

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-9 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa Peña and Diane Gibson

1 RESOLUTION

2 NAMING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FIRE STATION 7 THE “KEN SANCHEZ  
3 FIRE STATION 7”

4 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez served the City of Albuquerque and  
5 District 1 as City Councilor for fourteen years, from 2005 to 2019, until his  
6 passing on January 1, 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez also served as Bernalillo County  
8 Commissioner for seven years, from 1995 to 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a model public servant who was  
10 steadfast in his dedication to improve District 1, the Westside, and the entire  
11 City of Albuquerque; and

12 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was a staunch supporter of Public  
13 Safety, including his direct legislative support for wage increases and  
14 procurement of equipment for the City’s Police Officers and Firefighters; and

15 WHEREAS, Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) Fire Chief Paul Dow and AFR  
16 Retirees Association President Kerry Horton presented the family of Councilor  
17 Ken Sanchez with a Resolution of Condolence plaque and a Silver Fire Fighter  
18 Helmet in appreciation for all the work he completed on behalf of AFR during  
19 his tenure as City Councilor; and

20 WHEREAS, Albuquerque Area Fire Fighters Local 244 (IAFF) President  
21 Justin Cheney stated that “Councilor Sanchez was always a strong champion  
22 for public safety; whether advocating for the construction of a new fire station  
23 of his continued support in adding additional members to our ranks, thereby  
24 providing improved services to the citizens of Albuquerque. The impact of his  
25 service and dedication will be felt for decades to come”; and

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1 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez was instrumental in securing funding  
2 for the land acquisition and construction of the new Fire Station 7 located on  
3 the corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue, which included a combination of  
4 Impact Fees, CDBG Grants, West Central Metropolitan Redevelopment Funds,  
5 NMFA Loans, Red Light Camera revenues, and General Obligation Bonds; and

6 WHEREAS, construction of the new Fire Station 7 was completed in late  
7 2012, and was dedicated at a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 21, 2012,  
8 with Councilor Ken Sanchez in attendance; and now offers the Westside area  
9 enhanced availability of fire protection services and a beautiful modern  
10 facility;

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

13 SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque Fire Station 7 is hereby named the  
14 “Ken Sanchez Fire Station 7”.

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