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Pasadena City Council

Re: Funding for Independent Police Auditor

Dear Council:

I write to support the funding of this new position.

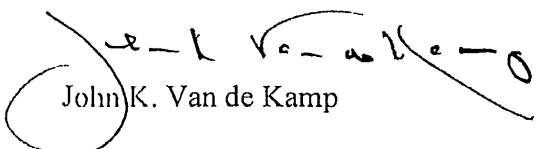
I support the IPA in principle because, properly staffed it can provide better oversight over police actions than most Police Commissions.

The ultimate key is finding the right person for the job. That person must have the expertise, objectivity and independence necessary to gain public confidence in his or her role.

Preferably the IPA should first report to the Public Safety Committee of the Council, but should meet regularly with a citizens advisory board, as well as other members of City government, and with those in the Pasadena community impacted by police presence.

The Public Safety Committee should work out the details. The devil of course is in the details. Getting the right person to fulfill the IPA role is of paramount importance.

Yours very truly,



John K. Van de Kamp