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## **City Council Declares Intent to Place Police Reform Measure on November Ballot**

*Initiative to Create Independent Commission to Move Forward After Election is Called*

SAN DIEGO – In a unanimous vote today, the City Council passed a resolution declaring an intent to place an initiative on the November ballot that would create an independent Commission on Police Practices in San Diego. The Council will formally vote to place the measure on the ballot during its July 7 meeting, after the November election is officially scheduled.

**“Today’s action is a big step in the right direction toward real accountability and transparency,” Council President Georgette Gómez said. “The Council’s vote demonstrates our commitment to meaningful public-safety reform. In particular, I want to thank Councilmember Monica Montgomery for her leadership on this critical issue. I’m also grateful to Women Occupy San Diego, San Diegans for Justice, the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Mid-City CAN, and the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for their passionate advocacy in moving this proposal forward.”**

If passed by voters, the initiative would dissolve the existing Community Review Board on Police Practices and replace it with a commission that would operate independently from the Mayor and the Police Department. The new investigatory body would have full-time legal counsel and subpoena power to compel witness testimony and seek records. Commissioners would be appointed by the City Council.

The initiative would amend language in the San Diego City Charter. See the draft changes [here](#).

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.