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Comments	At the August 11 Police and Fire Commission Meeting, Police Chief Valdovinos acknowledged that having 40% of the Standing Oversight Committee, which oversees the OPD's investigations of civilian complaints, composed of former OPD police officers was problematic and likely to create a public perception of bias. He asked the PFC to rectify this. After some discussion, the PFC determined it could not make the requested change. In part, this is because 33% of the PFC are former OPD police officers. So what are we to do? For years, we have talked about expanding the SOC by adding community members, including those from underrepresented neighborhoods, to better reflect the diversity of Oceanside. Mayor Sanchez and Chief Valdovinos support this idea. Given the current reality of the Police and Fire Commission and the Standing Oversight Committee, it's time to expand the Standing Oversight Committee. The committee overseeing OPD investigations should not have 40% of its members as former OPD officers.