

Richardson names 23 to ethics task force

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Gov. Bill Richardson on Friday named 23 members to a revived task force to recommend governmental-ethics and campaign-finance legislation.

Reconvening of the Governor's Task Force on Ethics Reform was promised by Richardson shortly after legislators adjourned a special session last month without approving his proposals to limit campaign contributions and create a state ethics commission. Legislators did approve a law creating a voluntary public-financing system for statewide judicial candidates in contested races.

The task force, which the governor formed last year, now is charged with review-

ing the outcome of this year's regular and special legislative sessions, making new recommendations for ethics and campaign-finance reform and advising Richardson on the timing of a possible special session devoted to ethics reform.

Former Gov. Garrey Carruthers and Suellyn Scarnecchia, dean of The University of New Mexico School of Law, again will chair the task force.

Other members are:

- ◆ Diane Denish, lieutenant governor;
- ◆ Stewart Udall, former U.S. interior secretary;
- ◆ Charlie Dorange, governor of Tesuque Pueblo;
- ◆ James Lewis, state treasurer;

- ◆ Stuart Bluestone, chief deputy attorney general;
- ◆ Dede Feldman, state senator;
- ◆ John Ryan, state senator;
- ◆ Kenny Martinez, state House majority leader;
- ◆ Jeff Steinborn, state House member;
- ◆ Don Tripp, state House member;
- ◆ Bill McCamley, Doña Ana County commissioner;
- ◆ Jim Noel, executive director, Judicial Standards Commission;
- ◆ Doug Brown, principal, Brown and Brown Ventures;
- ◆ Leonard Sanchez, CPA, Moss Adams LLP;
- ◆ Norman Thayer, attorney, Sutin, Thayer and Browne;
- ◆ Tom Keesing, Realtor,

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- ◆ Geno Zamora, president, Zamora Strategic Advisors;
- ◆ Fred Nathan, executive director, Think New Mexico;
- ◆ Matt Brix, policy director, Center for Civic Policy;
- ◆ Claire Weiner, public member;
- ◆ Maralyn Budke, public member