

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-13-8 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

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3 F/S Establishing A Legislative Policy For The City Of Albuquerque For The  
4 2014 Legislative Session Of The New Mexico Legislature (Jones)

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6 ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
7 FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (B) CAPITAL PROJECTS. The City requests:

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

24 (2) funding for the purchase of right of way for the Paseo del  
25 Volcan By-Pass Freeway and for infrastructure improvements at the State  
26 Fairgrounds and the immediately surrounding public streets; and

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1 (3) funding for the purchase of open space.

2 (C) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The City:

3 (1) urges the State to recognize the regional importance of the  
4 I-25/Paseo del Norte interchange project headed by the New Mexico  
5 Department of Transportation, to continue to support the collaboration among  
6 local, State and Federal agencies on the project, and to provide funding  
7 toward the completion of the phased renovation of the interchange;

8 (2) supports the Mainstreet program (including Nob Hill and  
9 Downtown in Albuquerque) and the preservation and prioritization of local  
10 economic development in State economic planning;

11 (3) supports funding for the purchase of properties in targeted  
12 areas to remove blighted structures to stimulate redevelopment of the area;

13 (4) supports the continued recruitment of, and incentives for, the  
14 film industry;

15 (5) supports legislative amendments to the Tax Increment  
16 Development District (TIDD) statute to allow the state Board of Finance to  
17 strengthen TIDDs by adjusting the base year for the purpose of calculating  
18 increment;

19 (6) supports continued funding, in conjunction with surrounding  
20 states, of AMTRAK's Southwest Chief on its present route alignment;

21 (7) while recognizing the need for economic development on  
22 Native American lands, opposes any expansion of the gaming industry as that  
23 expansion could hurt tourism and local economic development;

24 (8) urges the State to support Local Economic Development Act  
25 (LEDA) funding;

26 (9) urges the State to increase marketing funds for economic  
27 development and recruitment;

28 (10) supports the increase in marketing funds for State tourism.

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

30 (1) the appropriation of funds to retain the level of financial  
31 support for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center educational programs at full  
32 funding at all existing sites;

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

1 coverage; and

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

4 (E) HOUSING AND EDUCATION. The City supports:

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

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

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

14 (4) making capital funding available to charter schools.

15 (F) PUBLIC SAFETY. The City:

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

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

20 (3) supports legislation that would eliminate the statute of  
21 limitations for violent felonies;

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

24 (5) supports funding for the acquisition of land and/or property  
25 for, and the operation of, a year-round emergency overnight shelter for  
26 homeless women, children and families;

27 (6) supports legislation and potential solutions related to the  
28 increasing prevalence of identity theft in New Mexico;

29 (7) supports adequate funding for the Department of Corrections  
30 to compensate local jails for the cost of holding parole violators and other  
31 State prisoners;

32 (8) opposes legislative amendments that would impose a fee on  
33 municipalities for municipal prisoners housed in county detention facilities;

1 (9) supports sentencing alternatives to allow more effective local  
2 control of jail populations;

3 (10) supports strengthening the sentences for all human trafficking  
4 convictions from a third-degree felony to a first-degree felony;

5 (11) supports the renewal of statute 61-12c-9 to require that all  
6 State massage parlors be licensed to practice in an effort to combat trafficking  
7 practices in these businesses;

8 (12) supports the strengthening of penalties for metal theft and  
9 specifically building vandalism associated with metal theft;

10 (13) supports a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) that  
11 would allow qualified police officers the opportunity to return to the police  
12 force after retirement.

13 (G) LAND USE. The City:

14 (1) supports a legislative amendment to reinstate the City's  
15 extraterritorial planning and zoning authority that would allow the City and  
16 Bernalillo County to develop a mutually acceptable and cooperative decision-  
17 making process regarding land in the extraterritorial area;

18 (2) supports legislation authorizing municipalities to create civil  
19 administrative remedies for zoning code violations which would be imposed at  
20 an administrative hearing by an administrative hearing officer pursuant to the  
21 findings made at that administrative hearing;

22 (3) supports legislation that provides local government entities  
23 the ability to require reporting on second hand metal dealers regarding the  
24 purchase or acquisition of regulated metal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (J) GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. This Resolution will be amended, if  
6 necessary, to address any issues brought forth by Executive Message that are  
7 not addressed herein.

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