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Councilor Lewis announces comprehensive ethics training for city officials

Albuquerque City Councilor Dan Lewis will announce a new initiative aimed at providing training in ethical issues for all elected officials and cabinet-level staff, including department directors, administrative staff, and city council staff. The new program, currently under development, will cover issues related to city personnel, elections, purchasing, and receiving gifts.

"We want to reaffirm the importance of ethical behavior at all levels of our City government," Councilor Lewis said. "This program will ensure that we are all on the same page when it comes to ethics and accountability."

This initiative is aimed at developing an ongoing program that will provide training on ethical issues for elected officials and executive and senior staff, including Department Directors, Executive Staff, and City Council Staff, in order to reaffirm that the City is dedicated to fostering an environment of fairness and accountability in all of its dealings.

This comprehensive ethics training program will strengthen the City's position as an open and level playing field for cultivating robust economic development. The program will cover a number of ethical issues, including but not limited to, city personnel, elections, and purchasing.

This proposal will be introduced by Councilor Lewis at tomorrow night's City Council meeting as an objective within R-15-182 that will help the city meet its Governmental Excellence and Effectiveness goal, which states that government is ethical, transparent, and responsive to its citizens.

"Ethics informs our actions and defines who we are as a City," Councilor Lewis said. "People who do business with the City of Albuquerque need to know that we hold ourselves to the highest standards of conduct."