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San Diego City Council to Appoint Commission on Police Practices on May 22

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego City Council will consider appointments to the Commission on Police Practices at the City Council Meeting later this month.

The establishment of this Commission, an investigatory body of the City, independent of the Mayor and the Police Department, is in accordance with ordinance O-21557 effective November 19, 2022.

“In November, 2020 San Diego voters overwhelmingly approved Measure B with a goal of increasing transparency, accountability, and trust,” said Council President Sean Elo-Rivera. **“Those critical goals have made the implementation process especially important. This must be done right and has been a massive citywide effort requiring collaboration and coordination between each branch of city government, city employees, employee unions, and the public. With legal review of the final steps of the appointment process recently completed, the San Diego City Council will consider appointments to the CPP on May 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm.”**

“We look forward to the meeting and, more importantly, the soon-to-be appointed Commission on Police Practices beginning the work that San Diego’s voters envisioned in November, 2020. I thank Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe for her leadership and the hard work of her District 4 team to carry out the will of the voters.”

“I am grateful for all the time and effort that has gone into implementing an ordinance that reflects the voices of San Diego voters in 2020,” said Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe. “We are shepherding transparency mechanisms for the Commission itself to strengthen law enforcement oversight. I look forward to all nominations coming forward to City Council this month so the work of transparency and accountability may continue.”

Composition of the Commission

The Commission composition must reflect the diverse geographic areas and socio-economic, cultural, racial, ethnic, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age differences, and who have different personal backgrounds, education, occupations, and life experiences. Out of the 25 seats, the commissions must have:

- 9 Members, one member that resides in each council district
- 2 Members in the age range of 18 to 24
- 5 Members that reside in low to moderate-income census tracks
- 9 At large members, prioritizing the appointment of those who have had prior contact or interactions with law enforcement; individuals with experience or expertise in substance abuse addiction treatment; individuals involved or with expertise in services for or directed towards the unhoused; individuals involved or with expertise in immigration or migrant services; individuals who were or are criminal justice system impacted; individuals involved or with expertise in mental health, restorative justice, social work, or law enforcement practices and oversight; and individuals with experience or expertise in civil rights advocacy.

For more information on the nomination and appointment process, please see the [CPP Application FAQ site](#).

Council President Elo-Rivera represents San Diego’s Ninth Council District including communities of City Heights, College Area, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mission Valley East, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Normal Heights, Rolando Village, Rolando Park, Stockton and Talmadge. He is the Chair of the Rules Committee and serving his second term as San Diego City Council President.

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