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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FOURTH COUNCIL

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

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RESOLUTION

F/S Directing That A Policy Or Procedure Be Developed To Address Instances Of Unexpected Departure, Unavailability Or Incapacity Of The Albuquerque Police Chief; Requiring Recruitment Updates For A Permanent Chief When A Vacancy Exists (Bassan, Jones)

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the Charter prescribes a timeframe for presentation of a Chief to the Council after a vacancy is filled, the City Council has not previously considered

policies aimed at promoting continuity of leadership within APD; and

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

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

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

- **The status of the selection process;**
- **How the vacancy has been advertised or publicized;**
- **An assessment of the relative level of interest in the position by qualified**

persons; and

- **The anticipated timeframe for a permanent appointment.**

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

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