

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-41 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Renée Grout and Dan Champine

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HOUSING, AND
3 HOMELESSNESS TO DEVELOP A PILOT AND A BUDGET FOR A PROGRAM
4 TO PROVIDE DAY LABOR FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

6 WHEREAS, homelessness remains a significant challenge affecting many
7 individuals across our community, leading to hardships and barriers to stable
8 employment opportunities; and

9 WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness are sometimes excluded
10 from the workforce for a variety of reasons, including lack of essential
11 documents or lack of an address; and

12 WHEREAS, gainful and stable employment can improve an individual's
13 self-esteem and help an individual to become self-sufficient; and

14 WHEREAS, day labor programs have shown promise in providing
15 temporary work opportunities that can empower homeless individuals to earn
16 income and gain valuable skills; and

17 WHEREAS, integrating homeless individuals into day labor programs can
18 offer a pathway toward financial stability and potentially break the cycle of
19 homelessness; and

20 WHEREAS, a structured day labor program can offer support services such
21 as job training, access to resources, and connections to social services
22 crucial for homeless individuals seeking to rebuild their lives; and

23 WHEREAS, collaboration between local government, community
24 organizations, and businesses is essential to establish and sustain a
25 successful day labor program for homeless individuals; and

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1 WHEREAS, creating a day labor program specifically tailored to the needs
2 of homeless individuals aligns with our community's commitment to
3 addressing homelessness with innovative and compassionate solutions; and

4 WHEREAS, the City's defunct "There's a Better Way" program took a
5 proactive approach to provide support to homeless individuals and provided
6 6,666 jobs between 2015 and 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, the implementation of a day labor program can contribute
8 positively to our community by fostering dignity, self-sufficiency, and hope
9 among homeless individuals striving to transition into stable housing and
10 employment.

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

13 SECTION 1. The Department of Health, Housing, and Homelessness is
14 directed to create a pilot program that provides day jobs to people
15 experiencing homelessness.

16 SECTION 2. The Department of Health, Housing, and Homelessness shall
17 submit a proposed pilot program plan and budget to Council for approval
18 within 60 days of this Resolution's final approval.

19 SECTION 3. After Council has approved the Department's pilot program
20 and budget and the program has begun operating, the Department shall
21 convene a collaborative group that will meet bi-monthly to review the
22 progress of the program. This group shall include at a minimum:

- 23 1) A representative from Health, Housing, and Homelessness;
- 24 2) A representative from each City department and any outside
25 employers utilizing workers from the program;
- 26 3) A representative from Albuquerque City Council; and
- 27 4) A representative for any contractor(s) utilized to operate the
28 program.

29 SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
30 word, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
31 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
32 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council
33 hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section,

1 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
2 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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