

City of Albuquerque

Office of the City Clerk

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Ethan Watson, City Clerk

Interoffice Memorandum

March 10, 2021

To: CITY COUNCIL

From: Camille Cordova, Assistant City Clerk

Subject: BILL NO. F/S R-20-123; ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-008

I hereby certify that on July 9, 2020, the Office of the City Clerk received Bill F/S R-20-123 as signed by the president of the City Council, Cynthia D. Borrego. Enactment No. R-2021-008 was passed at the February 17, 2021 City Council meeting. Mayor Keller did not sign the approved Resolution within the 10 days allowed for his signature and did not exercise his veto power. Pursuant to the Albuquerque City Charter Article XI, Section 3, this Resolution is in full effect without Mayor's approval or signature. This memorandum shall be placed in the permanent file for Bill No. F/S R-20-123.

Sincerely,

Ethan Watson
City Clerk

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-20-123 ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-008

SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan & Trudy Jones

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THAT A POLICY OR PROCEDURE BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS
3 INSTANCES OF UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE, UNAVAILABILITY OR
4 INCAPACITY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE CHIEF; REQUIRING
5 RECRUITMENT UPDATES FOR A PERMANENT CHIEF WHEN A VACANCY
6 EXISTS.

7 WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that certain key appointments by the
8 Mayor be presented to the City Council for confirmation; and

9 WHEREAS, the Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department is one such
10 appointment requiring confirmation by the City Council because of its critical
11 importance to the welfare of the City; and

12 WHEREAS, per the City Charter, a Police Chief must be presented to the
13 City Council for confirmation within 45 days after the Mayor takes office or
14 after a vacancy is filled; and

15 WHEREAS, the police chief is of particular importance and relevance
16 because of the current and pressing demands on the department, including
17 the DOJ reform process, understaffing, and elevated crime; and

18 WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the Charter prescribes a timeframe for
19 presentation of a Chief to the Council after a vacancy is filled, the City Council
20 has not previously considered policies aimed at promoting continuity of
21 leadership within APD; and

22 WHEREAS, the officers and staff of the Albuquerque Police Department,
23 together with the residents of Albuquerque, should be provided with
24 reasonable assurances and predictability about the continuity of steady
25 leadership within the Police Department;

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

3 Section 1. When an interim appointment of a police chief exceeds 45
4 days, the Mayor shall submit an executive communication to the Council for
5 its receipt, which, at a minimum, addresses the following:

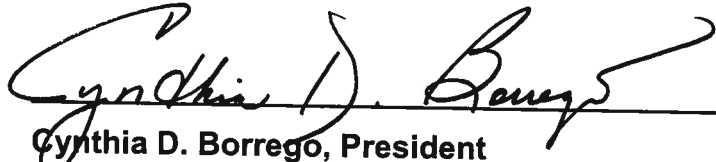
- 6 • The status of the selection process;
- 7 • How the vacancy has been advertised or publicized;
- 8 • An assessment of the relative level of interest in the position by
9 qualified persons; and
- 10 • The anticipated timeframe for a permanent appointment.

11 Section 2. If the duration of an interim appointment exceeds 135 days,
12 the Mayor shall submit a second executive communication to the Council for
13 its receipt offering updates to the information previously provided.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF February, 2021
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.
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8 Cynthia D. Borrego, President
9 City Council
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13 APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021
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16 Bill No. F/S R-20-123
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21 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
22 City of Albuquerque
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