




Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE **FROM:** Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION BY INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR **DATE:** January 11, 2017

Approved  Date 1/11/17

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- a) Schedule a study session, led by the Independent Police Auditor and the San José Police Department, by summer of this year as outlined below.
- b) Defer Item 8.1 on the January 24, 2017 City Council agenda to the proposed study session.

The study session should cover the following topics:

- a) Overview of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor, including roles, goals, responsibilities, and future work plan. This overview should also discuss the IPA's oversight on Department Initiated Investigations (DII).
- b) A discussion on civilian oversight boards. The discussion should include key goals of civilian oversight boards and the design and effectiveness of such in other, similar cities.
- c) A discussion on transparency given the current climate around community policing including community expectations and recommendations for increasing transparency within the role of the IPA.

ANALYSIS

With the debate of police and community relations on center stage, it is fitting that we take a moment to refresh ourselves on the role of the IPA as well as the several bilateral discussions happening on how to better improve relations between the police department

and the community. With several cities recently adopting civilian oversight, the debate on what is effective oversight and the most appropriate model continues to receive more visibility. By understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the various civilian oversight models, my colleagues and I can engage in that debate better informed.

I applaud the Police Department and IPA on their commitment to further transparency in community policing and increase trust between officers and residents.