

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-10 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Rey Garduño and Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 ENDORSING THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL CENTER'S  
3 TASK FORCE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE  
4 SELECTION OF THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF  
5 ALBUQUERQUE.

6 WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center is a non-profit  
7 organization with the mission to promote, appreciate, and practice an  
8 awareness of cultural diversity and human rights through celebration of the  
9 values by which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived; and

10 WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center's Task Force for  
11 Public Safety put together a document that compiles desired qualifications  
12 and characteristics that are needed from the next APD Chief of Police; and

13 WHEREAS, this document and recommendations were presented to City  
14 Council on December 2, 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, the next Chief of Police must be a compassionate professional  
16 and a leader who is engaged; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and our Police Department must have  
18 leadership that is engaged at many levels, most importantly, at the community  
19 level with abilities to be proactive in addressing the entire community's needs;  
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21 WHEREAS, the document states that the Chief of Police must have the  
22 following abilities and characteristics:

- 23 1. The understanding of affected communities and their deep-seated  
24 concerns.

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- 1       2. An empathetic social perspective and an understanding of the
- 2       experiences of being poor, of being a person of color, of those who are
- 3       homeless, and those that struggle with addiction.
- 4       3. Be trained in non-violent conflict resolution.
- 5       4. The ability to hear another person's concerns and act to calm
- 6       everyone's fears.
- 7       5. Have the aptitude to embody the Police Department's commitment to
- 8       the entire community and impart that commitment to the rank and file
- 9       public safety officers.

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

12       Section 1. The Council endorses the attached document from the Dr. Martin  
13   Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center Task Force for Public Safety regarding  
14   recommendations for qualifications and characteristics of the next Police  
15   Chief.

16       Section 2. The Council urges the Administration to follow these  
17   recommendations when selecting the new Police Chief.

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