



Mayor Timothy M. Keller

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, CLIMATE ACTION, AND A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recognizes the inherent right of every resident to a healthy, sustainable environment—including clean air and water, access to green space, and freedom from environmental toxins; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses an existential threat to the health, safety, and economic well-being of Albuquerque residents, particularly communities that have been historically marginalized and overburdened by pollution and disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, local governments are on the frontlines of climate adaptation and resilience, and Albuquerque has a moral and practical responsibility to lead through action, innovation, and equity; and

WHEREAS, executive actions and regulatory rollbacks in the first Trump Administration undermined national commitments to the Paris Agreement, weakened clean air and water protections, and attempted to restrict local authority to pursue progressive environmental policies; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, President Trump formally removed the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, withdrawing federal support for global cooperation on climate resilience and forcing cities like Albuquerque to act independently to meet climate goals; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13868, issued by President Trump, sought to limit consideration of climate resilience in infrastructure decision-making and furthered

reliance on fossil fuel infrastructure at the expense of long-term public and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13807 eliminated requirements for federal agencies to consider the cumulative and long-term impacts of climate change during environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), weakening protections for vulnerable communities and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13783 directed federal agencies to dismantle the Clean Power Plan and remove climate considerations from regulatory frameworks, halting progress toward decarbonization and energy transition; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration disbanded the federal Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment, silencing independent scientific guidance intended to help cities, states, and private entities prepare for climate-related threats; and

WHEREAS, the weakening of vehicle emissions standards under the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule undercut local efforts to reduce air pollution, undermining public health and increasing carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the administration weakened methane emissions rules for oil and gas operations, increasing exposure to harmful pollutants for nearby communities, many of which are Indigenous, rural, or economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the revocation of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard eliminated requirements to account for sea-level rise and climate-related flooding in federally funded infrastructure, putting communities at greater long-term risk; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, President Trump signed executive orders promoting coal energy, including opening federal lands for mining, designating coal as a critical mineral, and relaxing environmental regulations, actions that environmental groups criticized for favoring outdated energy sources and undermining progress toward renewable energy and climate action; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order titled "Maintaining Acceptable Water Pressure in Showerheads," which reversed previous federal regulations limiting water flow in showerheads to 2.5 gallons per minute; and

WHEREAS, the relaxation of these water efficiency standards undermines efforts to promote sustainable water use and environmental stewardship, leading to increased water waste and higher utility costs for consumers; and

WHEREAS, in response to these rollbacks, cities across the country—including

Albuquerque—have reaffirmed their climate commitments and embraced local environmental leadership as essential to protecting current and future generations.

Therefore, I, Tim Keller, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby order and affirm the following:

1. The City of Albuquerque strongly opposes all federal Executive Orders and any federal actions or policies that obstruct local climate resilience, sustainability planning, or environmental justice efforts.
2. The City and will prioritize the protection of clean air, water, soil, and biodiversity in all City operations, ordinances, and planning processes, because environmental rights are human rights.
3. All City departments shall align their policies, budgets, and strategic planning with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner.
4. The City shall prioritize frontline communities in climate adaptation efforts, including the development of heat-resilient housing, equitable green infrastructure, and public health preparedness.
5. City agencies shall consider long-term climate impacts in making land use, transportation, housing, and economic development decisions to ensure and climate resilience and environmental sustainability.
6. The City shall ensure that every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a public green space by 2030, prioritizing neighborhoods with historic disinvestment.
7. The City shall accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels in all municipal buildings, including the use of 100% renewable energy to power our operations by the end of 2025.
8. The City is committed to its pledge to halve carbon emissions by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
9. The City shall ensure transparency and public participation in major environmental decisions, centering the voices of frontline communities.
10. The City shall propose purchasing policies that prioritize sustainable, non-toxic, and circular economy-aligned goods and services.

11. The City shall continue to foster partnerships with regional and tribal governments to address shared environmental challenges and protect water, land, and air across jurisdictions.

SIGNED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

TIMOTHY M. KELLER
MAYOR OF ALBUQUERQUE