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## Independent Commission on Police Practices Measure Heads to November Ballot

Voters will decide on establishing community-led commission, with police oversight, moving the city one step closer to police accountability & transparency

SAN DIEGO, CA: City Council's unanimous approval of today's action will place the proposed Charter amendment before City of San Diego voters at the November 3, 2020 Municipal Special Election. This proposed measure will dissolve the current Community Review Board on Police Practices and would establish <u>an independent commission with independent counsel</u>, investigative authority and the power to <u>subpoena</u>.

"Since the beginning of my tenure on San Diego City Council, police reform - through accountability and transparency measures – has remained a top priority. I have not strayed from my commitment to my community and to this city.

"For far too long there has been a lack of clarity about oversight of policing in San Diego. The current board lacks the authority and the resources necessary to demand accountability.

"The creation of an independent community-led oversight commission is long overdue. By establishing this commission, we can begin to reimagine public safety and can ensure that officers are more responsive to the communities that they serve and protect.

"San Diegans are ready to be heard, and I applaud this Council for giving our residents the opportunity to vote for this groundbreaking measure this fall," said Councilmember Monica Montgomery, chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Councilmember Monica Montgomery</u> is an attorney and represents the <u>Fourth Council District</u> on the San Diego City Council, which includes the following communities: Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park & Knox, Lomita Village, North Bay Park Terraces, Oak Park, O'Farrell, Paradise Hills, Redwood Village, Rolando Park, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park and Webster. She is the Chair of the <u>Committee on Public Safety and Livable</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>, and is Vice Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations.