



# SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY

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### **Grand Jury finds: Sacramento Community Police Review Commission is Window Dressing**

SACRAMENTO--The 2025-2026 Sacramento County Grand Jury released a report in which it found that the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission (Commission) largely functions as a symbolic body lacking the resources and support necessary to bring about change to police policies, practices, and procedures. The Grand Jury's report, titled "Sacramento Community Police Review Commission: Window Dressing or Progressing," details evidence, including interviews with Commissioners, Sacramento Police Department (SPD) management, and a City Councilmember that confirmed this finding.

An eight-month investigation revealed that since its creation, the Commission has submitted 178 recommendations to the SPD, which has no obligation to respond. SPD has voluntarily implemented ten of them, and the Council has voted to adopt one. No timeline exists within which the SPD or the City Council must process recommendations. The lack of a timeline and transparency in the review and reporting process nullifies the Commission's mandate.

Furthermore, the lack of resources, documentation requirements, mechanisms for tracking recommendations, mandatory responses from SPD or Council, and required Council action leaves the Commission's work largely in the dark. Rather than shine a light on policing, the Commission has further shrouded it in darkness.

The Grand Jury investigated whether the Commission's intended goals are being implemented and found that they are not. The Grand Jury's report includes recommendations to improve the Commission's operations and functions.

The Grand Jury's recommendations, along with the full report is available for public review on the Grand Jury website: [www.sacgrandjury.org](http://www.sacgrandjury.org).