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2018 PETITION

Downtown Corridor Police District

We, the undersigned, demand a dedicated police district for the Downtown Corridor. A Downtown police district is a vital political campaign promise of Mayor Tim Keller. The Downtown Corridor needs police action immediately as downtown continues to develop.

A common view of the downtown corridor stands as: a police-neglected, crime-infested area with violence and crime around every corner.

Making a solid step forward with an adequately staffed police district, directly targeting the Downtown Corridor, (East/West Downtown,

Bridge to I-40) is the only proven solution to this growing problem;

Officers who patrol this area on foot, bicycle, or horseback, and who are not called to serve any other part of the metropolitan area. It is

imperative; the City employ a well-qualified private security firm until APD increases officers substantially.

City of Albuquerque's neglect of safety to the workforce, tourists, residents, and patrons of central downtown, gave merit to several prominent businesses for contemplation of relocation away from downtown. They are being driven out by the vandalism, loitering, homicide, substance abuse, theft, aggressive panhandling, and the trash and squalor which accompany homelessness, and are all current realities of life in this corridor.

Necessary steps to be taken by the City must include:

- Provide free parking from 11 am to 2 pm for one year, economically stimulating businesses within the downtown corridor.**
- Develop a Media Ad Campaign for publicizing the new safety and business friendly atmosphere of the Downtown Corridor.**
- Loitering statutes must be enforced.**

- **Install public urinals near the Downtown Corridor and the transportation center.**
- **Address the homeless population and their needs. Create low-barrier lodging to get the hard-core homeless off the streets at night.**

Stimulation of businesses within our corridor and protecting its workforce, residents, and patrons will make it a safer place for downtown residents to live. These two actions are inseparable in order to provide for a more vibrant urban center. We, the people of downtown, believe that a dedicated noticeable police presence in our Downtown Corridor must be established as a first step toward accomplishing the goals of a safe city.

I, the undersigned, demand the City of Albuquerque to take the above actions:

Name: Print clearly	Phone #:	Email:	Signature:
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