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## Langley appointed to Civilian Police Review Board

DeWarren K. Langley has been appointed to the Civilian Police Review Board by Durham City Manager Thomas Bonfield.

The Board hears appeals of complaints submitted by citizens concerning actions taken by Durham police officers. The Durham Police Department's Professional Standards Division initially investigates these complaints. If a complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation, he or she may file a request for a hearing with the board.

Langley says, "police officers make a great sacrifice to ensure the safety of our community. As a member of this Board, I will fairly and impartially review appeals of complains, listen attentively to the claims of citizens and work with other Board members to write a recommendation to the City Manager in each case based on well reasoned evaluations of allegations."

The board's mandate is to determine whether or not the investigation was conducted in an appropriate manner, specifically, whether the police department abused its discretion in the conduct of the investigation.

Board members are required to complete the Durham Police Department's Citizens Police Academy, sixteen hours in a patrol car ride-along program and a comprehensive training program administered by the Police Attorney's office. Members are compensated at a per meeting rate of \$25, paid semi-annually and receive complimentary parking in a designated City of Durham parking lot for each meeting attended.

DeWarren's term expires June 30, 2011.

For more information, please contact DeWarren K. Langley at (919) 423-8089 or dewarrenklangle@gmail.com.

### ABOUT DEWARREN K. LANGLEY

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Langley is a second year law student at North Carolina Central University School of Law and earning a Certificate in Nonprofit Management at Duke University. He holds a degree in Business Management and Economics with a minor in Leadership Studies from Hampton University (2007). With a strong commitment to helping others, DeWarren is dedicated to being a resource to his community and serving as a mentor for the younger generation. Currently, he serves as a Member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, the Board of Directors for Calvary Ministries of the Westend Community, Inc., Kids Voting Durham Advisory Board, Citizens Advisory Committee, and NC Bar Association - Law Student Division. He also serves as a Alternate Student Representative to the Board of Directors for NC Legal Education Assistance Foundation, Thurgood Marshall Associate with the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, College Student Division Liaison for the Black Law Student Association, Chair of the Board of Directors for Partners for Youth, Chair of the Board of Directors for Standing Tall for Success, Inc, and At-large Representative on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board.