

R-2018-007

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL**

3/9/18

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Jon K. Zaman, Director of Council Services *my for JKZ*

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-18-5 Condemning Animal Abuse In The Form Of Coyote Killing Contests And Urging The New Mexico Legislature To Pass Legislation Prohibiting Contests Organized, Arranged Or Sponsored For The Purpose Of Killing Coyotes For Prizes Or Entertainment (Gibson, Borrego), which was passed at the Council meeting of March 5, 2018 by a vote of 8 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Excused: Harris

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

JKZ:mh
Attachment

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-5 ENACTMENT NO. *R-2018-007*

SPONSORED BY: Diane G. Gibson and Cynthia D. Borrego

RESOLUTION

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2 **CONDEMNING ANIMAL ABUSE IN THE FORM OF COYOTE KILLING**
3 **CONTESTS AND URGING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO PASS**
4 **LEGISLATION PROHIBITING CONTESTS ORGANIZED, ARRANGED OR**
5 **SPONSORED FOR THE PURPOSE OF KILLING COYOTES FOR PRIZES OR**
6 **ENTERTAINMENT.**

7 **WHEREAS, the City recognizes and honors hunting and fishing events for**
8 **properly licensed hunters and anglers; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the City strives to meet the highest standards of humane**
10 **animal care and husbandry, and to promote responsible pet ownership; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the City and surrounding communities strive to treat all**
12 **creatures humanely and prevent the unnecessary suffering and death of**
13 **animals to the greatest extent possible; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the desert environment is home to a diverse range of animals**
15 **of many different species, each of which occupies its own place in the fragile**
16 **balance of natural ecosystems; and**

17 **WHEREAS, wildlife killing contests are conducted for profit, entertainment,**
18 **prizes and simply for the fun of killing, which are not unlike blood sports like**
19 **dogfighting or cockfighting and are at odds with Components Nos. 2 and 4 of**
20 **the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and with the values that**
21 **rank-and-file sportsmen profess; and**

22 **WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that coyotes are native to the New**
23 **Mexico and play an important role in maintaining the balance of natural**
24 **ecosystems by controlling populations of prey species such as rabbits and**
25 **mice, which may be carriers of hantavirus, leptospirosis, lymphocytic**
26 **choriomeningitis (LCMV), Tularemia and Salmonella; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, many American Indians regard the coyote as one of several**
2 **sacred animals, playing a major role in animal symbolism through its mating**
3 **for life, patience in hunting, and guidance on how to lead a life of balanced**
4 **happiness; and**

5 **WHEREAS, New Mexico law does not recognize coyotes as game species**
6 **and there are no bag limits or seasons for hunting them; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the indiscriminate killing of coyotes, while legal in New Mexico,**
8 **does not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose; and**

9 **WHEREAS, annual coyote killing contests appear to encourage the wanton**
10 **taking of life by its attendees that is contrary to the treatment of all creatures**
11 **in a humane and respectful manner and to living in harmony with our**
12 **environment; and**

13 **WHEREAS, based on the accounts of past hunts, many participants lure**
14 **coyotes using electronic callers that mimic prey animal sounds, then are**
15 **encouraged to shoot as many coyotes as they can, without utilizing the pelt,**
16 **meat, or any other part of the animal, while disposing of carcasses in a**
17 **manner that has not been proven safe or sportsmanship-like; and**

18 **WHEREAS, Section 9-2-4-6 ROA 1994, provides for the improper disposal**
19 **of animals as being “unlawful to dispose of the body of an animal by dumping**
20 **the corpse on public or private property, roads or rights-of-way”;** and

21 **WHEREAS, public lands are also enjoyed by many people for hiking,**
22 **horseback riding, dog walking, bird watching, hunting, and other outdoor**
23 **activities possibly posing a threat to the safety and well-being of the City’s**
24 **residents and their animals; and**

25 **WHEREAS, a bill to prohibit coyote killing contests, HB 316 of the 51st**
26 **Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2013), passed the House Judiciary**
27 **Committee; and**

28 **WHEREAS, two bills to prohibit coyote killing contests, SB 253 of the 52nd**
29 **Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2015) and SB 268 of the 53rd**
30 **Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2017), passed the New Mexico Senate**
31 **with bipartisan sponsorship and support, along with the support of thousands**
32 **of New Mexicans, Animal Protection of New Mexico, Rio Grande Chapter of the**
33 **Sierra Club, Southwest Environmental Center (Las Cruces), Wildlife**

1 **Conservation Advocacy Southwest (Valencia County), and other national**
2 **organizations.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
4 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

5 **Section 1. The Albuquerque City Council opposes future events organized,**
6 **sponsored, arranged or held within the City of Albuquerque or its immediate**
7 **vicinity as coyote killing contests are not representative of the killing of desert**
8 **wildlife in a manner that is humane, respectful and safe.**

9 **Section 2. The City Council supports the introduction and passage of**
10 **legislation prohibiting coyote-killing contests throughout the State of New**
11 **Mexico.**

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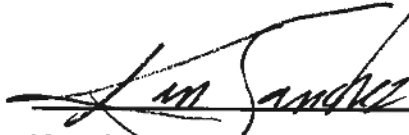
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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2018
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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4 Excused: Harris
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9 Ken Sanchez, President
10 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 15 DAY OF March, 2018
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17 Bill No. R-18-5
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21 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
22 City of Albuquerque
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26 ATTEST:

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29 Trina Gurule, Acting City Clerk
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