
**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL**

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Stephanie M. Yara, Director of Council Services *SMY 6/19/20*

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-20-70 Requesting That The New Mexico Congressional Delegation Submit Legislation To Provide Assistance To Small Businesses That Were Damaged In The Recent Rioting (Bassan), which was passed at the Council meeting of June 15, 2020, by a vote of 9 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

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

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-70 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-068

SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan

1 RESOLUTION

2 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
3 SUBMIT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES
4 THAT WERE DAMAGED IN THE RECENT RIOTING.

5 WHEREAS, in recent weeks several acts of police brutality against
6 American citizens of color were answered with civic protests and
7 demonstrations in many urban communities that demanded reform of
8 America's local and state police agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, unfortunately, some individuals chose not to act through civic
10 protest and instead acted out by damaging and looting commercial districts in
11 urban areas including Albuquerque; and

12 WHEREAS, often the victims of these riots were small businesses that were
13 already in perilous condition as a result of stay at home as well as business
14 closure orders issued by the State of New Mexico to reduce the number of
15 COVID 19 infections and the economic recession resulting from those orders;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the combined effect of the COVID 19 mitigation orders, the
18 physical damage resulting from the rioting, and in some instances the
19 extended closure of some commercial districts that were put in place until the
20 area was safe from the rioting will further harm these businesses and could
21 cause many to shutter; and

22 WHEREAS, societies where small businesses thrive and are protected, are
23 those societies that foster strong democratic institutions, become bastions of
24 civil rights and achieve higher per capita incomes; and

25 WHEREAS, America's small businesses have historically been and
26 currently are a path for persons of all incomes and races, especially those of

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low income and immigrant communities, to achieve a good living and expand the opportunities available to their families; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all Americans that businesses that experienced physical plant damage or experienced an extended closure period due to the rioting, receive public assistance to enable these enterprises to stay open and retain as many employees as is possible.

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

Section 1. The City of Albuquerque requests that the members of the New Mexico Delegation of the 116th Congress of the United States of America submit amendments to the current economic stimulus bills that provide financial assistance to those businesses that suffered physical plant damages due to the looting and vandalism or an extended closure period due to the recent riots.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF June, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 26 DAY OF Jan, 2020
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17 Bill No. R-20-70
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24 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
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