



PRESS STATEMENT

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Roger Smith Appointed Executive Director of the Commission on Police Practices

The Commission on Police Practices is pleased to announce the appointment of Roger Smith as the Commission’s new Executive Director. Mr. Smith was appointed by the San Diego City Council on Monday, January 26, 2026. The Commission looks forward to working with Mr. Smith to continue building a transparent, accountable, and community-centered oversight system for the City of San Diego.

Ada Rodriguez, Chair:

“Roger Smith brings extensive experience in civilian oversight, police accountability, and investigative leadership across multiple major cities. His background includes managing oversight agencies, guiding complex investigations, developing training programs, and navigating high stakes environments involving community expectations, labor processes, and interagency coordination. These areas align closely with the core responsibilities of the Executive Director role.

Having an Executive Director in place is essential for stabilizing operations, advancing the Meet & Confer process, and ensuring the Commission can fully exercise its oversight authority. The position provides continuity, leadership, and a single point of accountability, elements that are critical as the Commission enters a demanding year of work.”

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