

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **316871**

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE **JUL 13 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE
COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. San Diego City Charter (Charter) section 41.2 and San Diego Municipal Code sections 26.1101 through 26.1115 (Municipal Code) established the Commission on Police Practices (Commission) to supersede the Community Review Board on Police Practices.
- B. Under Charter section 41.2, the Commission is an investigatory body of the City of San Diego (City), independent of the Mayor and the San Diego Police Department (SDPD).
- C. The Municipal Code states that the Commission's purpose is: (1) to provide independent community oversight of SDPD, directed at increasing community trust in SDPD and increasing safety for both members of the community and police officers; (2) to perform independent investigations of police officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, and other significant incidents involving SDPD, and independent evaluations of complaints against SDPD and its personnel, in a process that is transparent and accountable to the community; and (3) to evaluate and review SDPD policies, practices, training, and protocols, and represent the community in making recommendations for changes.
- D. Under the Municipal Code, the Commission has investigatory, review, and auditing powers, including the power to make factual determinations about matters that are investigated and to make advisory recommendations regarding the actions of police officers and the procedures, policies, and practices of SDPD.

E. Council Policy 000-13 sets forth the procedure for the appointment and confirmation of members of boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies by the Council.

F. The Municipal Code provides that the Commission consists of 25 members appointed by and confirmed by the Council.

G. All members must reside in the City at the time of their appointment or reappointment and throughout their service on the Commission. The Council cannot waive this residency requirement.

H. Under the Municipal Code, the Council must appoint members to the Commission, without considering citizenship status, that reflect the diversity of the City, by including members that represent the City's diverse geographic areas and socio-economic, cultural, racial, ethnic, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age differences, and that have differing personal backgrounds, education, occupations, and life experiences.

I. In making appointments, the Council may consider written nominations from the Commission and nominations made by the public and community-based organizations, as long as nominees accept their nomination in writing before Council consideration.

J. The Council must make appointments to specific designated seats as follows:
(1) one member for each of the nine Council districts who must reside in the Council district for the seat to which they are appointed; (2) two members in the age range of 18 to 24 at the time of appointment, that are appointed to serve in two designated youth seats; (3) five members that reside in and represent those City residents living in low- and moderate-income United States Census tracts; and (4) nine at large members.

K. An applicant or nominee shall be excluded for the following reasons:
(1) they have been convicted of malfeasance in office, and their civil rights have not been

restored; (2) they have been convicted of a felony and are on parole, post-release community supervision, felony probation, or mandated supervision for the conviction of a felony; (3) they are required to register as a sex offender pursuant to California Penal Code section 290 based on a felony conviction; (4) they are incarcerated in any prison or jail; (5) they have been found in violation, by a state or local judicial or administrative body, of any of the following: (i) misuse of a public position for personal interests; (ii) misuse of City records; or (iii) violation of federal or state laws relating to confidentiality or City employee privacy; or (6) they have been convicted of a violent crime against a government employee or official, which means a person who is employed by the United States government, the State of California, or any city, county, city and county, special district, or political subdivision of the State of California.

L. The Council authorizes a review of the criminal history information of the Council's appointees, consistent with applicable laws.

M. The Council requests that the Council President work with the Personnel Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and any other necessary City administrative staff to complete the criminal history background check upon appointment, consistent with the Municipal Code and other applicable laws and determine if the appointee is qualified to serve under the requirements set forth in San Diego Municipal Code sections 26.1103 and 26.1105.

N. All terms shall expire on June 30 in the year of termination.

O. On March 30, 2026, Council President Joe LaCava issued a memorandum seeking nominations to fill vacant seats in the District Representative (2 and 8), At-Large, Low- and Moderate-Income, and Youth categories.

P. The following is the applicant and nominee for the District 2 Representative seat: Hemant Kumar D Chhatrala.

Q. The following is the applicant and nominee for the District 8 Representative seat:
Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz.

R. The following are the applicants and nominees for the two At-Large seats:
Emmanuel Barrera, Kelly Brusher, Hemant Kumar D Chhatrala, Aryan Dixit, Michael Alan Focken, Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz, Rashida Lamar Hameed, Crystal Van Dyke, and Francisco Peralta Vargas.

S. The following are the applicants and nominees for the four Low- to Moderate-Income seats: Emmanuel Barrera, Rashida Lamar Hameed, Scott Rodriguez, James Tyrell Ruland, and Francisco Peralta Vargas.

T. The following are the applicants and nominees for the two Youth seats:
Kelly Brusher, and Aryan Dixit.

U. The Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate.

V. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the Under Charter section 280(a)(1), the Council appointment of members of the Commission are not subject to veto by the Mayor.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The following appointments, to serve as members of the Commission on Police Practices, for terms expiring as indicated, are made, and hereby confirmed:

NAME	CATEGORY	TERM ENDING
Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz	Council District 8 Member	June 30, 2028
Michael Alan Focken	At Large Member	June 30, 2028
Crystal Van Dyke	At Large Member	June 30, 2028
Scott Rodriguez	Low- to Moderate-Income Member	June 30, 2027
James Tyrell Ruland	Low- to Moderate-Income Member	June 30, 2027
Francisco Peralta Vargas	Low- to Moderate-Income Member	June 30, 2028
Rashida Lamar Hameed	Low- to Moderate-Income Member	June 30, 2028
Kelly Brusher	Youth Member	June 30, 2027
Aryan Dixit	Youth Member	June 30, 2027

2. These appointments are subject to completion of the post-appointment process, including completion of a criminal history background check and the Council President's determination that the appointee is qualified under the requirements in San Diego Municipal Code sections 26.1103 and 26.1105.

3. The Council President shall work with the Personnel Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and any other necessary City administrative staff to complete the criminal history background check, consistent with San Diego Municipal Code sections 26.1103 and 26.1105 and other applicable laws.

4. The Personnel Director is directed to provide the criminal history background check information (Information) to the Council President. The Council President shall review the Information and determine, under the standards set forth in the Municipal Code, if the appointee is not qualified to serve on the Commission. If the Council President determines that the

appointee is not qualified to serve on the Commission, then the Council President shall declare that seat vacant. If the Council President determines that the appointee is qualified to serve, then the Council President, or his designee, shall direct the appointee to the City Clerk's office to complete the oath of office and any other necessary administrative tasks.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
Alma Robbins
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUL 13 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on July 13, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☐	☐	☒	☐
Vivian Moreno	☐	☐	☒	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage JUL 13 2026.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Connie Patterson Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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