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Councilmember Gloria's Police Oversight Board Reforms Approved
Public Safety Committee Unanimously Approves Charter Amendment

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 25, 2016) – The City of San Diego's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee unanimously approved a Charter amendment put forward by Councilmember Todd Gloria Wednesday afternoon to reform the City's Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices. The oversight board is made up of volunteers that review allegations of police misconduct.

The Committee's endorsed reforms would do the following:

- Expand regulatory power over the board in the Charter to include the City Council in addition to the Mayor, who currently has exclusive authority over the board
- Explicitly state in the Charter that the board shall review all cases involving deaths that occur in police custody and officer related shootings
- Change the name of the board to the Community Review Board on Police Practices
- Recommend the Mayor's office extend terms of members from one year to two years
- Recommend the Mayor's office develop a process to expand the types of cases that the board can review
- Recommend the Mayor's office include funding for independent counsel to provide additional advisory capacity to the board and City Attorney retain outside counsel for this purpose

"The Citizens' Review Board has served San Diego well for nearly 30 years. Like most policies that old, it could use some updating to reflect current concerns and the City's transition to the Mayor/Council form of government," said Councilmember Gloria. **"If enacted, these actions would bolster the public's trust in law enforcement which benefits residents and officers."**

The reforms captured in Councilmember Gloria's action included several measures to improve the independence and effectiveness of the board requested by Women Occupy San Diego and other community members.

The Charter amendment will go to the Charter Review Committee for consideration. The full City Council may place it on the ballot for voters to decide this November. The full approved motion is available upon request.

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