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CITY AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW DIVISION ANNOUNCES CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF THREE 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 three nominees will be presented by Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade to the Portland City Council tomorrow, June 11, 2013, at 9:30 am 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 the CRC, one current CRC member, one representative from the community, and the IPR Assistant Program Manager.

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

NEW CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT

Ms. Teresa Baldwin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Economics of Natural Resources at U.C. Berkeley and a post-graduate teaching certificate from the Institute of Education, University of London. Recently, she has served as a member on the City of Portland's Public Involvement Advisory Council and as a founding board member of Building Blocks 4 Kids, a local charity. In London, Ms Baldwin worked as a teacher, ran a small business, offered commentary about education for BBC Radio London and also helped start an educational advocacy group. She has lived in Portland since 2005.

Ms. Pamela Dunham is a retired Foreign Service Officer who served at U.S. embassies in Rome, Bangkok, Ankara and Nassau. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she served as Tri-Met's spokesperson, as general manager of Portland Energy Conservation, Inc., and as a public relations consultant to local governments and hospitals. She has served on several non-profit boards, both in Portland and overseas, and presently volunteers at the Oregon History Museum, where she is a docent; at OHSU Hospital, where she teaches English and serves on the spiritual care team; and at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, where she teaches classes for families dealing with mental health issues. She studied at PSU and has a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. Keeble Giscombe is an East Coast transplant who has resided in the Portland area for about three years. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from University of Maryland and holds a Masters in Clinical Counseling from Johns Hopkins University and a Juris Doctor Degree from University of New Hampshire (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center). He has several years of experience working with at-risk population in various settings. He has been part of the creation of several initiatives that address increasing equity and accessibility to social service agencies. He currently works in Portland as a mental health consultant.

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