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**CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMS SCOTT M. ANDO AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE INDEPENDENT
POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY**

City Council today confirmed Scott M. Ando to be the new Chief Administrator to lead the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA).

“The Independent Police Review Authority protects the people of Chicago and the livelihoods of our brave men and women of the Chicago Police Department,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Scott’s experience, integrity, and commitment to the City of Chicago will enable him to continue to improve the efficiency and efficacy of IPRA, while maintaining a strong relationship between the Chicago community and the Chicago Police Department.”

IPRA’s mission is to build trust in the police discipline process and ultimately in the police department by conducting objective, thorough investigations and striving to reach a sound and just conclusion. The organization performs the intake function for all allegations of misconduct made against members of the Chicago Police Department, and conducts investigations specific to allegations of misconduct, whether on or off duty, involving the use of excessive force, domestic violence, verbal abuse including bias, and coercion. It also investigates police shootings where an officer discharges his/her weapon, deaths, serious injury, or other extraordinary occurrences in custody.

“I am grateful to the Mayor for nominating me for this position,” Ando said. “I look forward to working with the community and the police department to continue to improve the work of the Authority, increase our transparency, and find more ways to connect our work directly to the communities we serve.”

The five-member IPRA search committee conducted an extensive review and selection process and recommended Ando as a top candidate. Committee members included Committee Chair Sarah Pang,

former CPD Superintendent Terry G. Hillard, Rev. Dr. Michael L. Pflieger, Michael Rodriguez, and 29th Ward Alderman Deborah L. Graham.

“After reviewing dozens of resumes and conducting numerous interviews, the committee strongly recommended Mr. Ando for this position,” said Sarah Pang, Chair of the Search Committee. “We believe he is the right person to help the Authority reduce case processing times and we know he is very committed to strengthening IPRA through genuine community engagement.”

Mr. Ando has 35 years of combined city, county, and federal experience as a law enforcement and police oversight professional. During the past 2 years, he has served as Acting Chief Administrator and the 1st Deputy Chief Administrator of IPRA for the City of Chicago. Ando also previously served for four years as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago DEA office and five years investigating the misconduct of federal law enforcement officers.

In his current role as Acting Chief Administrator of IPRA, Ando is responsible for supervising a staff of nearly 100 supervisory, investigative, and support staff.

Ando holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY, and additionally has extensive professional training.

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