

Statement on Appointment of Commission on Police Practices Executive Director

"Accountability and transparency are essential to public safety and to building trust with our communities, especially when it comes to reform. Since 2017, San Diego has paid out roughly \$100 million in SDPD misconduct settlements, a cost that is felt directly by our neighborhoods and taxpayers. Strong, independent oversight matters.

San Diego voters were clear about their expectations when they approved the Commission on Police Practices, and Roger Smith brings the experience and leadership needed to ensure it can fully carry out its mission. I look forward to working with him and the Commission as we continue pushing for real accountability, meaningful change, and public safety that truly serves our communities."

- Councilmember Henry L. Foster III
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