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Metro Crime Initiative 2024

*Action and investments that we can make to fight crime
in Albuquerque*



Fighting crime and fixing the broken criminal justice system are the top priorities in Albuquerque. Through the third Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative (MCI), we are pursuing concrete actions in the 2024 legislative session to make our communities safer now.

Reduce Gun Violence

Repeated asks:

- ☐ Stronger penalties for possessing firearms in drug distribution crimes.
- ☐ New charges for firing off a gun in public.
- ☐ New charges for carrying a firearm while intoxicated.
- ☐ Establish & fund the New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
- ☐ Expand the ACS's Violence Intervention Program to all high schools.
- ☐ Close loopholes in Reg Flag law.

New asks:

- ☐ Remove the preemption on cities from addressing assault rifle proliferation.
- ☐ Add federal prosecutors to New Mexico, addressing gun and drug-related offenses.
- ☐ Implement "Duke City Stats," to other jurisdictions in crime strategy and tracking.

Bolster Courts to Close the Revolving Door

Repeated asks:

- ☐ Establish a dedicated 'fentanyl court'.
- ☐ Establish a fentanyl specific response team.
- ☐ Continued improvement to the pretrial detention system.
- ☐ More jail time for retail theft offenders who brandish a gun during a crime.
- ☐ Enhance domestic violence penalties and breadth of laws.



New asks:

- ☐ Longer sentences for 2nd degree murder.
- ☐ Designate 2nd degree homicide by vehicle to a serious violent offense.
- ☐ Expand addiction programs with emphasis on fentanyl treatment.
- ☐ Capital funding for facility improvements at the Family Advocacy Center.
- ☐ Fund peer support programs for crime victims.
- ☐ Incentivise new provider services.
- ☐ Expand treatment programs for mental/behavioral health problems.
- ☐ Establish immediate options for behavioral health and addiction services as an alternative to jail time.
- ☐ Career training in behavioral health for underserved youth.
- ☐ Contract to transport inmates to jail.
- ☐ Establish security branch to monitor prisoners while at UNMH.
- ☐ Develop behavioral health training/ career path programs.

New asks:

- ☐ Establish and fund a community victim's ombudsman.

Fight Crime

Repeated asks:

- ☐ State funding and direct participation in warrant backlog initiative.
- ☐ Enact stricter street racing penalties.
- ☐ Common sense regulations on large capacity magazines and bump stocks.
- ☐ Fix "asset forfeiture" law to increase funding for public education & support drug trafficking investigations.
- ☐ Introduce temporary "return to work" legislation to allow qualified/certified officers to return to duty.

New asks:

- ☐ Funding for regular presence of New Mexico State Police (NMSP) in ABQ with a traffic unit to patrol highways and dedicated narcotics and auto theft investigators.
- ☐ Enhance criminal sentencing for road rage and violent crimes on the roadways.
- ☐ Prioritize enforcement efforts against drug trafficking and distribution networks.
- ☐ Extend the referendum on violent juvenile diversion programs.

Fund Crime Fighting Technology and Infrastructure

Repeated asks:

- ☐ \$6.5 million helicopter & help from NMSP to patrol when APD's helicopter is unavailable.

- ☐ Fund community command posts on Albuquerque's east and west side.
- ☐ \$10 million to expand gun shot detection technology.
- ☐ \$10 million for two additional police substations in high crime areas.

New asks:

- ☐ \$20 million expansion of the Real Time Crime Center, and \$10 million in new cameras to help with investigations.
- ☐ Secure funding for the jail to quickly process individuals taken into custody and provide constitutional detention.
- ☐ Increase funding for violent crime investigative units to expand resources.
- ☐ Increase speed detection devices to monitor and enforce speed limits throughout all roads within ABQ.

Strengthen Collaborations and Procedures

Repeated asks:

- ☐ Establish medical check protocols between UNM Hospital and Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC).
- ☐ Notify law enforcement when offenders are deemed incompetent by the courts.
- ☐ Require parole/probation officers to notify police and victims when offenders are released.



- ☐ Fund broader specialty courts to address homelessness, addiction, and mental health cases.

New asks:

- ☐ Improvements to conservatorship programs for severely addicted.
- ☐ Work with Bernalillo County to identify and resolve bottlenecks when individuals are taken to jail.
- ☐ Create a specialty court for auto theft.
- ☐ Mandate that prosecutors utilize habitual offender enhancements.
- ☐ Require use of statewide database for firearm prohibitions.
- ☐ Enable mental health providers to report individuals under their care to the National Instant Criminal Check system.

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