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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-85 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Supplementing Priorities For The Capital Implementation Program Of The City Of Albuquerque By
Implementing A Racial Equity Criterion To Be Used In The Development Of The Plan (Peña,
Sena)

WHEREAS, From the inception of our country, government at the local, regional, state and federal level has played a role in creating and maintaining racial inequity; and

WHEREAS, A wide range of federal, state and local laws and policies have been enacted relating to issues of voting, property, civil rights, and racial equality; and

WHEREAS, In some cases, communities have been socially engineered to exclude a means for minorities to access resources and infrastructure investments for their own neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Because of this history, social and racial inequities exist across all indicators for success, including those related to education, criminal justice, jobs, housing, public infrastructure and health; and

WHEREAS, A focus on racial equity in local governments is critically important to getting more effective outcomes in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Local governments have the ability to implement policy change at multiple levels and across multiple sectors to drive larger systemic change; and

WHEREAS, The City of Albuquerque became an active member of the Government Alliance for Race and Equity in 2018, and recommitted to reshape government by committing to and

advancing racial equity initiatives to become an inclusive community where equitable success is the norm and race and ethnicity will no longer predict outcomes; and

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

WHEREAS, prioritizing improvements for neighborhoods and communities intentionally left behind is a step toward undoing this inequitable system that many of our communities live with today; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce historic systemic barriers and elevate opportunities the City need to interweave equity tools throughout city operations in order to achieve social equity.

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

Section 1. It shall be the priority of the City to implement a racial equity criterion to guide improved race and ethnic equity policies in the development of the Capital Implementation Program in the 2021 and subsequent General Obligation Bond Programs; and to prioritize projects in underserved areas of the City.