

Albuquerque Mayor **Tim Keller** will be presenting the opening keynote on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the New Mexico American Planning Association annual conference. The following biographical information and photograph were found on the City of Albuquerque website.

“After a successful business career, Tim Keller refocused his professional life on tackling some of the biggest issues facing Albuquerque and New Mexico. Throughout his public service, from State Senator for the International District to New Mexico State Auditor to Mayor of Albuquerque, Tim has consistently challenged the status quo and developed a track record of real impact.

Tim became Mayor in 2017 and was re-elected in 2021. He serves as the city’s 82nd selected leader and 31st Mayor of Albuquerque, dating back to its founding 1706. Mayor Tim focuses on making Albuquerque a more safe, innovative, and inclusive city.

As Mayor, Tim created the first-of-its-kind Community Safety Department designed to send trained professionals to non-violent 911 calls, ensuring the right response to calls for mental health, substance use, and homelessness — and freeing up police to focus on crime. He led the Police Department to reverse worst-in-the-nation property crime rates and cleared the unacceptable rape kit backlog, honoring survivors and providing justice. Under his leadership, the City quadrupled the number of people served by the City’s homeless support system and purchased Gibson Health Hub, the largest investment for the unhoused in city history. His efforts also modernized the local economy, landing thousands of new jobs with Facebook, Netflix, NBC Universal, and Amazon. His climate change efforts launched Albuquerque into the top 5 solar cities in America. Furthermore, the City is on track to run on 100% renewable energy by 2025.

Throughout his tenure, he centers his leadership around the “One Albuquerque” unity initiative, a clarion call to action to champion residents from all walks of life. His administration transformed the City’s social justice efforts by establishing the first office of Equity and Inclusion, as well as offices of Consumer Protection, Civil Rights, Black Community Engagement and Native American Affairs. Tim is a staunch supporter of pro-immigrant policies.

When the COVID-19 pandemic threatened lives and livelihoods, Tim responded quickly, using the City’s emergency powers to provide a safety net for the most vulnerable. The City provided childcare for 10,000 essential workers, \$50 million small business grants, senior meal delivery and rental assistance. He continued to build a more inclusive City by accelerating \$200 million in construction projects, focusing on historically underrepresented neighborhoods.

In 2014, Tim Keller was elected one of the youngest State Auditors in the country. He created the state’s first Government Accountability Office and was responsible for financial oversight of over 1,000 local governments. He championed a range of transparency efforts including uncovering billions in idle infrastructure funds and exposing fraudulent actions by elected officials. Previously, Tim was elected twice to the State Senate in one of the most diverse districts in New Mexico, encompassing Albuquerque’s International District. He rose to the position of Majority Whip and had the distinction of passing the most bipartisan sponsored legislation during his tenure.

Tim spent 15 years in the private sector, starting with Fortune 500 Companies and then Tribal governments. He also lived for three years in Cambodia where he ran the nation’s first technology company focused on bringing living wage employment opportunities to landmine victims and trafficking survivors.

Tim Keller was born and raised in Albuquerque and is an Eagle Scout and Kellogg Foundation Race Equity Fellow. Following graduation from St. Pius X High School, he attended the University of Notre Dame

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where he studied Art History. He then went on to earn an MBA with honors from the Harvard Business School.”



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“In his personal time, Tim — a former quarterback in high school — still enjoys playing football and even suited up in [Albuquerque’s professional Arena Football team’s 2018 home opening game](#). A heavy metal enthusiast, Keller was profiled as the [“#MetalMayor” by the New York Times](#) and [has introduced a number of bands live on stage in Albuquerque](#). Tim is an advocate for Dyslexia awareness after being diagnosed and re-learning various reading skills as an adult. He lives in Albuquerque with his wife and their two young children.”