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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**NINETEENTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-11-275 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION

F/S Affirming That The City Council And The Mayor Will Work Cooperatively And Collaboratively With The Department Of Justice (DOJ) Should It Choose To Conduct A Comprehensive Review Into Whether There Has Been A Pattern Or Practice Of Civil Rights Violations By The Albuquerque Police Department  
(Garduño, Lewis)

AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) SHOULD IT CHOOSE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW INTO WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the DOJ conducts “pattern or practice” investigations of local law enforcement agencies if it determines that such investigations are warranted and DOJ involvement can bring about a sustained change where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the DOJ has begun reviewing whether a “pattern or practice” investigation should be conducted with regard to the Albuquerque Police Department; and

WHEREAS, should the DOJ choose to conduct a comprehensive review of APD recruitment and training practices and operating procedures, the DOJ may identify issues that can be addressed by APD; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received concerns from public advocacy groups of systemic profiling and questions about whether APD Officers are receiving appropriate training; and

WHEREAS, a local law enforcement agency cannot be effective unless it reduces crime, protects individual constitutional rights and engenders public confidence; and

WHEREAS, a loss of the public's confidence in APD and its leadership will

have a devastating impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, should the DOJ choose to conduct an investigation, the City Council and the Mayor will fully cooperate and will work collaboratively in regards to that investigation.

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

The City Council joins the Mayor in affirming that the City will work cooperatively and collaboratively with the DOJ should the DOJ choose to conduct an investigation into patterns or practices of civil rights violations by the Albuquerque Police Department.

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