

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-11-275 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Rey Garduño

- 1 RESOLUTION
- 2 SUPPORTING A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION
- 3 INTO WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF CIVIL
- 4 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 5 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) conducts “pattern or
- 6 practice” investigations of local law enforcement agencies if it determines that
- 7 such investigations are warranted and DOJ involvement can bring about a
- 8 sustained change where necessary; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the DOJ has begun reviewing whether a “pattern or practice”
- 10 investigation should be conducted with regard to the Albuquerque Police
- 11 Department; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Mayor has informed the DOJ that “we will fully cooperate
- 13 and will work collaboratively in regards to any investigation they choose to
- 14 conduct in this matter”; and
- 15 WHEREAS, based on the recent spike in incidents of the use of deadly
- 16 force by Albuquerque Police Officers, concerns have been brought to the
- 17 Council about whether Albuquerque Police Officers are receiving appropriate
- 18 training related to the use of deadly force; and
- 19 WHEREAS, based upon claims by public advocacy groups of systemic
- 20 profiling, concerns have been raised as to whether APD Officers are receiving
- 21 appropriate training regarding implicit bias; and
- 22 WHEREAS, a local law enforcement agency cannot be effective unless it
- 23 reduces crime, protects individual constitutional rights and engenders public
- 24 confidence; and
- 25 WHEREAS, a loss of the public’s confidence in APD and its leadership will
- 26 have a devastating impact on the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, an outside investigation is necessary to restore the public's
2 trust at this time; and

3 WHEREAS, by conducting a comprehensive review of APD recruitment and
4 training practices and operating procedures, the DOJ can identify issues that
5 must be addressed by APD; and

6 WHEREAS, the Council expresses its support of a DOJ investigation and of
7 the Mayor's commitment to cooperate and work collaboratively with the DOJ
8 on such an investigation.

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

11 The Council supports a comprehensive investigation by the U.S.
12 Department of Justice into whether there has been a pattern or practice of civil
13 rights violations by the Albuquerque Police Department.

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