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**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
CITY COUNCIL**

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor**

**FROM: Jon K. Zaman, Director of Council Services**

*Jon 8/14/18*

**SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation**

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Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-18-39 Affirming The City Council's Support Of Pursuing Legal Action Against Opioid Manufacturers And Distributors For The Opioid Drug Abuse Crisis In Albuquerque Fueled By Their Improper Promotion And Over-Supply Of Those Drugs (Peña, Davis), which was passed at the Council meeting of August 6, 2018, by a vote of 9 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

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Attachment  
8/9/2018

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-39 ENACTMENT NO. R-2018-046

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña and Patrick Davis

1 RESOLUTION  
2 AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF PURSUING LEGAL ACTION  
3 AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE OPIOID  
4 DRUG ABUSE CRISIS IN ALBUQUERQUE FUELED BY THEIR IMPROPER  
5 PROMOTION AND OVER-SUPPLY OF THOSE DRUGS.

6 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Albuquerque recognizes the  
7 epidemic of opioid drugs in the City; and

8 WHEREAS, it is clear from publicly available information that there exists in  
9 Albuquerque an epidemic of opioid drug abuse created and/or fueled by  
10 misconduct of opioid manufacturers and distributors in their improper  
11 promotion and over-supply of those drugs, thus creating a public nuisance  
12 within the community; and

13 WHEREAS, the City is empowered by law to seek recompense for its  
14 expenditures to combat the violations of law by the opioid manufactures and  
15 distributors; and

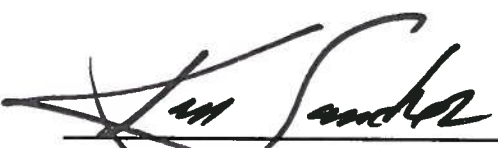
16 WHEREAS, the City Council agrees that legal action should be taken  
17 against the opioid manufacturers and distributors responsible for the opioid  
18 epidemic and crisis.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
20 ALBUQUERQUE:

21 The City Council supports and encourages initiating litigation against  
22 opioid manufacturers and distributors for the prosecution of all claims and  
23 causes of action relating to the opioid drug abuse crisis fueled by misconduct  
24 of opioid manufacturers and distributors due to their improper promotion and  
25 over-supply of those drugs, and directs the Administration of the City of  
26 Albuquerque to procure or otherwise select legal representation to pursue an  
27 action on behalf of the City related to these matters as soon as practicable.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF August, 2018  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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8 Ken Sanchez, President  
9 City Council

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14 APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF August, 2018

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17 Bill No. R-18-39

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21 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor  
22 City of Albuquerque

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28 Trina Gurule, Acting City Clerk

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