

Background

Measure B was on the ballot in November 2020. It was a proposal to establish an oversight body of the SDPD called the Commission on Police Practices. Measure B was widely endorsed by community activists and grassroots organizers, particularly because of the Commission's proposed powers to subpoena officer testimony and documents and employ independent legal counsel. Measure B passed 75-25.

But the work isn't over. Measure B's passage only provided the mandate; it did not specify the nuts and bolts of the Commission. Since December, organizers have been holding forums for the community to express their hopes about the new Commission—how Commissioners will be selected, from which neighborhoods they come, and the scope of cases the Commission can investigate. These ideas have been summarized and forwarded to City Council pretty much unfiltered.

The Public Safety and Liveable Neighborhoods Committee is part of San Diego City Council. On February 10th, it will consider directing the City Attorney to begin drafting the *implementation ordinance* that specifies the nuts-and-bolts operating procedures of the Commission based on this community input.

This is the first City Council or Committee meeting where the Commission has been addressed since its passage. It's an important moment for the Councilmembers to know that the community cares deeply and is watching closely.

This is our chance to elevate the voices and ideas of the communities that suffer the most from overpolicing. The City Council is aware of them, and they need to know that this isn't a niche issue that will fly under the radar.

If you can make a live comment at the PSLN Committee meeting, that's wonderful and preferable. If you have another obligation, then webform comment is next-best. If you have any questions, email ucsd4arc@gmail.com.

In solidarity,

Anti-Racism Coalition, Policy workgroup

Script for live comment (Feb 10, 9 AM)

Logistics

- The Committee meeting **Zoom link is [here](#).**
- We will be making our comments during **agenda item 2**, which is one of the first items on the agenda.
- To call in by phone, dial 1-669-254 5252. When prompted, input Webinar ID: 160 780 2331#. When the chair indicates it's time for **agenda item 2**, dial *9. When the Committee Consultant indicates it is your turn to speak, dial *6 on your phone.
- There may be a long queue because this is a high-profile committee meeting. You may be waiting in the queue for a while if you join late!

Script

My name is [NAME]. I am a medical student at UCSD School of Medicine. I am speaking on agenda item 2 in solidarity with the Mid-City CAN Youth Council, San Diegans for Justice, and the Anti-Racism Coalition.

- I'm commenting to support a community-led implementation of the Commission on Police Practices, which was passed by Measure B in November by a 50-point margin.
- Throughout the ordinance process, please uphold the community's highly specific recommendations, including the 2 Youth Seats for Commissioners ages 18-24.
- Hundreds of engaged citizens came together during 4 separate forums since the passage of Measure B to share our vision for this Commission.
- It's clear that issues of public safety are issues of public health. As a medical student, I believe that robust oversight of the police department is part of what it takes to keep our communities safe and thriving.
- Support the implementation of a strong, community-led Commission. Thank you.

Comment via webform

- Webform to submit is [here](#). Deadline is **8:45 AM, Wednesday Feb 10**.
- See district map [here](#). UCSD is District 1.

My name is [NAME] and I'm a medical student at UCSD School of Medicine
Commenting on agenda item 2.

I'm commenting to support the direction of the City Attorney to draft the implementation ordinance of the Commission on Police Practices.

Please uphold the community's recommendations throughout the ordinance process, including the 2 Youth Seats for Commissioners ages 18-24.

Name: *

your name

Email:

your email

City: *

La Jolla, San Diego, etc.

State: *

California

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Item 2

Comments: *

200 words maximum

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Hundreds of engaged citizens and grassroots organizers came together during 4 separate forums since the passage of Measure B to share our vision for this Commission. The community has spoken. It's time to implement the Commission. As our public officials, your mandate now is to enact the overwhelming desires of your constituents. Support this motion and the implementation of a strong, community-led Commission.

Be assured that the community has not forgotten about its vote in November, and that we're expecting City Council and the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee to implement the will of the people. Thank you.