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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-123 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Setting Policy For Interim Appointments Of Albuquerque Police Chiefs (Bassan, Jones)

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 to the Council after a vacancy is filled, the City lacks a policy for a what should be considered a reasonable and acceptable duration for a vacancy or an interim appointment; 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 future leadership of the Police Department.

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

Section 1. The Mayor shall make a proposed appointment or an interim appointment of a

Police Chief within twenty-four hours of a vacancy.

Section 2. When an interim appointment exceeds 45 days, the Mayor shall submit an executive communication describing the status of the selection process and the anticipated timeframe for a permanent appointment.

Section 3. If the duration of an interim appointment exceeds 180 days, the Mayor shall submit the interim appointee, or other appointee, to the City Council for confirmation within 45 days thereafter pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter.