

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____ ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY:

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL TO
3 OUTLINE THE STEPS FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO “OPT OUT” OF
4 TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SCREENING AT THE
5 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL SUNPORT AND REPLACE THAT
6 SCREENING WITH A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
7 THE SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL
8 LAW; CALLING FOR A REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE
9 MARCH 31, 2011.

10 WHEREAS, the TSA has become a huge, unwieldy bureaucracy which has
11 grown to more than 67,000 employees; and

12 WHEREAS, more importantly, the TSA is impersonal, administratively top-
13 heavy, and dangerously ineffective; and

14 WHEREAS, replacing TSA security and screening with a federally approved
15 private security firm will result in better service at a better price, better
16 customer service, and more accountability; and

17 WHEREAS, the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA) allows
18 airports to utilize a program known as the Screening Partnership Program
19 (SPP), which allows airports to benefit from private-sector expertise and know-
20 how; and

21 WHEREAS, under the SPP, airports work in partnership with the TSA to
22 hire a qualified private screening company to provide screening services at
23 airports under federal oversight; and

24 WHEREAS, the program is based on operational experience gained from a
25 pilot program known as the PP5, which launched private screening programs
26 at five different airports across the nation, including San Francisco

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1 International Airport, Kansas City International Airport, Greater Rochester
2 International Airport, Jackson Hole Airport, and Tupelo Regional Airport; and

3 WHEREAS, there are currently 16 airports participating in the Screening
4 Partnership Program: San Francisco International Airport; Kansas City
5 International Airport; Greater Rochester International Airport; Sioux Falls
6 Regional Airport; Jackson Hole Airport; Tupelo Regional Airport; Key West
7 International Airport; Charles M. Schultz-Sonoma County Airport; Roswell
8 Industrial Air Center; and seven airports in Montana: Frank Wiley Field; Sidney
9 Richland Regional; Dawson Community; L.M. Clayton; Wokal Field; Havre City
10 County; and Lewiston Municipal; and

11 WHEREAS, the TSA Federal Security Director for the Sunport also
12 oversees screening at the Roswell International Air Center, and recently
13 approved the selection of BOS Security, Inc. of Athens, GA, to provide private
14 security screening in Roswell.

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

17 Section 1. That the Administration is hereby directed to study the steps
18 necessary to apply to the federal government to replace TSA security and
19 screening at the Sunport with private contractors under the provisions of the
20 Screening Partnership Program authorized by the Aviation and Transportation
21 Security Act PL107-71. The Administration shall report back to the City
22 Council with findings on or prior to March 31, 2011.

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