

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-20-85 ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-007

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1 RESOLUTION  
2 SUPPLEMENTING PRIORITIES FOR THE CAPITAL IMPLEMENTATION  
3 PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE BY IMPLEMENTING A  
4 COMMUNITY EQUITY CRITERION TO BE USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
5 THE PLAN.

6 WHEREAS, laws and political priorities at all levels of government have  
7 resulted in community inequities in Albuquerque and elsewhere that have  
8 disparately impacted historically marginalized communities' access to and  
9 leveraging of community resources, infrastructure investments, and other  
10 health and wealth-building resources; and

11 WHEREAS, social and racial inequities persist relating to educational  
12 attainment, encounters with the criminal justice system, jobs, housing, public  
13 infrastructure, health, and the community impacts of the current COVID-19  
14 pandemic; and

15 WHEREAS, a focus on equity in capital investment by local governments is  
16 critically important in getting toward more equitable outcomes for  
17 communities across the City with respect to allocation of public resources and  
18 broader community success; and

19 WHEREAS, local governments have the ability to implement policy change  
20 at multiple levels and across multiple sectors to drive larger systemic change;  
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22 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque became an active member of the  
23 Government Alliance for Race and Equity in 2018, and recommitted to reshape  
24 government by committing to and advancing racial equity initiatives to  
25 become an inclusive community where equitable success is the norm and  
26 race and ethnicity will no longer predict outcomes; and

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1        WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-256 was approved by the City Council on  
2        January 17, 2018, and included a priority for the City’s 2019 General Obligation  
3        Bond Program to fund programs and projects in underserved neighborhoods  
4        relating to Public Safety, Senior and Community Centers, Libraries, Housing,  
5        Transportation, Economic Development and Community Enhancement; and

6        WHEREAS, prioritizing improvements for neighborhoods and communities  
7        that have been otherwise left behind is a step toward undoing this inequitable  
8        system that many of our communities live with today; and

9        WHEREAS, endeavoring to prioritize the City’s capital resources based, at  
10       least in part, on helping to address past inequities will help to raise the City’s  
11       overall quality of life and will move toward a more equitable common  
12       denominator for community and family health and success; and

13       WHEREAS, in order to reduce historic systemic barriers and elevate  
14       opportunities, the City needs to interweave equity evaluation tools throughout  
15       city operations in order to achieve better equity; and

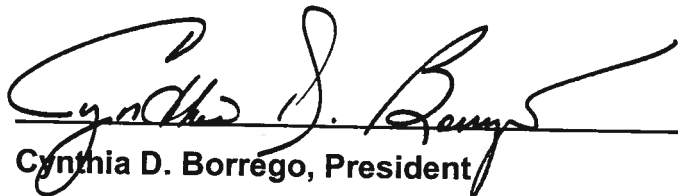
16       WHEREAS, evaluating geographic equity as a factor, together with all other  
17       relevant factors, will also help ensure that the City is fulfilling its  
18       responsibilities to the City as a whole.

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

21       Section 1. The City shall implement equity criterion that evaluates historic  
22       disinvestment in the subareas of the City with higher populations of people of  
23       color, and higher levels of poverty, to be included as part of the City’s overall  
24       criteria assessment for capital improvements project funding in the 2023 and  
25       subsequent General Obligation Bond Programs; The City shall allocate capital  
26       improvement funding in a way that prioritizes projects that will help remedy  
27       inequities identified by this evaluation criterion.

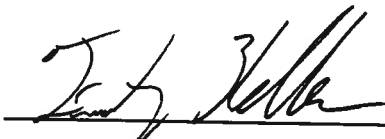
28       Section 2. The City shall implement a geographic equity criterion that  
29       evaluates the equitable distribution of capital resources throughout the  
30       entirety of the City for the 2023 and subsequent General Bond Programs;  
31       when considered together with all other criteria, this tool shall be used to  
32       promote equitable geographic distributions of Capital funding throughout the  
33       City.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2021  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Cynthia D. Borrego, President  
11 City Council

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14 APPROVED THIS 26 DAY OF February, 2021

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17 Bill No. F/S R-20-85

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24 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor  
25 City of Albuquerque

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28 ATTEST:  
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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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