

In two elections, voters have sent me to City Hall because I talked authentically and honestly about the problematic training and culture of policing that I was introduced to. I left that job to fix it, and no one will disagree that I've been effective implementing changes to do that.

My evolution, from an officer trained to fight the war on drugs and criminalize communities of poverty and color, into a policy leader who has decriminalized marijuana, passed sanctuary city legislation, and passed laws giving sweeping new civilian oversight powers over APD, is exactly the type of culture change we want to see in policing across the country, and especially here in Albuquerque.

It is unfortunate that a blogger's misrepresentation of the facts is gaining attention and being shared, when court records and subsequent legitimate news stories that can be easily fact-checked outline a different pattern of facts and conclusion.

Among the discrepancies, the blogger claims a DC defendant's case was dismissed, however Federal court records show that the defendant was indicted and pled guilty to firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison in a plea deal that I consented to. After being released, the defendant violated terms of release and served additional time in prison.

The defendant's civil suit for violations against the police department and officers involved was dismissed by the court. Court records make clear that I was never even served notice of the lawsuit.

At a time when we are at the precipice of long overdue changes in policing and racial justice, I regret that we are being distracted by relitigating my past which is not only well documented, but is core to my personal story and the reasons why I have dedicated my life to positive social change.

Pat Davis served as a police officer with the US Capitol Police, Washington, DC Metropolitan Police, and as a Lieutenant with the UNM Police. In 2006, he was selected as one of just two New Mexicans to attend the 225th session of the prestigious FBI National Academy, a 10-week program in Quantico, VA for rising police leaders focussed on police leadership, ethics, and professionalism in policing. In 2009, he traded in his badge and gun to finish a Master's in Criminal Justice from NMSU to focus on criminal justice reform policy. He founded ProgressNow NM where he organized campaigns for a State Constitutional Amendment to create an independent office of the public defender and ballot initiatives to decriminalize marijuana.

In 2015 and again in 2019, Davis was elected to serve on the Albuquerque City Council where he has been a leader on criminal justice reform.

Among Councilor Davis' reform legislation:

- Successfully passed legislation decriminalizing marijuana in Albuquerque and prohibiting APD from using minor cannabis arrests as a pre-text for search or other investigation.
- Passed legislation opening formerly secret police internal affairs investigations to civilian oversight. IA investigations have been traditionally used by police to hide police misconduct from the public.
- Passed legislation making Albuquerque an Immigrant Friendly City and prohibiting APD cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.
- Passed legislation creating a new Public Safety Committee in the City Council, creating a venue for public accountability for APD reforms.
- Introduced legislation ending APD's participation in federal military equipment surplus to law enforcement programs.
- Passed legislation ending the practice of sending police to public health/intoxication calls, removing the opportunity for criminal arrests for intoxication and addiction-related calls.
- Passed legislation restoring funding for drug treatment and specialty diversion courts that has been vetoed by Governor Martinez.
- Passed legislation requiring APD to restore bicycle policing programs, restoring community policing for neighborhoods along Central Avenue.
- Added more than \$400,000 in City grants for Black-led organizations creating mentorship, job training and leadership development as a part of new community reinvestment programs.

In 2019, Davis was named Chair of the Governor's Marijuana Legalization Workgroup, charged with creating a roadmap for cannabis drug law reform in New Mexico.

In 2020, Davis was unanimously elected by representatives from District and Metropolitan Court, prosecutors and public defenders, law enforcement agencies and community justice partners, to chair the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council charged with coordinating criminal justice reform efforts in Bernalillo County.