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Ross Caldwell named director of City Auditor's police accountability office

City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero has named Ross Caldwell to lead Independent Police Review, the division in her office that receives and investigates police misconduct complaints and conducts policy analyses of the Portland Police Bureau.

Caldwell has worked at the Criminal Justice Commission since 2015. As the Programs Director, he oversaw the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program and several other program areas and worked extensively with the different criminal justice system associations and counties around the state. Prior to the Criminal Justice Commission, Ross worked as a Deputy District Attorney in Multnomah County. He grew up in Toledo, Washington and went to college at the University of Washington and law school at Lewis & Clark College.

"Ross' expertise working with community and system partners to identify and reduce disparities and inequitable outcomes in the criminal justice system, coupled with his experience working in the Neighborhood Unit of the District Attorney's Office will serve Portland well in this role," Hull Caballero said.

Caldwell replaces Constantin Severe, who directed Independent Police Review for six years before leaving in April to join Gov. Kate Brown's staff as a public safety advisor. Caldwell starts as IPR Director on July 29.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to continue the important work of impartial police oversight and look forward to working with the team at Independent Police Review, Portland's community leaders and the Portland Police Bureau toward the goals of accountability, transparency and public trust," Caldwell said.
