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CITY COUNCILORS BRAD WINTER AND REY GARDUÑO ANNOUNCE LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC POLICE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE FROM FIVE TO NINE.

ALBUQUERQUE – City Councilors Brad Winter and Rey Garduño today announced that they will introduce legislation at the City Council’s September 16th meeting to increase the number of community-at-large members of the Task Force from five to nine. That increase will bring the total members of the Task Force from 11 to 15.

To increase the diversity of the Task Force, Councilors Winter and Garduño will work directly with and seek input from community organizations whose mission is to advance the rights of minorities.

“When the City Council appointed the current 11 members of the Task Force, we appointed 11 excellent and capable individuals.” said Councilor Garduño. “However, the resolution that created the Police Oversight Task Force also called for it to represent ‘the ethnic and gender diversity of Albuquerque,’ and we need to make sure that it does.”

Councilor Winter stated, “We want the Task Force to be as representative of the multicultural nature of our community as possible, and we want it to help unite the community. In order to do that, we need to make sure that we have a diversity of voices at the table.”

The Police Oversight Task Force is charged with helping the City review its entire police oversight process and making recommendations on improvements to the City Council by the end of December 2013.

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