

ALBUQUERQUE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE 40

Whereas President Biden, made a commitment in a historical signing, setting as a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal Investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underprivileged, underserved, and overburdened by pollution;

Whereas that commitment is contained in Executive Order 14008, signed on January 27, 2021. The categories of investment include, climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, food security, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, education, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction and eradication of legacy discrimination, pollution, and the development of clean water and wastewater infrastructure;

Whereas Albuquerque supports the community organizations of Albuquerque who are coming together to prepare collaborative proposals to be submitted to the city, state, and federal government to take advantage of the funding that is available now through at least 17 Federal Agencies that could address the urgent needs of the city including those residents of the underserved and marginalized communities of Albuquerque that have been impacted by climate change and environmental injustice;

Whereas Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico and according to the 2020 Census has a population of over 560,000 people and boast a diverse culture including Native Americans, who date back some 12,000 years of occupancy;

Whereas Mayor Tim Keller believes that it is necessary to join all these communities together by forming a Justice 40 Oversight Committee to act immediately on the coordination of city agencies and with state and federal counterparts and with additional community input to expedite collaborative proposals to be submitted to the state and Federal government for funding;

Whereas Justice40 funding is available now and there are projects such as those presented by Los Jardines Institute whose purpose is to build and support healthy and sustainable communities and workplaces and others who work on food safety, availability, Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Whereas President Biden's One trillion-dollar Infrastructure Legislation which passed November 6, 2021, is directed to invest \$55 billion to expand access to clean drinking water for households, businesses, schools, and centers across the country. The investment is to cover rural towns to struggling cities, and address water infrastructure and eliminate lead service pipes, including in Tribal Nations and disadvantaged communities that need it most;

Whereas the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal will deliver \$65 billion to help ensure that every American has access to high-speed internet through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure and deployment;

Whereas the legislation includes \$39 billion of new investment to modernize transit, in addition to continuing the existing transit programs for the next five years as part of the surface transportation reauthorization. In total the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal provides \$89.9 billion in guaranteed funding for public transit over the next five years;

Whereas \$65 billion will be invested in clean energy which will include building thousands of miles of new resilient transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable and clean energy while lowering cost. The bill includes funding for innovative programs to support the development and demonstration, and deployment of cutting-edge clean energy technologies to accelerate our nation's transition to a zero-emission economy;

Whereas the bipartisan Infrastructure bill will provide an investment of over \$50 billion to protect against droughts, heat, floods, and wildfires, in addition to a major investment in weatherization;

Whereas the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation will deliver \$21 billion, the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells, these projects will remediate environmental harm and address legacy pollution that harms the public health of communities and advance long overdue environmental justice. This investment will benefit communities of color, as it has been found that 29% of Hispanic Communities, and 26 % of Black Americans live within 3 miles of Superfund sites;

Whereas through the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, The Inflation Reduction Act and the American Rescue Plan federal agencies are making historic levels of investment to advance environmental justice which will confront decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities and bring critical resources to communities that have been overburdened by discriminatory practices, legacy pollution, and environmental hazards;

Whereas the City of Albuquerque is seeking funding to preserve and protect its health, lands, watersheds, clean drinking water, wildlife, food security, affordable housing, education, and workforce development and;

Whereas climate change and historical injustices has impacted the health and quality of life for residents of Albuquerque especially those in underserved communities of color including Native Americans, Latinos and African Americans and other residents an executive order is being put in place to address the social, economic, and environmental conditions of Albuquerque calling on the input of our stakeholders in cooperation with city, state and federal government to work together to secure funding for these initiatives;

Whereas this executive order supports the 17 federal agencies listed under Justice 40-by creating an Oversight Committee appointed by the mayor that will coordinates with local and state agencies to prepare an application that will assure maximum benefits to Albuquerque residents;


Now Therefore I Mayor Tim Keller by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the city of Albuquerque Order and Direct as follows:

The establishment of the Justice 40 Oversight Committee which will consist of Department heads of each city agency or their designee that is required to collaborate with its state and Federal Agency counterpart including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Environment Protection, Health and Human Services, Forestry, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Transportation, USDA, and Education, and any of the other 17 agencies identified under Justice 40.

I Mayor Tim Keller will also appoint seven community stakeholders to the Justice 40 Oversight Committee including Richard Moore who currently sits on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEEJAC) and will serve as Community co-chair.

 Mayor Tim Keller will also appoint a City Agency, Co-Chair of the Justice 40 Oversight Committee.

The first meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place no later than five days after the signing of this Executive Order and thereafter the Oversight Committee will meet weekly 

In accordance with this Executive Order the Justice 40 Oversight Committee will determine procedures for submitting and evaluating projects to be proposed for funding. 

Each city agency will be responsible for tracking projects that are being submitted to the federal agency that corresponds with their agency and report progress at weekly meetings.

This Executive Order establishes a deadline of October 30th by which the Oversight Committee will provide for the mayor a complete package to be submitted to the Governor covering the various federal agencies identified under Justice 40 for funding, in accordance with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation, The Inflation Reduction Act, or any other federal funding sources that are available or may become available during this process.