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**New Mexico Ethics Watch is convening a publicly-accessible Ethics Reform Working Group**

New Mexico Ethics Watch is convening a publicly-accessible Ethics Reform Working Group on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from noon to 1 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the virtual meeting by registering for the Zoom session at [www.nmethicsreform.org](http://www.nmethicsreform.org). Also available at that website address is a public input form by which members of the public can submit their own ethics reform priorities.

Participants in the working group include representatives from the Secretary of State's Office, the State Auditor's Office, the New Mexico Attorney General's Office and staff for the State Ethics Commission. Legislators from both chambers and both major parties have also agreed to participate, as well as advocates from Common Cause NM, the NM Foundation for Open Government and New Mexico Ethics Watch. All of these representatives have been tasked with setting out their individual ethics reform priorities, which will be shared with the public.

"We're creating a space where we can have open and respectful discussions about potential ethics reforms between relevant stakeholders, including the public," noted New Mexico Ethics Watch Executive Director Kathleen Sabo. "If we can all agree on needed reforms and work together to shepherd them through legislative passage and into law, so much the better," continued Sabo, "but having a forum for the sharing of ideas and concerns about ethics reforms and their potential effects upon stakeholders is valuable in and of itself."

The group's initial meeting will likely include a discussion of what reforms might be possible to advance during the upcoming, 30-day, budget-driven legislative session in early 2022.

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**\*\*\*EVENT DETAILS:**

**What:** NM Ethics Reform Working Group

**When:** Thursday November 4th, 2021

**Where:** Zoom Meeting: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zLfCJ\\_AQQ8eIOU\\_AmiSBSQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zLfCJ_AQQ8eIOU_AmiSBSQ)

**Who:** Hosted by New Mexico Ethics Watch

**\*\*To Register, go to :** [www.nmethicsreform.org](http://www.nmethicsreform.org)

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