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POLICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL

Los Angeles – The members of the Los Angeles Police Commission have selected Mr. Mark P. Smith, to serve as the Inspector General. Mr. Smith is currently the Constitutional Policing Advisor for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department reporting directly to Sheriff Jim McDonnell. He will assume the Inspector General position on February 26, 2018. The position of Inspector General reports to the Police Commission and is responsible for assisting the Board of Police Commissioners in providing independent oversight of all operations of the Los Angeles Police Department.

“Mark Smith brings an extensive background and experience in providing oversight of law enforcement agencies around the country to the position of Inspector General,” stated Commission President Steve Soboroff. “I am confident he will lead his staff to continue the fine work of the Inspector General’s office and build on the success of his predecessors.”

Vice-President Matthew Johnson added, “The selection of Mr. Smith, with his experience in law enforcement oversight will be valuable as the Commission provides oversight of the LAPD. He has the responsibility of being the eyes and ears of the Police Commissioners and I am confident in his ability to perform those responsibilities.”

Mark P. Smith has been with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department since February 2016. In this role, he has assisted in the internal oversight of the Sheriff’s Department of patrol and custody operations while providing counsel to the Sheriff in the review of policy, discipline matters and other matters relative to constitutional policing.

His prior experience includes being the first Independent Police Auditor for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District from June 2011 to February 2016, where he developed and managed oversight of the BART Police Department. He was also the First Deputy Chief Administrator for the Independent Police Review Authority, City of Chicago, which provided oversight of the Chicago Police Department.

He began his career in police oversight with the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, Office of the Inspector General as a Special Investigator in March 2005 and worked in the office until January 2009.

Mr. Smith is a member of the National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and has been an elected member of their Board of Directors during 2014-2017. He possesses a Juris Doctor from the University of California at Los Angeles, School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from University of California at Berkeley.

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