Bonds; and

10 WHEREAS, construction of the new Fire Station 7 was completed in late
11 2012, and was dedicated at a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 21, 2012,
12 with Councilor Ken Sanchez in attendance; and now offers the Westside area
13 enhanced availability of fire protection services and a beautiful modern
14 facility.

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

17 SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque Fire Station 7 is hereby named the
18 “Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7”.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF January, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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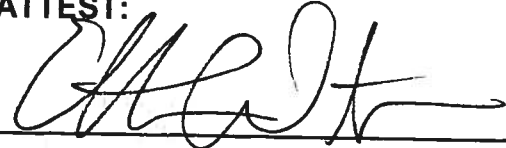
Patrick Davis, President
City Council

APPROVED THIS 5 DAY OF February, 2020

Bill No. R-20-9



Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:


Ethan Watson, Acting City Clerk

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