

**Article 6: Board and Commissions**

**Division 19: City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**  
*(“City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention”  
added 4-7-2006 by O-19477 N.S.)*

**§26.1901 Purpose and Intent**

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, which shall be cited as the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. The Commission will serve as an official advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on policy issues relating to gang prevention and intervention. The Commission’s vision is to develop a more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort between the City, law enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public with the objective of significantly curtailing gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the City of San Diego. The Commission shall make recommendations concerning gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state, and federal funding sources; and address other gang-related policy matters.  
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**§26.1902 Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention Established**

- (a) There is hereby created a Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention to consist of twenty-one members who shall serve without compensation. Members who are not officeholders shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Commission members shall be residents of the City of San Diego unless the City Council makes a conscious exception.
- (b) In making the appointments, the Mayor shall appoint nine members, one each from a list of at least two nominations submitted by each Councilmember to represent his or her district. Additionally, the Mayor shall appoint one member from a community organization working on gang issues; one member from the field of public health; one member from the field of social services; and one member who shall be a reformed ex-gang member. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.
- (c) The following officeholders shall be members of the Commission and no appointment is required:
  - (1) The Chief of Police for the City of San Diego
  - (2) The Superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District
  - (3) The San Diego County Sheriff

- (4) The San Diego County District Attorney
  - (5) The San Diego County Chief of Probation
  - (6) The Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments, also known as SANDAG
  - (7) The President of the San Diego Workforce Partnership
  - (8) The United States Attorney for the Southern District of California
- (d) Except for officeholders, members shall serve two year terms, and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Initial members shall be appointed such that the terms of not more than a majority of the members shall expire in any year so as to allow the Commission to be staggered. Initial appointments which are less than the full term of two years will be allowed to serve two full terms. The expiration date of all terms shall be July 1. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vacancy appointment recommendations will come from the original recommending body. Any vacancy replacements will be eligible to serve the remaining term of the vacant position and two full terms.
- (e) The officeholder, not his or her designee, is expected to attend the Commission meetings, except for emergencies. In cases of emergency, the officeholder is expected to send a representative. The representative shall not deliberate or vote on any matter before the Commission, and the representative does not count in determining whether a quorum is present.
- (f) During July of each year, the Mayor may designate one member as Chairperson; however, in the absence of such designation, the Commission shall on or after August 15, select a Chairperson from among its members.
- (g) A quorum is a majority of filled positions, not a majority of the membership, (unless all positions are filled).
- (h) The Commission may adopt rules consistent with the law for the governing of its business and procedures.
- (i) The position of Executive Director of the Commission is hereby established and shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Director shall be a management assistant to the Mayor. The Mayor shall provide appropriate staff support from departments directly involved in gang-related matters.

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**§26.1903 Duties and Functions**

The Commission shall:

- (a) Meet no less than six times a year.
- (b) Make policy recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on issues of gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state and federal funding sources; and identify national best practice efforts.
- (c) Form any ad hoc or standing subcommittees, as needed, to analyze critical issues of gang involvement and to monitor and implement any part of any strategic plan. The chair of any ad hoc or standing subcommittee shall be a Commission member.
- (d) Network with other boards, agencies, and community residents on gang related issues.
- (e) Promote a strong sense of community through gang solutions.
- (f) Act as a general information resource on gang issues within the City.
- (g) Advocate, formulate, and recommend for adoption proactive gang policies, ordinances, and guidelines.
- (h) Present no less than semi-annual reports to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee of the City Council.
- (i) Provide a written report annually on the status of the Commission and its activities to the Mayor and City Council.
- (j) Perform such further duties as may hereafter be delegated to the Commission by resolution of the City Council.

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