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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

ALBUQUERQUE – A newly formed task force will meet Thursday to begin developing a strategic plan for improving criminal justice and public safety in New Mexico.

The Legislature approved a joint memorial (HJM16) earlier this year to establish the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Task Force, which is chaired by retired Supreme Court Justice Edward Chávez.

The task force is to submit a report to the Legislature by Oct. 15, 2018, including recommendations for criminal justice and public safety improvements.

DATE: March 29, 2018

TIME: 9 a.m.

PLACE: Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
115 Gold Ave SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Other members of the committee are: Attorney General Hector Balderas; John Sugg, Twelfth Judicial District Attorney representing the New Mexico District Attorneys Association; Chief Public Defender Bennett Baur; Corrections Department Secretary David Jablonski; Public Safety Department Secretary Scott Weaver; Children, Youth and Families Department Secretary

Monique Jacobson; Health Department Secretary Lynn Gallagher; Human Services Department Secretary Brent Earnest; New Mexico Association of Counties Executive Director Steve Kopelman; New Mexico Municipal League Executive Director William Fulginiti; Chief Judge Nan Nash, Second Judicial District Court; Sandy Dietz, chairperson of the New Mexico Parole Board; Terri Cole, president and CEO of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce; and Robert L. Martinez, president of the Albuquerque Lodge #1 of the Fraternal Order of Police. Members may have designees attend on their behalf.

Task force members from the Legislature are Sen. Cisco McSorley of Albuquerque; Sen. Greg Baca of Belen; House Minority Leader Nate Gentry of Albuquerque, or his designee; and Rep. Daymon Ely of Corrales.

The memorial directs the task force "to identify the issues of primary concern within the state's criminal justice and public safety system and to develop a strategic plan to ameliorate those concerns, including measurable outcomes to help ensure that public investments in improvements to that system are as efficient and effective as possible."

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Attached: Committee Substitute for HJM16.