

# Charting the Future

[Tallied Comments](#) from Public Safety topic tables facilitated by City Officials and SCPD Leadership, who are on hand to listen, ask questions and provide clarifying answers to help get your concerns and opportunities input.

At each table topic area:

- Document your CONCERNS on Orange Post-its
- Use the Green Post-its to share where you see OPPORTUNITIES in public safety for solving problems.

Downtown Safety

Recruitment & Retention

Mental Health Response

Quality of Life Issues

Traffic Safety

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Charting  
the Future.

SCPD PRIORITIES  
COMMUNITY MEETING



**WELCOME** Doors Open at 5:15 PM

**5:30 PM - LET'S GET STARTED**

Grab a handout and pen at the entrance.  
Let's get to work in this interactive session!

**5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - YOUR INPUT**

Several PUBLIC SAFETY priorities to weigh in on. Each is facilitated by City Officials and SCPD Leadership. They are here to listen and provide clarifying answers to your ideas and concerns. Post your comments on feedback boards spread out around the room.

**CONCERNS**

Write your concerns on the orange post-it notes.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

In public safety problem-solving.  
Share opportunities on the green post-it notes.

**PRIORITIES**

Santa Cruz Police Feedback Table Topics

**DOWNTOWN SAFETY**

with City Manager Matt Huffaker & Lieutenant Carter Jones

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

with Vice Mayor Martine Watkins and Interim Deputy Chief Jon Bush

**MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE**

with Councilmember Justin Cummings and Deputy Chief Jose Garcia

**QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**

with Councilmember Renee Golder and Lieutenant Gregg Crofts

**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

with Lieutenant Wes Morey

**6:10 PM - 6:15 PM - TAKE A SEAT**

Take a seat at the front of the auditorium. You can add comments to feedback boards after the Chief's presentation on your way out. We value your input.

**6:15 PM - 6:30 PM - CHIEF'S PRESENTATION**

Chief Escalante recaps community feedback and presents SCPD's current and future priorities.

**THANK YOU!**

We appreciate the willingness of all of our community members who play a role in shaping public safety to improve the quality of life in our city.

## EVENT RECAP

Santa Cruz Police Chief Escalante addressed city residents Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium during a community meeting on policing priorities. Event attendees were encouraged to share their public safety concerns and opportunities in several priority areas designated by the chief. Chief Escalante's *SCPD Priorities Presentation*

"We welcome feedback about public safety in our community," Chief Escalante said. "City leaders are committed to public safety and the people, programs, and partners contributing to public safety services. Ultimately, we all want the same thing – a safe and prepared community."

The City Council Public Safety Committee Vice Mayor Watkins, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Golder, City Manager Matt Huffaker, and Chief Escalante engaged in conversations with attendees to gather input on the services and programs.

The meeting workflow prompted community members to express what they saw as "concerns" and "opportunities" for several priority topic areas, including downtown safety, recruiting and retention, mental health response, quality of life, and traffic safety.

The information posted on the feedback board around the room will be sorted and reviewed. SCPD values our partnership with the community and recognizes that public engagement contributes to successful relations with law enforcement and the diverse communities we serve.

In partnership with the Public Safety Committee and City Manager, SCPD will use the feedback to make necessary changes, identify opportunities to serve our community better, and help outline a path forward.

Chief Escalante views this community engagement initiative as an important component of our fact-finding process to understand the best policing fit for the community.

Thank you! We appreciate the time and willingness of all of our community members who play a role in shaping public safety and improving the quality of life in our city.

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