

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-13-143 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 INITIATING A PROCESS TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW THE CITY'S
3 MECHANISMS OF POLICE OVERSIGHT; CREATING AN AD HOC POLICE
4 OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE TO OVERSEE THAT PROCESS AND MAKE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL; CALLING FOR THREE PUBLIC
6 FORUMS TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHTOUT THE CITY.

7 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque maintains a highly professional well
8 trained police department; however, an effective oversight mechanism is
9 critical to maintaining the public's confidence in that department; and

10 WHEREAS, the City Council has enacted a Police Oversight Ordinance to
11 provide oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department and oversee all citizen
12 complaints; and

13 WHEREAS, recent events have eroded the public's faith in that police
14 oversight process and the City Council feels that the process needs to be
15 reevaluated and changed if necessary; and

16 WHEREAS, the Police Oversight ordinance requires periodic evaluations so
17 as to *"undertake a complete evaluation and analysis of the entire Police
18 Oversight Process, and recommend any necessary changes or amendments
19 that would appropriately improve the process."* §9-4-1-11 ROA 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the creation of a Police Oversight
21 Task Force is an appropriate first step in bringing expertise to bear on the
22 review of the police oversight process; and

23 WHEREAS, as an indispensable part of that review process, the City Council
24 finds it necessary to hold public forums to receive public comment on the
25 existing oversight process, and suggestions on ways that it can be approved,
26 from the citizens of Albuquerque; and

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1 WHEREAS, the City Council feels that it is in the best interest of the City for
2 this review to take place as expeditiously as possible.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 Section 1. There is hereby created an ad hoc Police Oversight Task Force.
6 The Police Oversight Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members
7 representing the ethnic and gender diversity of Albuquerque and the following
8 interests:

- 9 a. A member with investigative or prosecutorial experience at the
10 district or statewide level;
- 11 b. Two members with non-profit advocacy experience in mobilizing
12 community groups to address social concerns;
- 13 c. A member with experience in an organization that defends and
14 works to preserve individual civil liberties;
- 15 d. A retired member of the Albuquerque Police Department;
- 16 e. Five members of the community at large;
- 17 f. A member with experience in governmental efficiency and
18 accountability.

19 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Police Oversight Task Force will be selected by
20 a majority vote of the members of the Task Force. The Task Force shall hold
21 its meetings in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and shall conduct
22 its meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

23 Section 2. Duties of the Police Oversight Task Force. The Task Force shall
24 meet as many times as necessary so as to complete a thorough evaluation and
25 analysis of the police oversight process and report back to the City Council
26 with its recommendations for improving the police oversight process by the
27 end of December 2013. The Task Force shall review the history and evolution
28 of the existing police oversight system by reviewing the results and
29 recommendations of the Walker/Luna study and both the 2006 and 2011 MGT
30 studies. The Task Force shall receive briefings and presentations, as
31 necessary, from subject matter experts on the city's current oversight system,
32 and on best practices and oversight models from other cities. The Task Force
33 may request the City to engage nationally known experts in the field of police

1 oversight to assist them in making their recommendations. Staffing for the
2 Task Force shall be provided by the City.

3 Section 3. As an indispensable part of the Task Force’s work, the Task
4 Force will hold three Town Hall meetings in which members of the public are
5 encouraged to provide comments or suggestions for improving the police
6 oversight process.

7 Section 4. An amount of up to \$50,000 is hereby designated with the City
8 Council Projects activity to pay for consultants and services related to this
9 resolution.

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