

RESOLUTION NO. 2447

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL
CONCERNING NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT
POLICIES AT THE ROSWELL CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Roswell Correctional Center is a facility intended for housing state prison inmates in a minimum security environment, and

WHEREAS, the Roswell Correctional Center is located in the immediate proximity of Roswell, and

WHEREAS, assignments of prison inmates to the Roswell Correctional Center have included persons sentenced for violent crimes and persons from the immediate area, including Roswell, and

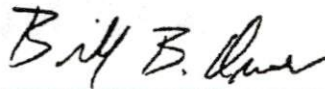
WHEREAS, release programs operated at the Roswell Correctional Center may afford inmates the opportunity for unsupervised travel within Roswell for work or education programs, and

WHEREAS, citizens of Roswell have expressed concern that persons sentenced for violent crimes and persons sentenced from the community may be seen in and about Roswell during their imprisonment, and

WHEREAS, the presence of persons on the streets who were imprisoned for violent offenses and persons sentenced for local crimes may subject Roswell citizens to unusual and unnecessary risks from encountering such prisoners or from knowledge that they are at the Roswell Correctional Center and might be able to harm citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THE CITY COUNCIL, OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO THAT: the Mayor or staff be authorized and directed to inform the State Corrections Department of the perceived risks arising from the release of inmates from the Roswell Correctional Center when those inmates are in fact violent offenders or are from the local community. The early return of such persons to society is done by the Roswell Correctional Center without notice and seemingly affords inmates inclined to retaliate the opportunity to seek out witnesses against them, victims of their crimes, or new victims. If truly nonviolent offenders are to be offered work or educational release into the community let them be from other areas so that encounters with witnesses and victims are minimized. The Mayor and staff are further directed to request the present policies of the Corrections Department be evaluated and reconsidered in regard to the above problems.


PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 11th day of March, 1999.



BILL B. OWEN, Mayor

CITY SEAL

ATTEST:


Timothy D. Stoessel, City Clerk