

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-2 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
3 FOR THE 2018 NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 Section 1. The following initiatives providing for the health, safety and
7 welfare of the people of Albuquerque require the joint efforts and resources of
8 the State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque and therefore are
9 adopted as the State legislative priorities of the City of Albuquerque:

10 (A) CAPITAL OUTLAY.

11 (B) REVENUE MEASURES. The City of Albuquerque supports:

12 (1) maintaining local government taxing authority and gross receipts
13 tax base;

14 (2) examining alternatives to improve municipal revenue streams or
15 create diversity to stabilize municipal revenue sources;

16 (3) identify means and methods to improve or create an alternative
17 to the hold harmless provision of the state budget;

18 (4) identify means and methods to reorganize the capital outlay
19 process to address the goals of the administration and the legislature while
20 maintaining the ability to assist local agencies in funding projects.

21 (C) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The City of Albuquerque supports:

22 (1) the State Mainstreet Program including the Barelmas,
23 Downtown, and Nob Hill Mainstreet efforts in Albuquerque;

24 (2) funding to purchase properties in targeted areas to remove
25 blighted structures and to stimulate redevelopment;

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- 1 (3) preserving and prioritizing local economic development in
- 2 State economic planning;
- 3 (4) continuing incentives for the film industry;
- 4 (5) comprehensive legislation to eliminate abusive predatory
- 5 lending practices, including payday, car title and predatory mortgage loans;
- 6 (6) increasing marketing funds for State tourism;
- 7 (7) increasing marketing funds for economic development and
- 8 recruitment;
- 9 (8) efforts to make Property Assessment Clean Energy Bond
- 10 (PACE) financing a viable option in the state of New Mexico;
- 11 (9) protecting the \$50 million dollar LEDA funding level so as to
- 12 maintain the fund as an evergreen fund;
- 13 (10) funding the New Mexico Job Training Incentive Program to \$12
- 14 million and provide the necessary emergency funds to the program to fulfill
- 15 the FY17 commitments;
- 16 (11) adopting Enhanced Enterprise Zone Legislation that is
- 17 geographically focused and has a no cost tool for collecting and distributing
- 18 property tax abatement on future land value increases;
- 19 (12) holding harmless the portion of property taxes allotted to Tax
- 20 Increments Finance Districts, and Tax Increments Districts, so as to continue
- 21 to stimulate re-development and new construction;
- 22 (13) amending the High Wage Jobs Tax Credit to remove Industry
- 23 & Job Type Exclusions such as Corporate and Regional Headquarters;
- 24 (14) funding to the NM Partnership and the Economic Development
- 25 Department;
- 26 (15) programs that strengthen solo workers and entrepreneurs as
- 27 local economic development assets;
- 28 (16) efforts that increase the investment and deployment of
- 29 broadband services;
- 30 (17) economic development tax credits without further depleting
- 31 access to the credits or changing the value of the credits; and
- 32 (18) grants to incubators for early-stage business creation, for
- 33 International Trade Exports.

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1 (D) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SENIORS. The City of Albuquerque
2 supports:

3 (1) full funding at all existing sites for the 21st Century Learning
4 Center Educational Programs;

5 (2) protecting Medicaid and State Children’s Health Insurance
6 Program (SCHIP) coverage; and

7 (3) protecting funding for programs for low income seniors that
8 provide home repairs and retrofits, and assist with household chores.

9 (E) HOUSING AND EDUCATION. The City of Albuquerque supports:

10 (1) protecting funding for the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund;

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

14 (3) providing capital funding to charter schools; and

15 (4) requiring local school districts to enter into partnerships with
16 local governments to achieve the most effective use of all public facilities by
17 the community.

18 (F) PUBLIC SAFETY. The City of Albuquerque supports:

19 (1) a reoccurring funding source to provide for the processing
20 and archiving of sexual assault evidence kits and related court expenses at
21 the State Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and qualified local agency
22 crime laboratories;

23 (2) funding for alcohol and drug treatment services;

24 (3) expanding the list of violent crimes that qualify for a life
25 sentence under the current three strikes law;

26 (4) eliminating the statute of limitations for violent felonies;

27 (5) strengthening penalties and expanding the scope of identity
28 theft laws;

29 (6) compensating local jails for the cost of holding parole
30 violators and other State prisoners;

31 (7) prohibiting the imposition of a fee on municipalities for
32 municipal prisoners housed in county detention facilities;

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

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

5 (G) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. The City of Albuquerque supports

6 (1) funding for substance abuse and behavioral health services.

7 (2) amending the Treatment Guardian Act to create a process for
8 individuals to voluntarily receive treatment and supervision who are living
9 with mental illness and are declared incompetent after being adjudicated.

10 (H) LAND USE. The City of Albuquerque supports:

11 (1) reinstating the City of Albuquerque’s extraterritorial planning
12 and zoning authority and authorizing the City and Bernalillo County to develop
13 a mutually acceptable and cooperative decision-making process regarding
14 land in the extraterritorial area.

15 (I) ANIMAL ISSUES. The City of Albuquerque supports:

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

18 (2) addressing issues arising from the links between domestic
19 violence, child abuse and animal abuse; and

20 (3) amending the State Cruelty Law to define neglect as cruelty
21 and increase penalties for animal cruelty.

22 (J) GENERAL. The City of Albuquerque supports the policy statements
23 and resolutions of the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML); if any NMML
24 policies are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, the provisions
25 herein shall prevail.

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