

## **AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER**

**Referral from Council:** Whether the City should have an “at large” council member.

**Action:** apply the legal restriction against this item.

**Recommendation:** that the council does not forward this item unless the Legislature acts to allow it.

**Commentary:** Case law in NM would not allow at-large membership. (*Casuse v. City of Gallup*, 1987-NMSC-112, P 8.) Presently, the council approaches the maximum number of members allowed by NM law. An at-large member would only serve to relieve the necessity of all members to act on behalf of the city as a whole as well as to represent their own district.