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ABQ Republicans roll out Safe Communities Plan

Albuquerque – Several Albuquerque candidates and crime victim’s advocates came together today to roll out a Safe Communities Plan. The press conference occurred amidst an ongoing crime wave that continues to run rampant across the metro area, which has twice broken its murder record since 2019.

“We are done living in a city of crime, that’s exactly why you have these candidates standing at my side ready to take on Santa Fe’s pro-criminal lobby,” said State Representative Bill Rehm (R-Albuquerque). “Albuquerque is tired of hearing the progressives use conservative talking points before an election and then legislate on behalf of people murdering our neighbors. I am confident that when January rolls around, we will have elected several pro-public safety candidates that are ready to make New Mexico a better place to raise a family.”

Republican Legislative Candidates propose a three-point Safe Communities Plan to directly address what is fueling the crime increase:

- **CLOSE THE REVOLVING DOOR:** There is strength in numbers, and with more pro-public safety lawmakers, New Mexicans can expect pragmatic criminal justice reform from the Safe Communities Plan which honors the victims while providing resources and policies that assist in rehabilitation.
- **TAKE ON ORGANIZED CRIME:** Even progressive Mayor Keller has conceded, organized crime is driving the violence in Albuquerque. The Safe Communities Plan crime package will include legislation that targets the loopholes that out of state gangs are using in New Mexico to run their enterprise.
- **VICTIMS RIGHTS:** Using budget surplus funds, the Safe Communities Plan proposes temporarily increasing funding for the NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission. With the record-breaking violent homicides in Albuquerque of recent years, the fund may need to be topped up.

House Republicans have fifty candidates across the state vying for the upcoming election to bring back commonsense to Santa Fe. Many of the most hotly contested races are based in Albuquerque. Metro-area residents are feeling the brunt of progressive-failures in policy with a drastic increase in violent crime and retail theft. Just recently, [local and national law enforcement provided a damning report](#) that reveals organized crime is targeting New Mexico because of loopholes and weak enforcement.

“I am a retiree of Albuquerque Police Department, and even I feel overwhelmed by the daily violence in this city,” said Greg Cunningham candidate for NM House District 29 (R-Albuquerque). “Santa Fe has tried and failed to legislate with catchphrases, what we need now is to seriously address the reckless violence. It starts with targeting the root cause, which is organized crime. These criminals are running their enterprise from our city because our laws are weak. We must stand up to organized crime and make it clear they are not welcome in New Mexico.”

Crime continues to run rampant despite halfhearted and half-baked efforts by the Democrat-majority in the Legislature. 2019 and 2021 saw the metro-area heartbreakingly surpass the city's murder record. 2022 was promised to be a turnaround year by progressive lawmakers as they began to face scrutiny over their failed pro-criminal policies. Despite many "crime meetings" by leading progressives, Albuquerque still ranks high in violent crime and organized retail theft- both of which were summarily ignored during the past legislative session.

*"Make no mistake, we are seeing what pro-criminal lawmaking has created- the progressive-Democrats in power have made our community unsafe and they are responsible for the violence in this city," said **Nicole Chavez candidate for NM House District 28 (R-Albuquerque)**. "My family is not only a victim of crime, but also a victim of Santa Fe's failure to protect our people. I stand in solidarity with those that have been affected by the violence in Albuquerque."*

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