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New Independent Police Auditor to Publish On-Line Calendar

SAN JOSÉ – Commencing Thursday, May 27, 2010, San Jose's newly-appointed Independent Police Auditor, Judge LaDoris Cordell (retired), will publish her weekly calendar on the IPA website: www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA. The calendar will be published prospectively in order to enable the public to view the IPA's upcoming community outreach activities and city events. In order to preserve the confidentiality of the police misconduct complaint process, only non-complaint related matters will be posted on the calendar. Meetings with representatives of public and private organizations will be included unless they are complaint-related.

Judge Cordell began employment with the City of San Jose on May 17, 2010. She is not required by City policy to post her calendar electronically; however, has elected to do so in order to promote transparency and build trust among various stakeholders. According to Judge Cordell, "The IPA must take the lead in educating the public about the work of our office. The IPA is in a unique position to build trust between the City's diverse communities and law enforcement. The posting of the IPA's calendar will send a powerful message to all stakeholders that transparency and accountability are of utmost importance to the IPA."

The mission of the IPA is to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the citizen 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.