

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-168 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris

1 RESOLUTION

2 **CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF**
3 **ALBUQUERQUE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CERTAIN POTENTIAL**
4 **REVISIONS.**

5 **WHEREAS, the City Charter which created Albuquerque’s current form of**
6 **government was adopted by the voters in 1974; and**

7 **WHEREAS, City Charter Review Task Forces were established in 1988,**
8 **1998, and 2009 to revisit the Charter and to make recommendations for**
9 **improving and refining the Charter in light of changes brought about by**
10 **population growth, annexation and the complexity of issues facing the City;**
11 **and**

12 **WHEREAS, each Task Force recommended changes to the Charter which**
13 **were proposed as Charter Amendments and put before the voters in 1989,**
14 **1999, and 2009 respectively and in each case several of the proposed**
15 **amendments were approved by the voters; and**

16 **WHEREAS, approximately five years have passed since the last Charter**
17 **Review Task Force was assembled to analyze the Charter provisions, and in**
18 **that time several critical issues have materialized relating to the requirements**
19 **of the Charter; and**

20 **WHEREAS, it is timely to convene a Charter Review Task Force to provide**
21 **an analysis of certain City Charter matters, and whether certain revisions**
22 **should be proposed to improve the City’s governmental structure and**
23 **operations; and**

24 **WHEREAS, the Charter Review Task Force created by this resolution**
25 **should submit its recommendations to the Council in time for placement on**
26 **the ballot for the October 6, 2015, regular municipal election.**

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
2 ALBUQUERQUE:

3 SECTION 1. CREATION OF A CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE

4 A. A 14 member City Charter Review Task Force is established to
5 review the City Charter and evaluate provisions that should be amended,
6 added or deleted.

7 B. The Task Force shall be made up of the following members, each of
8 whom is required to be a resident of the City of Albuquerque:

9 1. One member selected by each Councilor;

10 2. One at-large member selected by the full City Council who shall
11 chair the Task Force; and

12 3. Four members appointed by the Mayor.

13 C. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting as soon as possible after
14 the appointment of a majority of members, and shall provide its
15 recommendations for City Charter amendments in a report to the Council and
16 the Mayor on or before June 15, 2015. Upon presentation of its
17 recommendations, the Task Force is discharged.

18 D. The charge of the Task Force shall be to examine the City Charter for
19 the purpose of recommending amendments. The charge includes
20 examination of the following:

21 1. Potential Council remedies in the event a timely Mayoral
22 appointment is not presented for positions which require the advice and
23 consent of the Council; and

24 2. Potential Council remedies in the event a timely appointments are
25 not made to the "Intragovernmental Conference Committee" established
26 under Article XIX of the Charter in 2009.

27 E. As an advisory task force, meetings of the Charter Review Task Force
28 or are not strictly subject to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, but the Task
29 Force shall nonetheless meet only in open meetings that, as a matter of
30 policy, generally adhere to standards of the Open Meetings Act relating to
31 notice and accessibility by the public. The Task Force shall hold at least one
32 public hearing during which input from the public will be sought.

1 **F. The Council and the Administration shall provide staffing and**
2 **resources to the Task Force.**

3 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, word or**
4 **phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable**
5 **by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the**
6 **validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council hereby**
7 **declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,**
8 **paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any**
9 **provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

10 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution is effective immediately.**

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