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## **Councilmember Georgette Gómez Calls for More Transparency in Search for New Police Chief**

SAN DIEGO – Today, the Mayor's Administration released the updated plan for hiring a new police chief for the City of San Diego in response to feedback from the community and Councilmembers.

The recruitment process includes two additional community forums in City Heights and San Ysidro, however there was no detail as to whether candidates or members of the hiring panels would be announced to the public before a decision is made.

In a statement, Councilmember Gómez said, ***"While I am happy to see more community forums are being planned, the Police Chief is the top law enforcement officer in the City of San Diego and our residents have the right to know who the candidates and decision makers are in every step of the process."***

Councilmember Gómez believes that it is in the best interest of all San Diego residents to know who is on the hiring panels.

Councilmember Gómez continued by saying, ***"Making a decision on who will be the next Police Chief cannot be done in secret. I ask for a firm commitment to be as transparent as possible in this process."***

Councilmember Gómez concludes by saying, ***"There is still time to do the right thing and commit to including the community in hiring a police chief who demonstrates a personal commitment to engage our diverse communities and lead our San Diego police officers with integrity. Our next Police Chief must inspire engagement within the communities SDPD serves, while treating all people with dignity and respect."***

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