

I write to voice support for Scott Wahl as our next Chief of Police.

No matter who we are or where we live in San Diego, all of us want safety for our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces.

With this in mind, I support Mayor Gloria's appointment of Scott Wahl as Chief of Police. I am pleased to see a leader from within SDPD's own ranks selected to take on this important post, and I strongly believe the nationwide search identifying many qualified and diverse candidates has resulted in the naming of the best person to serve as our next Chief of Police.

Born and raised in San Diego, Assistant Chief Scott Wahl has a deep-rooted connection to our city as well as a longstanding commitment to the goal of safety for ALL. His 25 years of service with SDPD spanning many units, as well as his community-oriented policing approach, and his open style of communication are exactly what San Diego needs right now.

Scott Wahl will bring down walls that divide us by building trust because he believes that we are *one San Diego*. His connection to San Diego's many communities, his dedication to inclusiveness, along with his talent for bringing people together to solve difficult problems will enable him to hit the ground running with a plan for public safety that works.

I urge you to support Scott Wahl during the April 29 confirmation hearing, and to vote YES to confirm him in early May as San Diego's next Chief of Police.