CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____M-21-11_____ ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Cynthia D. Borrego

1   MEMORIAL

2 THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE REAFFIRMS ITS STRONG COMMITMENT TO END

3 THE DRIVERS OF CRIME, INCLUDING CRIMINAL FIREARM USE AND

4 RECIDIVISM.

5   WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department continues to arrest the same

6 violent offenders over and over again – THE REVOLVING DOOR; and

7   WHEREAS, for the first six months of 2021, the Albuquerque Police

8 Department reports that preliminary crime statistics indicate that there have

9 been 31,438 crimes; and

10   WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque can continue to seek criminal justice

11 reform while also holding repeat violent criminals accountable; and

12   WHEREAS, concerning low-level offenders, there exists the need to increase

13 the use of pre-prosecution diversion programs; and

14   WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque currently offers the Violence Intervention

15 Program (VIP), and works with a number of diversion programs including Law

16 Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Young Adult Court; and

17   WHEREAS, concerning individuals who commit violent and property crimes

18 with a firearm, these individuals need to be criminally prosecuted and held

19 accountable; and

20   WHEREAS, this year, the City of Albuquerque will pass its record number of

21 homicides; and

22   WHEREAS, three Albuquerque Police Officers were recently wounded, one

23 critically, after engaging an armed robber. The gunman has a felony record from

24 California; and

1   WHEREAS, in 2015, Albuquerque Police Officer Daniel Webster was

2   murdered by a convicted felon with a handgun during a routine traffic stop; and

3   WHEREAS, in 2015, Rio Rancho Police Department Officer Gregg "Nigel"

4   Benner was murdered by a convicted felon with a handgun during a routine

5   traffic stop; and

6   WHEREAS, recently, a homicide suspect removed his ankle bracelet and was

7   on the loose without law enforcement being notified.

8   BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE

9   CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

10   SECTION 1. The Council strongly supports the Albuquerque Police

11   Department, and other local, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement

12   agencies.

13   SECTION 2. The Council urges that a 24/7 comprehensive GPS tracking

14   monitoring system be put into place by the courts and that the Albuquerque

15   Police Department be notified immediately when a defendant absconds.

16   SECTION 3. The Council urges the District Attorney, Attorney General and

17   United States Attorney to prosecute and hold accountable with significant

18   prison time individuals who use firearms in the commission of violent and

19   property crimes.

20   SECTION 4. The Council urges the District Court to hold accountable with

21   significant prison time individuals who use firearms in the commission of violent

22   and property crimes.

23   SECTION 5. The Council urges the New Mexico State Legislature to pass and

24   close loopholes in the laws which hold accountable with significant prison time

25   individuals who use firearms in the commission of violent and property crimes.

26   SECTION 6. The Council urges the Governor to support legislation which

27   holds accountable with significant prison time individuals who use firearms in

28   the commission of violent and property crimes.

29   SECTION 7. The City Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this Memorial to

30   the Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department.

31   SECTION 8. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Memorial to

32   each member of the New Mexico State Legislature representing the State

districts in the City of Albuquerque, and the Bernalillo County Commission, the Chief of the New Mexico State Police Department, the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office, the Offices of the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem of the New Mexico Legislature, and the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General.