

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-16-125 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY CRIME REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

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

5 WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of officers is an increasing challenge  
6 for police agencies in the State and across the Nation; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the current APD staffing shortage has resulted in increased  
13 response times to Priority Three property crime (home burglary, auto theft,  
14 and home larceny crimes) calls for service and have hampered APD's  
15 community policing efforts; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a solution to address the response times is for the City to  
19 establish a Property Crime Reduction Pilot Program; and

20 WHEREAS, under the Property Crime Reduction Pilot Program, the City  
21 would hire up to thirty (30) City employees, prioritizing the hiring of authorized  
22 but unfilled certified police CSA positions and Forensic Evidence Technicians  
23 to staff the Property Crime Reduction Pilot Program; and

24 WHEREAS, the duties of the staff hired under the pilot project would  
25 include responding to Priority Three property crime calls through collection of  
26 forensic evidence, including latent print evidence, photographing of crime

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1 scenes, interviewing witnesses, taking reports, and testifying in court, and  
2 Priority Three property crime calls would free up APD officers to respond to  
3 Priority One emergency and violent crime calls; and

4 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cumulative effect of Property Crime  
5 Reduction Pilot Program would be decreased response times overall for both  
6 Priority One and Priority Three calls and improvement to service delivery to  
7 the community.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 Section 1. That the Administration is directed to establish a Property Crime  
11 Reduction Pilot Program staffed with up to thirty (30) City employees,  
12 prioritizing the hiring of authorized but currently unfilled sworn police CSA  
13 officers and Forensic Evidence Technicians to staff the program who will  
14 focus on responding to Priority Three property crime calls through collection  
15 of forensic evidence, photographing of crime scenes, interviewing witnesses,  
16 taking reports, and testifying in court.

17 Section 2. That funding for hiring employees for the Property Crime  
18 Reduction Pilot Program in the amount of \$650,000 for one-half of Fiscal Year  
19 2017 is identified in Resolution R-16-118.

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