

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-09-199 ENACTMENT NO.: _____

SPONSORED BY: Brad Winter

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:

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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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