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New Independent Police Auditor to Address SJSU Justice Studies Graduates

- Event:** San Jose's newly-appointed Independent Police Auditor, Judge LaDoris Cordell (retired), will address 280 Justice Studies graduates and their families at the SJSU convocation.
- When:** **Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
- Where:** Morris Dailey Auditorium (Tower Hall), San Jose State University (SJSU)
- Who:** Judge LaDoris Cordell (retired), Independent Police Auditor, City of San Jose. Justice Studies graduates and their families/invited guests*

Background:

Former Superior Court Judge LaDoris Hazzard Cordell was appointed to the position of Independent Police Auditor (IPA) by the San Jose City Council on April 13, 2010. Judge Cordell has served as a Superior and Municipal Court Judge in Santa Clara County, as the Vice Provost and Special Counselor to the President for Campus Relations at Stanford University, and as a Palo Alto City Council Member.

Under San Jose's City Charter, the IPA is responsible for reviewing San Jose Police Department investigations of complaints against police officers to determine if the investigation was complete, thorough, objective and fair. The IPA also makes recommendations regarding Police Department policies and procedures, conducts outreach to educate the community on the role of the IPA and assists the community with the police misconduct complaint process. Additional information regarding the IPA office is available at www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA.

According to Dr. Mark Correia, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Justice Studies, "A large majority of our students are the first in their family to attend college, and consequently the occasion is of great consequence to the students and of pride to their families." Additional information regarding the Justice Studies Department at SJSU is available at www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies.

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*Note: This event is open to the media but not to the general public.