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# Police Auditor Reports on Audits of SJPD Complaints in 2012

SAN JOSÉ – The City of San Jose's Independent Police Auditor (IPA), Judge LaDoris H. Cordell (Ret.), has released the *2012 IPA Year End Report* (Report), currently available on-line at <a href="www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA">www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA</a>. The Report summarizes the work of Judge Cordell and her staff during the 2012 calendar year and provides statistical information about IPA reviews of police misconduct investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Units of the San Jose Police Department (SJPD). The Report includes short summaries of actual investigations audited by the IPA and, for the first time ever, brief explanations of why the IPA agreed with some Internal Affairs findings, requested further action on others and why the IPA disagreed with some of the findings. The Report contains an overview of IPA accomplishments, an explanation of the complaint process, and a description of IPA community outreach in 2012. It also includes a summary of the recommendations made to the San Jose Police Department by the IPA. The Report will be presented to the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, no earlier than 3 pm.

The mission of the IPA is to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the civilian complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations. Complaints of police misconduct can be filed with the IPA in person or by phone, fax, mail, or email. The IPA reports on patterns and trends to the City Council and makes recommendations for improvements to police policies.