

Reasons for an ELECTED CHIEF OF POLICE

1. Voters should make the decision
2. Lack of trust in the appointed model due to concerns regarding current political climate
3. Current system works well; check and balances; makes Santa Clara unique
4. Qualifications should be added
5. Residency requirements should be eliminated
6. Elected Chief more inclined to keep best interest of the public in mind. Builds rapport between SCPD & community.
7. Chief should be independent; Position needs to be free from political pressure/outside influence
8. Elected Chief process is more transparent
9. Chief position should be responsible for full range of department responsibilities
10. Waste of public funds