



**News Release – August 19, 2016**

**CITY AUDITOR PROPOSES CHANGES TO PORTLAND'S POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**

City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero has released a draft of proposed changes to Portland's police accountability system that will be heard by City Council on September 14, 2016, at 3:45pm in Council Chambers. The proposed changes are aimed at increasing the number of investigations of complaints of officer misconduct, improve reporting by the Police Bureau of suspected misconduct, increase the accountability system's efficiency, and better protect the integrity of the appeal process.

The Independent Police Review (IPR) was created in 2001 as a division of the City Auditor's Office, with a mission of improving police accountability and promoting higher standards in police services. The proposed changes going before City Council are the product of efforts by community members and city employees to provide Portland with increased police accountability and to implement the settlement agreement between the United States Department of Justice and the City of Portland.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a public forum to discuss the proposed changes on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 pm at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland Oregon 97211. The Auditor's proposed code changes builds upon comments heard from the community during a previous forum on August 1.

Among the proposed code changes:

- Require that all complaints of officer misconduct are investigated
- Require that IPR is notified by the Police Bureau of all suspected officer misconduct
- Authorize the Citizen Review Committee to hear appeals in three person panels
- Reserve public comment for general meetings of the Citizen Review Committee rather than the appeal hearings, which will be scheduled separately.
- Recommended Findings completed by either IPR or Internal Affairs based on which office investigated the complaint, as opposed to current practice of having the involved officer's commander write findings
- Allows a complainant to be present at a Police Review Board hearing and provide a statement

To read the proposed code changes please visit IPR's website:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/>

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