



CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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NINTH DISTRICT

Statement from Council President Georgette Gómez on the City Council's vote earlier today to approve the City of San Diego Fiscal Year 2020 Budget:

"Today, the City Council stood strong for our historically underserved communities. My colleagues and I made tough choices regarding the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. Throughout the course of the budget hearings, residents have shared their priorities with us, and we have worked to the best of our ability to ensure their priorities are met. A budget is a reflection of who we are as a City and the Council chose today to invest in a more equitable, inclusive, transparent, and accountable local government.

To the FY 2020 Budget approved by the City Council today, I proudly added:

- Funding to facilitate repairs to the pool at the City Heights Recreation Center.
- 2 code enforcement officers to further address neighborhood nuisances in underserved communities in a timely manner.
- Translation services for community planning groups so that residents who either do not speak English or do not speak English well are able to fully participate in the decisions that affect them and their families.
- 1 arborist/horticulturalist to continue implementing the Urban Forestry Five-Year Plan and the Climate Action Plan, to ensure healthy trees in every council district, and to help with the installation of new street trees.
- Support for responding to Get It Done requests. The application has been successful at increasing accessibility for residents to easily report City issues, which has led to an increase of workload for City staff. This additional staffing supports effective responses to requests.
- 2 park rangers to improve resident experiences at our park facilities including in downtown and at Chollas Lake.
- Funding to measure bicycle, pedestrian, and transit mode share in transit priority areas in order to track the 2020 and 2035 Climate Action Plan goals. This cost includes relatively low-cost bike/pedestrian counters and a travel survey.
- Funding for the Citizen's Review Board to be used for outside legal consulting services.
- 2 positions in Council Administration to improve Council office communications with residents and to advocate for the Council's shared priorities at the state and federal levels.
- Increasing support to the San Diego Housing Commission's homeless outreach, rehousing, and other services by an additional three positions."