

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-13-8 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
3 FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 Section 1. That the legislative policy for the 2014 Session of the New
7 Mexico Legislature is hereby approved and adopted as follows:

8 (A) REVENUE MEASURES. The City of Albuquerque:

9 (1) opposes any erosion of local government taxing authority and
10 the City's gross receipts tax base;

11 (2) supports the examination of alternatives to enhance the
12 revenue stream or create diversity to stabilize municipal revenue sources; and

13 (3) opposes changes relative to local franchise fees and
14 franchises which would have the effect of lowering municipal revenues or
15 lessening control over municipal rights-of-way.

16 (B) CAPITAL PROJECTS. The City requests:

17 (1) that existing City capital projects be reauthorized, and new
18 projects identified by the City as having a high priority receive capital outlay
19 funding;

20 (2) funding for the purchase of right-of-way for the Paseo del
21 Volcan By-Pass Freeway; and

22 (3) funding for the purchase of open space.
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24 (C) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The City:

25 (1) urges the State to recognize the regional importance of the

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- 1 I-25/Paseo del Norte interchange project headed by the New Mexico
- 2 Department of Transportation, to continue to support the collaboration among
- 3 local, State and Federal agencies on the project, and to provide funding
- 4 toward the completion of the phased renovation of the interchange;
- 5 (2) supports the Mainstreet program (including Nob Hill and
- 6 Downtown in Albuquerque) and the preservation and prioritization of local
- 7 economic development in State economic planning;
- 8 (3) supports funding for the purchase of properties in targeted
- 9 areas to remove blighted structures to stimulate redevelopment of the area;
- 10 (4) supports the continued recruitment of, and incentives for, the
- 11 film industry;
- 12 (5) supports comprehensive legislation to eliminate abusive
- 13 predatory lending practices, including payday, car title and mortgage loans;
- 14 (6) supports legislative amendments to clarify provisions of the
- 15 Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) statute regarding notice to affected
- 16 state and local governmental entities, the assessment and distribution
- 17 process, payment of administrative expenses, calculation of base taxes and
- 18 tax increments, the termination process, and the board election process;
- 19 (7) supports the adoption of an optional Single Sales Factor for
- 20 Manufacturers, provided that the state's existing incentives remain intact;
- 21 (8) supports Post-Performance Tax Credit, which provides that up
- 22 to 30% of the new state revenues from a qualified business entity's economic
- 23 base project can be refunded to the taxpayer as a credit, based on a portion of
- 24 the new revenues that are generated for the State;
- 25 (9) urges the State to support Local Economic Development Act
- 26 (LEDA) funding, which serves as a closing fund in recruiting companies to the
- 27 State or supporting expansions of existing economic base companies by
- 28 providing funding to local governments for qualified job creation projects
- 29 through Capital Outlay allocation;
- 30 (10) urges the State to increase marketing funds for economic
- 31 development and recruitment;
- 32 (11) supports the increase in marketing funds for State tourism;

(12) supports reducing the corporate income tax from 7.6% to 4.9% over a four-year period to mirror the Personal Income Tax; and

(13) supports the proposal for an informed consent law that is extended to spacecraft manufacturers and suppliers to make Spaceport America more competitive with the 12 other states that have passed this type of informed consent.

(D) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SENIORS. The City encourages:

(1) the appropriation of funds to retain the level of financial support for the 21st Century Learning Center educational programs at full funding at all existing sites;

(2) maintaining Medicaid and SCHIP coverage at current levels of coverage; and

(3) maintaining funding for the City's Home Services Program which provides home repair, chores and retrofit for senior citizens.

(E) HOUSING AND EDUCATION. The City supports:

(1) legislative efforts to increase the funding for the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund and provide greater regulatory flexibility to increase the supply of affordable housing and its rehabilitation in Albuquerque;

(2) adequate and equitable funding for Albuquerque public schools, charter schools, institutions of higher education, and alternative schools for at-risk children;

(3) the Legislature requiring that local school districts enter into partnerships with local governments to achieve the most effective use of all public facilities by the community; and

(4) making capital funding available to charter schools.

(F) PUBLIC SAFETY. The City:

(1) supports strengthening laws to end motorists driving while impaired;

(2) supports continued funding for alcohol and drug treatment services;

(3) supports legislation that increases penalties for persons who act in concert to illegally obtain merchandise from retail establishments for the purpose of reselling items;

1 (4) supports enhanced legislation that will expand the list of
2 violent crimes that qualify for a life sentence under the current three strikes
3 law;

4 (5) supports legislation that would eliminate the statute of
5 limitations for violent felonies;

6 (6) supports the work of the Domestic Violence Task Force and
7 other efforts to reduce threats to women, children and families;

8 (7) supports funding for the acquisition of land and/or property
9 for, and the operation of, a year-round emergency overnight shelter for
10 homeless women, children and families;

11 (8) supports legislation and potential solutions related to the
12 increasing prevalence of identity theft in New Mexico;

13 (9) supports adequate funding for the Department of Corrections
14 to compensate local jails for the cost of holding parole violators and other
15 State prisoners;

16 (10) opposes legislative amendments that would impose a fee on
17 municipalities for municipal prisoners housed in county detention facilities;

18 (11) supports sentencing alternatives to allow more effective local
19 control of jail populations;

20 (12) supports strengthening the sentences for all human trafficking
21 convictions from a third-degree felony to a first-degree felony;

22 (13) supports the renewal of statute 61-12c-9 to require that all
23 State massage parlors be licensed to practice in an effort to combat trafficking
24 practices in these businesses;

25 (14) supports strengthening the language in statute 30-52-1 on
26 Human Trafficking from "...recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting or
27 obtaining by any means..." to "...recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting
28 or proceeding with intent to obtain by any means..." to eliminate a possible
29 loophole; and

30 (15) supports the crafting of legislation using the Treatment
31 Guardian Act statutes as a base to create a voluntary model for individuals
32 living with mental illness who are declared incompetent after being
33 adjudicated to receive treatment and supervision.

1 (G) LAND USE. The City:

2 (1) supports a legislative amendment to reinstate the City's
3 extraterritorial planning and zoning authority that would allow the City and
4 Bernalillo County to develop a mutually acceptable and cooperative decision-
5 making process regarding land in the extraterritorial area.

6 (H) ANIMAL ISSUES. The City of Albuquerque supports:

7 (1) funding to assist local animal shelters with the costs of
8 sheltering animals under court-ordered protective custody;

9 (2) statewide legislation for mandatory spay and neuter
10 requirements together with funding for low-income spay and neuter programs;

11 (3) legislative efforts to address issues arising from the links
12 between domestic violence, child abuse and animal abuse; and

13 (4) legislative amendments to the current State Cruelty Law to
14 define neglect as cruelty and increase penalties for animal cruelty.

15 (I) GENERAL. The City supports the policy statements and resolutions
16 of the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML); if any NMML policies are
17 inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions herein shall
18 prevail.

19 (J) GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. This Resolution will be amended, if
20 necessary, to address any issues brought forth by the Governor's Message
21 that are not addressed herein.

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