



# News Release

## Office of the Independent Police Auditor

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### ***San José Independent Police Auditor Hosts “Community Trust in Policing” Forum***

*SAN JOSE, Calif.* – The launch of an 18-month community project to strengthen relations between communities of color and law enforcement in San José will be held on Saturday, January 21. Prior to the start of the community forum, the San José Independent Police Auditor and San José Major Sam Liccardo will hold a pre-event news conference to discuss the challenges and goals of this project.

**What:** News Conference Prior to the Community Forum

**When:** 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday, January 21, 2017 (Forum event starts at 9:00 a.m.)

**Where:** Gallery at Mexican Heritage Plaza  
1700 Alum Rock Ave., San José  
*See map*

**Who:**

- San José Mayor Sam Liccardo
- Walter Katz, Independent Police Auditor
- Eddie Garcia, San José Chief of Police
- Jed York, CEO, San Francisco 49ers
- Emmett Carson, CEO and President, Silicon Valley Community Foundation

**Other details:** Parking is available at MHP.

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**Media Advisory:  
San José Community Forum on Trust in Policing  
News Conference**

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**Background:** The news conference will discuss the goals and plans associated with the free community forum and the project to develop greater trust and better partnerships between law enforcement and San José residents in order to achieve a safer community. The forum will be held on Saturday, January 21, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Forum panelists will include San Francisco 49ers wide-receiver Torrey Smith and Dr. Harry Edwards, UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus and founder of The Institute for the Study of Sport, Society, and Social Change at San José State University.

The event, organized by the San José Office of the Independent Police Auditor, is cosponsored by San José Mayor Sam Liccardo, San José Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and the San Francisco 49ers.

The forum will kick off an 18-month project funded by Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the San Francisco 49ers to strengthen community trust between police and the people they serve.

[Free registration for participating at the community forum available here.](#)

**About the City of San José**

Known as the Capital of Silicon Valley, San José is the nation's tenth largest city and the largest city in Northern California with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million residents. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and now encompasses 180 square miles. The City's website is [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov). Facts about San José can be found here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/780>.

**About the Office of the Independent Police Auditor**

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor was established in 1993 with the mission to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations, conduct outreach to the San José, propose thoughtful policy recommendations to the San José Police Department, and to strengthen the relationship between the police department and the community it serves. Additional information about the Office of the IPA can be found at [www.sanjoseca.gov/ipa/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ipa/).

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