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Independent Police Review Division Announces Recruitment for Volunteers to Serve on the Citizen Review Committee

Mary-Beth Baptista, Director of the City Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) division, announces the opening of recruitment for volunteers to serve three-year terms on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) – an advisory body to IPR and the Portland Police Bureau (Police Bureau). There are three immediate openings on CRC and up to four additional positions commencing on or before February 2014.

"Service on this committee requires objectivity, fairness, impartiality, and lack of bias — either for or against law enforcement. We are looking for community members that have a strong commitment to public service and who are willing to make a substantial time commitment," said Baptista.

IPR is the city agency responsible for the civilian oversight of the Police Bureau. CRC members hear community and Police Bureau member appeals of police misconduct investigations, listen to public concerns regarding police conduct, engage in training and other activities to learn about policing, review Police Bureau policies and procedure, and advise IPR.

"In the coming year I anticipate that the size and scope of work of the CRC will increase due to the City of Portland's pending settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice. This will include service on the Police Review Board to make fact-based recommendations for discipline in use of force incidents to the Chief of Police and Police Commissioner," said Baptista.

Applications are available at the IPR office in City Hall as well as on IPR's website at www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr. Candidates must be Portland, Oregon residents or business owners. **Applications must be received at the IPR office in City Hall by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.** Delivery can be by mail or in person at 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 320, Portland OR, 97204, or through email at ipr@portlandoregon.gov or fax at 503-823-3530. If you have any questions, please call IPR's main line at 503-823-0146.

"It is our goal to have a membership reflective of the rich diversity in Portland," Baptista said.

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