

Dear President Sanchez,

On behalf of the Police Oversight Task Force, I am 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 and sweeping 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 is requesting a detailed response from City Council regarding our recommendations. We would like 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, if any.

In addition, we ask that our report and recommendations be communicated to the U.S. Department of Justice officials who are conducting the investigation into the Albuquerque Police Department as well as the current Police Oversight Commission.

Best,
Andrew Lipman