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Councilmember Montgomery Unveils Road Map to Reimagining Policing & Public Safety

*Ahead of the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Meeting,
a coalition joins in the quest for police accountability & transparency*

SAN DIEGO, CA: Today at 9 a.m., the [Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee](#) will consider a new proposal for the creation of an ordinance establishing rules for the City's acquisition and use of surveillance technology and the establishment of a privacy commission.

The surveillance ordinance and privacy commission are key components on Councilmember Montgomery's [Road Map to Reimagining Policing & Public Safety](#) aimed at addressing police accountability and transparency.

"From the beginning of my administration, I have championed a holistic approach to reform measures, including economic justice components. As elected officials, we must honestly and genuinely begin to reimagine policing to address the systemic racism that is prevalent in our region. This road map is a guidepost for my office, as we develop a plan to tackle the barriers to accountability and transparency in policing and public safety," said Councilmember Montgomery, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods.

"The benefit of reimagining policing will give us alternatives to arrest for low level offenses, reduce the use of force, bring an end to Anti-Black bias in policing by banning consent searches, pretext stops, and oversight boards will have greater accountability by adding independent prosecutors and power to discipline officers if the department fails to do so," said Bishop Cornelius Bowser, Founder and Director, Shaphat Outreach.

"The road map laid out by Councilmember Montgomery is the kind of fundamental change we must make in San Diego to address the racial disparities we are seeing in everything from policing to surveillance to the courtroom. San Diegans for Justice looks forward to supporting the work that Councilmember Montgomery is doing at City Hall," said Maresa Martin Talbert, Co-Chair of San Diegans for Justice.

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[Councilmember Monica Montgomery](#) is an attorney and represents the [Fourth Council District](#) 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 [Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods](#), and is Vice Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations.