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CITY AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW DIVISION ANNOUNCES CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF FIVE NOMINEES TO SERVE ON THE CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mary-Beth Baptista, the Director of the **City Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR)** division is pleased to announce that five nominees will be presented by Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade to the Portland City Council tomorrow, February 8, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers for appointment to serve on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC).

IPR and the nine-member CRC were created in 2001 to help improve police accountability, promote higher standards of police services, and increase public confidence. These volunteers were selected by a committee that included two past members of CRC, two representatives from the community, and the IPR Director.

To learn more about IPR: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr>

To learn more about CRC: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/index.cfm?c=27069>

NEW CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT

- **David R. Denecke** received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a teaching certificate from the University of Oregon, and his Juris Doctor from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland. He has served as a citizen member on the (former) Portland Police Bureau Performance and Use of Force Review boards, the Chair of the Hillside Neighborhood Association, a Director of Neighborhoods West-Northwest, a member of the City of Portland Transportation Advisory Committee, and a member of the Washington County Juvenile Services Commission. Mr. Denecke lives in Portland and works as a lawyer.
- **K.A. Lalsingh** held positions at Symantec Corporation, Northwest Christian College, and Standard Insurance Company. Professionally, she has lead, managed, and implemented projects globally. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Speech from Barnard College, Columbia University, a Master of Business Administration degree with a focus on Leadership, Ethics, and Globalization from Northwest Christian College, and a certificate in Leading Organization Transformation.

- **Rodney Paris** received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Linfield College and his Juris Doctor from Lewis and Clark Law School. He is employed as a Civil Rights Investigator in the Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Department at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). In this role, Mr. Paris investigates discrimination and harassment complaints and coordinates disability and religious accommodation requests. Prior to joining OHSU in 2010, Mr. Paris worked in Human Resources at Intel Corporation for 10 years, where he focused on matters such as employee relations, diversity, organizational development, training, and compensation and benefits.

RETURNING CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR RE-APPOINTMENT

- **Jeff Bissonnette** has been a CRC member since October 2009. He currently serves as the CRC Recorder and is on the CRC Outreach and Recurring Audit workgroups. He is the Organizing Director for the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, representing residential utility ratepayers in Oregon. He currently serves on Northwest Energy Coalition and the Renewable Northwest Project boards.
- **Jamie Troy** has been a CRC member since October 2009 and is the current CRC Chair. He has also served as Vice-Chair of CRC, and is the Chair of the Appeals Workgroup, as well as a member of the Protocol Workgroup. He works with the law firm of Troy and Rosenberg, P.C. where his practice focuses on juvenile and family law. He is on the board of the Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund, working to fund the education of future attorneys dedicated to eliminating bigotry and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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