



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**M E M O R A N D U M**

**Date:** June 4, 2021  
**To:** David Nisleit, Chief, San Diego Police Department  
**From:** Brandon Hilpert, Chair, Commission on Police Practices *BH*  
via Sharmaine Moseley, Interim Executive Director, Office of the  
Commission on Police Practices *SM*  
**Subject:** **Proposal for Mutual Sharing of Complaints between SDPD and CPP**

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On November 3, 2020, the voters of San Diego approved Measure B creating a new independent Commission on Police Practices (CPP) which replaced the Community Review Board on Police Practices. The purpose of the Commission is to provide an independent investigation of officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and other significant incidents, and to provide an unbiased evaluation of all complaints against the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and its personnel, in a process that will be transparent and accountable to the community.

I write you today to request that SDPD and CPP work together to enable the Commission to begin receiving all complaints and misconduct cases in a timely manner complying with the spirit and letter of Measure B.

The revised City Charter, Article V., Section 41.2 states:

**The Commission must receive, register, review, and evaluate all complaints against officers of the Police Department, except the Commission must not review or evaluate a complaint where the complainant has requested that the complaint be handled without investigation or where no specific allegation or police officer can be identified.**

Currently, CPP manually forwards complaints received directly to SDPD's Internal Affairs in batches. Internal Affairs typically only notifies CPP of a complaint once a case has been completed by Internal Affairs. We would like to streamline this process and make it more efficient for both parties, while honoring the requirement of the City Charter.

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We propose, effective July 1, 2021, the following:

- SDPD shall transmit all complaints received by the Department to CPP within two business days.
- SDPD shall work with CPP to grant access for the Executive Director and the Complaints Coordinator to gain access to IA Pro. This will also allow CPP to directly submit received complaints to IA as well.
- Create a formal process within 30 days on how SDPD and CPP will jointly determine the categorization of received complaints.
- Develop a new process in which CPP will receive officer misconduct cases (those not arising from a community generated complaint).

Thank you for your consideration on these items and I look forward to discussing at our June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



Brandon Hilpert, Chair  
Commission on Police Practices

cc: Chris McGrath, Executive Assistant Chief  
Anthony Dupree, Captain, Internal Affairs  
Members of the Commission on Police Practices