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**INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW DIRECTOR RESIGNS**

The Independent Police Review, the City's police accountability agency, announced today that IPR Director Constantin Severe is stepping down from his position, effective April 5, 2019. Director Severe will serve as Oregon Governor Kate Brown's Public Safety Adviser.

"I am grateful for Constantin's dedicated service," said Portland City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero. "As Director, he was able to shepherd several major police accountability reforms through City Council and expand IPR's ability to conduct both complex investigations and systemic reviews. I plan to conduct a national search for the next IPR Director."

Director Severe said, "It has been an enormous privilege to serve the City and Auditor as IPR Director. I am proud to have served with an amazing, dedicated staff that works hard for this community."

Mr. Severe, a former criminal defense attorney, joined IPR as an Assistant Director in 2008 and became Director in 2013.

IPR was created in 2001 as the City of Portland's civilian oversight agency of the Portland Police Bureau. IPR is a division of the [City Auditor's Office](#) and is authorized to investigate allegations of misconduct by Portland Police Bureau members. Additionally, IPR is tasked by City Code with conducting reviews of Police Bureau policies and practices.

