

# Coalition

(Continued from Page 1) shooting deaths of Henry Rowe, a homeless man, and Gerry Waje last May and August, respectively.

Other groups include the Asian-Pacific Forum, the NAACP, Nation of Islam and the Westside Action Alliance Korp-Uplifting People.

The coalition's first public outing takes place noon Saturday at the West Las Vegas Library Theater, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. A justice tribunal will seek citizen input on police abuse and judicial injustice.

One attorney said justice often falls along economic lines. "A lot of issues don't get

raised for poor people in the state criminal justice system, because there's not adequate provisions for counsel," Frannie Forsman said.

"So the ability to go in and affect any change in the system is somewhat shut down, because if you're poor you don't have lawyers that will go

in and raise the issues," Forsman said.

Bell hopes a letter sent to the Las Vegas mayor will help influence a fair selection process.

He said people have no confidence in police investigating police. Thus, the board should be independent

from police, and provide citizens recourse when complaints are filed.

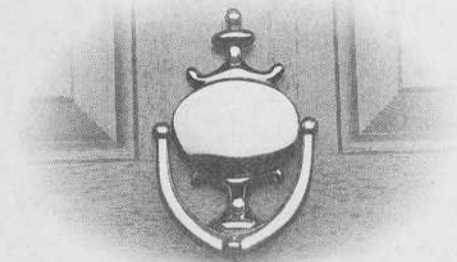
The board would investigate the complaints, make recommendations to the governing bodies and publish their findings, he said.

"I hope we do get a positive response because this is a very

serious issue," Hall said.

"If they don't put something in place to prevent police brutality, then that's going to leave certain individuals thinking that the only way that they can get justice is to hold court in the street," Bell said. "We don't want to see that kind of situation."

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