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Independent Police Auditor Seeks Advisory Committee Members

SAN JOSÉ – San Jose's Independent Police Auditor (IPA), Judge LaDoris Cordell (Ret.), is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the IPA Advisory Committee (IPAAC). The purpose of the IPAAC is to promote community awareness of the services offered by the IPA office and to inform the IPA office about police-related issues and concerns that arise within the San Jose community. Membership in the IPAAC is restricted to individuals who reside or work in San Jose, or who have an expertise in police oversight. IPAAC members are selected by and serve at the pleasure of the IPA.

"I want to encourage people from San Jose's neighborhoods and communities to consider applying to serve on the IPAAC," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "Having participation from individuals with a broad range of perspectives about law enforcement, neighborhood safety, and community policing will make the office of Independent Police Auditor better able to serve the people of San Jose." According to Cordell, "The importance of having a diverse group of advisory council members representing a cross-section of community interests cannot be overstated."

Individuals wishing to join the IPA Advisory Committee (IPAAC) should submit an IPAAC application that can be downloaded from the IPA website www.sanjoseca.gov/IPA or obtained at the IPA office. The application deadline for 2010 membership is Monday, August 16, 2010.

The mission of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) is four-fold: (1) to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations; (2) to conduct outreach to the San Jose community; (3) to propose thoughtful policy recommendations to the City Council; and (4) to strengthen the relationship between the San Jose Police Department and the community it serves. Complaints of police misconduct can be filed with the IPA in person or by phone, fax, mail, or email. The IPA Office can be reached by phone at (408) 794-6226.