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1           WHEREAS, the APD was required to establish a mental health response  
2 advisory committee comprised of representatives of the City and the APD, a  
3 representative of the University of New Mexico Psychiatric Department, and  
4 representatives of community-based organizations providing mental health  
5 services and services to individuals experiencing homelessness; and

6           WHEREAS, the Monitor further concluded, “APD has met, and in many  
7 cases far exceeded, many of the requirements of the CASA related to mental  
8 health response planning, crisis intervention, and service delivery. (The)  
9 review indicates that APD Crisis Outreach Services personnel have worked  
10 diligently with the advisory committee to assess, improve, and serve the  
11 target communities” and have been in operations compliance for over two  
12 years; and

13           WHEREAS, the APD continues to appropriately and effectively utilize  
14 training curricula that address field assessment, identification, suicide  
15 intervention, crisis de-escalation, community mental health participation,  
16 and scenario-based exercises and role play exercises. All training  
17 emphasizes the importance of community partnerships and appropriate  
18 referrals to services; and

19           WHEREAS, the annual reports show that members from the tactical  
20 units are displaying exemplary work in constitutional policing, integrity,  
21 community policing, and critical police functions; and

22           WHEREAS, despite serious incidents, APD responds successfully to  
23 hundreds of thousands of calls each year and less than 2% of them result in  
24 use of force; and

25           WHEREAS, in 2019, Albuquerque had a violent crime rate 3.7 times the  
26 national average, and aggravated assault rate, four times the national  
27 average; and

28           WHEREAS, in 2018, Albuquerque City Council voted to approve in  
29 Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020, no less than 60% of the tax receipts shall be  
30 used for the City’s Public Safety Budget Goal Priorities; and

31           WHEREAS, in 2018, Mayor Tim Keller thanked the Albuquerque City  
32 Council for their approval of a budget that included the significant priorities  
33 he proposed, including hiring more police officers; and

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1           WHEREAS, in March, 2020, Albuquerque City Council passed R-20-21,  
2           establishing the City Council’s budget priorities for the fiscal year 2021 City  
3           budget which included specific support towards public safety, hiring 100  
4           new police officers and increasing funding available for wage increases and  
5           other programs to recruit and retain police officers, subject to contract  
6           negotiations; and

7           WHEREAS, the men and women of the Albuquerque Police Department  
8           are incredibly important to this community and by and large are doing good  
9           work while bringing the department into compliance in some sections of the  
10          consent decree; and

11          WHEREAS, it is important that our Albuquerque police officers know  
12          that while we have appointed the Civilian Police Oversight Agency to review  
13          policies and protocols of the Department, we support them.

14          **BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
15          **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:**

16          SECTION 1. The Council reiterates its continuing support for the men  
17          and women of our Albuquerque Police Department and recognizes the  
18          difficult but incredibly important work they perform on a daily basis, and  
19          additionally understands the need and importance for our officers to  
20          continue to carry firearms both to protect themselves and the public.

21          SECTION 2. A copy of this Memorial be sent to the Chief of Police to be  
22          shared with the entire Department.

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