

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-26-37 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ADJUSTING FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
3 CERTAIN FUNDS AND PROGRAMS AND RESCINDING R-26-36.

4 WHEREAS, Bands of Enchantment is an Emmy-winning music television
5 series that is filmed in Albuquerque and celebrates live music performances
6 across multiple genres, including rock, indie, hip-hop, folk, Latinx, and more;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the series is available nationally via PBS and internationally
9 through digital streaming platforms such as Tubi, Prime Video, the Roku
10 Channel, and All Arts; and

11 WHEREAS, Bands of Enchantment has produced multiple seasons
12 featuring local, national, and international musical artists, and has hosted live
13 performance tapings at iconic Albuquerque venues such as the historic KiMo
14 Theatre and the Rail Yards; and

15 WHEREAS, recent seasons of the series have included a free outdoor
16 Bands of Enchantment Music Festival in downtown Albuquerque, expanding
17 the reach of the television production into large-scale public music
18 experiences that promote community gathering and cultural enrichment; and

19 WHEREAS, providing free and accessible public music events such as the
20 Bands of Enchantment Music Festival supports community connection,
21 cultural participation, and quality-of-life opportunities for Albuquerque
22 residents across all ages and backgrounds; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque's Department of Arts and Culture
24 partners with Bands of Enchantment and its producers to present red carpet
25 premieres and associated events that showcase the City's creative energy and
26 elevate Albuquerque's presence in national media; and

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1 WHEREAS, US Route 66 was established on November 11, 1926, and
2 became the first all-weather highway connecting the major cities of Chicago,
3 Illinois and Los Angeles, California; and

4 WHEREAS, as the shortest year-round route linking the Midwest and the
5 Pacific Coast, Route 66 was a bustling artery that gave small towns access to
6 cross-country highway; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico contains the longest continuous drivable stretch
8 of historic Route 66 in the country, spanning roughly 390 to 530 miles
9 depending on the alignment; and

10 WHEREAS, the Route 66 Centennial in New Mexico celebrates the 100th
11 anniversary of the iconic "Mother Road" (established in 1926); and

12 WHEREAS, because New Mexico holds one of the longest and most
13 culturally rich stretches of the highway, the state is hosting year-long
14 festivities, traveling exhibits, and public art installations honoring its history;
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16 WHEREAS, Olga Kern is an internationally acclaimed classical concert
17 pianist and won a historic Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano
18 Competition in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Olga Kern started the first Olga Kern International Piano
20 Competition in 2016 providing a venue for pianists ages 18-32 to develop
21 international careers through a competition that is recognized globally for its
22 value and excellence; and

23 WHEREAS, according to the World Federation of International Music
24 Competitions, the Olga Kern International Piano Competition provides the New
25 Mexico Philharmonic's audiences an opportunity to see developing world-
26 class pianists at the beginning of their professional careers; and

27 WHEREAS, the finalists and winners of the competition will go on to long
28 and acclaimed careers across the globe, performing before diverse audiences
29 on every continent; and

30 WHEREAS, supporting these events contributes to the City's arts and
31 cultural economy by promoting Albuquerque as a distinctive cultural hub,
32 attracting audiences and attention to local venues, artists, and creative
33 industries; and

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1 WHEREAS these events draw visitors and increase tourism-related events,
2 support lodging occupancy and the intended purpose of the Lodgers' Tax
3 fund to promote tourism and Albuquerque's hospitality economy; and

4 WHEREAS, R-26-36, as amended, was passed by a 9-0 vote on May 18,
5 2026, but pursuant to ROA1994, §2-11-15, bills appropriating funding require
6 two City Council hearings before final action.

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

9 SECTION 1. That the following amounts are hereby adjusted and
10 appropriated to the following programs from fund balance:

11 GENERAL FUND-110

12 Arts and Culture Department

13 Community Events 280,000

14 LODGERS' TAX FUND-220

15 Finance and Administrative Services Department

16 Transfer to Other Funds:

17 General Fund (110) 280,000

18 The funding shall be used for tourism-related events, including Bands of
19 Enchantment music television series events with live tapings at City venues
20 KiMo Theatre and the Rail Yards (\$100,000), a free outdoor Bands of
21 Enchantment Music Festival in downtown Albuquerque (\$100,000), Route 66
22 Hispanic Culture Events (\$71,000), and the Olga Kern International
23 Competition (\$9,000).

24 SECTION 2. R-26-36 is hereby rescinded.

25 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
26 word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
27 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
28 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council
29 hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section,
30 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
31 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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