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ENDORSEMENT BY FORMER POLICE CHIEFS AND SABINA WEBSTER

CRIME IS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE FOR VOTERS

Albuquerque, NM – Former Police Chiefs and mother of slain officer endorse Michelle Garcia Holmes for Albuquerque Mayor. Crime is the number one issue for voters and Michelle Garcia Holmes is an expert in public safety. As part of Garcia Holmes' "SAFE CITY, PROSPEROUS CITY PLAN" these former Chiefs will be a part of her Chiefs Selection Team and Public Safety Planning Commission to deal with the violent, and property crime issues, in Albuquerque. Out of all 8 candidates these former Chiefs choose Michelle Garcia Holmes, because of her "strong background in law enforcement, vision, leadership abilities, and knowledge of the city of Albuquerque."

Garcia Holmes said, "I challenge all the candidates to publicly share their resumes, so voters can look at all candidate's qualifications and have the opportunity to HIRE THE NEXT MAYOR,"

Garcia Holmes further stated, "I am honored to receive endorsements from these people. I have the resume, experience and commitment to making Albuquerque a safe city so our small businesses can thrive, and our citizens don't have to walk around in fear of being victimized. My goal is to be at the top of the best list for business, tourism, and place to raise a family."

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Michelle Garcia Holmes for Albuquerque Mayor-Experience to get the job done

Endorsement – Chief Joseph Polisar

“I have known Michelle Garcia Holmes for well over 3 decades. I had the pleasure of watching her career at the Albuquerque Police Department and then her years of service as the Chief of Staff for the New Mexico Attorney General’s Office. She is a native of Albuquerque and has spent her adult life in service to the citizens of Albuquerque and New Mexico. A true selfless public servant. Albuquerque desperately needs the kind of leadership, vision and knowledge that Michelle can provide. Michelle is the right candidate at the right time. That is why I wholeheartedly endorse Michelle Garcia Holmes for Mayor of Albuquerque.”

Joseph M. Polisar,

Former Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department and Garden Grove Police Department



Amongst his notable accomplishments, Joe achieved and maintained accreditation for both the Garden Grove and Albuquerque Police Departments. In November 2010, Garden Grove PD was recognized as a Flagship Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the highest honor bestowed by the Commission on an accredited agency. He served as a CALEA Commissioner for 6 years, leading the organization’s strategic planning efforts and various committee assignments.

Joe has held many leadership posts throughout his career, the most notable being President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the oldest and largest executive law enforcement association in the world with more than 20,000 members in 90 countries. He holds top secret clearance designations from the FBI, US Department of Justice, and US Department of Homeland Security. He holds executive certifications from Harvard University, the States of CA and NM, and the IACP. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Keep the Dream Alive Award (1996); Albuquerque Human Rights Award (1995); Albuquerque People’s Choice Award (1996); Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Community Achievement Honoree (2003); and the CALEA Egon Bittner Leadership Award (2010).

He also has been active in professional organizations. He served 2 consecutive terms as President of the New Mexico Chiefs of Police Association and as President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the world’s oldest and largest police executive association. He is on the Board of the Garden Grove Hospital, and has served as a Commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA.

Endorsement – Chief Jim Lehner

“It is my great pleasure and honor to endorse Michelle Garcia Holmes for Mayor of the great City of Albuquerque. She has the education, knowledge, managerial experience and ability to become one of the best mayors Albuquerque has ever had. Her commitment, enthusiasm and dedication and strong background in law enforcement will assure that she is able to successfully lead our city to become more prosperous and a much safer community. I strongly and enthusiastically support Michelle Garcia Holmes for Mayor of Albuquerque”

Jim Lehner

Former Chief and Undersheriff, United States Navy Commander



Mr. Lehner has over 30 years of senior Management Experience in the City, Federal, County and private sector in Law Enforcement, Security, Safety and Property protection. He retired from the Albuquerque Police Department with the rank of Captain. While serving as the Under Sheriff for Sandoval County he was mobilized to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom. During this Presidential Recall he served as the Deputy Force Protection Officer in Northern Kuwait with responsibilities including all landward and seaward force protection, law enforcement for U.S. Personnel, the safety of over 5500 multi-national troops and all assets flowing through the ports in this operating area. Responsibilities also included coordinating fire protection responses from host country and potential chemical attacks. He also served as Commander of Public Safety (Chief of Police) which included Navy Police, Fire, Corrections, Customs, Animal Control and Pass and ID for the entire Island of Guam. Responsibilities including all law enforcement, fire protection operations to include hazmat and rescue, corrections, customs, and over 450 civilian and military personnel. Special projects included the design and implementation of various community oriented policing and crime prevention programs, consolidation and re-organization of emergency services from several Commands and design of an emergency service communication and alarm center. Designed and created the Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection Policy for the US Navy on Guam.

Mr. Lehner served in the United States Navy for 42 years having progressed through all enlisted ranks (E-1 to E-9) prior to being commissioned in 1985 and recently retired as a Commander. During his Navy career, Commander Lehner served as Commanding officer of Several Commands. His expertise was with Law Enforcement, Force Protection, Naval Coastal Warfare and 4 CI Equipment. He is an expert in critical investigative techniques including moving and static surveillance and crime scene processing. He has conducted numerous target vulnerability assessments in locations throughout the U.S., Europe, Mexico and the Middle East and provided written assessment reports and recommendations that resulted in significant improvements in the hardening of targets, implementation of programs and the emplacement of special security equipment to significantly reduce the risk of suicide bombings and other types of terrorist attacks.

He also instructed at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Roswell, NM, teaching all terrorist related topics to include transnational terrorism, suicide and other terrorist bombings and response tactics.

Endorsement - Sabina Webster, Mother Daniel Scott Webster

I want the people of Albuquerque to vote for Michelle Garcia Holmes. I met Michelle through the most devastating time in my life. She reached out to us after the loss of Daniel Scott Webster who was killed while trying to handcuff a repeat offender. She has the compassion to reach out to us, pray for us, since our lives have been so devastating losing our son. I might add that the current Chief of Police did not one time offer his condolences to my husband or myself. We have made at least 4 calls to him with no response. Dan "Scott" Webster was on the Albuquerque Police Department for nine years and succumbed to his injuries 8 days later. You would think that families of a murdered police officer would deserve at least one phone call.

If I lived in Albuquerque, I would definitely vote for Michelle. Her compassion to reduce the crime rate is so notable she is sincere in wanting to help the citizens in your beautiful State. If you want positive change then vote positively for Michelle and see the difference she makes. She will make Albuquerque a place for family's wanting to live there again.

Thank you, Michelle, you have the compassion and learning experiences to change the many challenges that Albuquerque needs.

-Sabina Webster