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Police Oversight Board Invites Mayoral Candidates to Address Plans for Police Reform Engagement If elected as the Mayor of Albuquerque...

Albuquerque, NM: The Police Oversight Board (POB) has invited all eight of the Mayoral Candidates to attend the POB meeting this month to discuss each candidate's plans, as Mayor, on how they might address the ongoing engagement efforts of the current police reform. The **POB meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug 10, 2017 in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers located in the basement of City Hall beginning at 5:00 pm.** All candidates have been asked to RSVP to Edward Harness, CPOA Executive Director by Wednesday August 9, 2017 at noon.

The POB is the governing body of the Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) and is made up of nine civilian volunteers. Joanne Fine, Chair of the POB emphasizes that "our mission is to provide impartial civilian oversight regarding civilian complaints about APD employees, sworn and unsworn. In addition, we are charged with civilian review of Officer Involved Shootings and Serious Uses of Force cases. Most importantly, we are charged by City Ordinance to provide policy review and make recommendations regarding APD policies. At least 51% of our work is to be on policy."

To further explore the candidates thoughts regarding their plans to address the police reform efforts, the POB is eager to hear a few of the following answers from each candidate, as Mayor:

- How do you plan to engage with the POB/CPOA?
- What would you change about the current police reform?
- How would you advance the process of compliance and reform of the Albuquerque Police Department while DOJ and the Court are here and after they leave?

Each candidate will be given 5 uninterrupted minutes to speak to the POB. Board Members may ask questions for up to 5 minutes. We invite all community members to tune in by attending this meeting in person or online via GOV TV during the "Live" POB Meeting Broadcast at https://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/govtv#police-oversight

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