
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

POLICE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Ken Sanchez, President, City Council
FROM: Police Oversight Task Force
SUBJECT: Task Force Recommendations
DATE: January 31, 2014

The Police Oversight Task Force is pleased to present our recommendations to City Council for improving the Police Oversight Process. Our broad objectives are reflected in the Statement of Principles which precedes our recommendations.

The Task Force spent six months gathering information, reviewing past reports and findings, and reviewing police oversight practices from all over the United States. The Task Force recommendations represent significant changes to Albuquerque's current civilian police oversight system. We are recommending the creation of a new independent agency to carry out the oversight functions.

The Task Force respectfully requests a response from City Council regarding our recommendations. We are very interested to know how the City Council intends to proceed, specifically, we would like to know which recommendations will be implemented and what changes will be made to the Police Oversight Ordinance. We also suggest that at an appropriate time, the City Council inform the community about these changes through a formal public hearing process.

In addition, we ask that our report and recommendations be shared with the U.S. Department of Justice officials who are conducting the investigation into the APD, as well as the current Police Oversight Commission and Independent Review Officer.

Finally, we wish to thank the City Council for affording us the opportunity to make a contribution to this important community issue.

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