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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-10 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Endorsing The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center's Task Force For Public Safety
Recommendations Regarding The Selection Of The New Chief Of Police For The City Of
Albuquerque (Garduño)

ENDORSING THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL CENTER'S TASK FORCE FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE NEW CHIEF
OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center is a non-profit organization with
the mission to promote, appreciate, and practice an awareness of cultural diversity and human
rights through celebration of the values by which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center's Task Force for Public Safety put
together a document that compiles desired qualifications and characteristics that are needed from
the next APD Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, this document and recommendations were presented to City Council on
December 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the next Chief of Police must be a compassionate professional and a leader who
is engaged; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and our Police Department must have leadership that is
engaged at many levels, most importantly, at the community level with abilities to be proactive in
addressing the entire community's needs; and

WHEREAS, the document states that the Chief of Police must have the following abilities and characteristics:

1. The understanding of affected communities and their deep-seated concerns.
2. An empathetic social perspective and an understanding of the experiences of being poor, of being a person of color, of those who are homeless, and those that struggle with addiction.
3. Be trained in non-violent conflict resolution.
4. The ability to hear another person's concerns and act to calm everyone's fears.
5. Have the aptitude to embody the Police Department's commitment to the entire community and impart that commitment to the rank and file public safety officers.

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

Section 1. The Council endorses the attached document from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center Task Force for Public Safety regarding recommendations for qualifications and characteristics of the next Police Chief.

Section 2. The Council urges the Administration to follow these recommendations when selecting the new Police Chief.