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Santa Ana City Council,

Santa Ana City Council and City Manager Alvaro Nuñez,

As a concerned resident of Santa Ana, I am calling on you to take immediate action to restore the integrity of our Police Oversight Commission by hiring an Independent Director without further delay.

The commission was created to ensure transparency, accountability, and justice in policing — but for nearly years, it has been paralyzed due to the City's failure to fill the Director role. In the meantime, Santa Ana police officers have shot and killed multiple residents. Without a Director, the commission cannot investigate these incidents or respond to community complaints. The Director is essential for initiating investigations, issuing subpoenas, and producing public reports—core functions that empower the Commission to hold the police department accountable. The one-year legal deadline for launching investigations is quickly approaching, risking the loss of any path toward accountability.

These delays are not just bureaucratic oversights — they have real and devastating consequences. Families are grieving, communities are demanding justice, and trust in local government continues to erode.

I urge you to act now: immediately appoint an Independent Director and ensure that funding for the position is preserved in the upcoming budget. Santa Ana's residents have waited long enough — the time to fulfill the purpose of the Police Oversight Ordinance is now.

Mia Romo

