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## **COUNCILMEMBER CATE RESPONDS TO STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**San Diego, CA:** Councilmember Chris Cate provided the following statement following Mayor Todd Gloria's *State of the City* address this evening:

"There's no question the City of San Diego is facing a myriad of challenges as we enter the third year of the pandemic. San Diegans deserve superior services from the City, not least of which include a reliable and well-resourced police department, drivable roads, and improved processes to build more housing faster.

"Recently, it took over three weeks to identify a suspect allegedly responsible for setting 33 cars and trucks on fire across Mira Mesa. Violent crime is indisputably on the rise, and Mayor Gloria is absolutely right to prioritize ensuring the San Diego Police Department have the resources they need to protect San Diego residents. Protecting our citizens at home and in our communities remains a top concern, and addressing that requires increased support for our public safety officers.

"One of the most common requests I receive from constituents is fixing our streets. Updating and repairing our infrastructure impacts our daily lives, not to mention the associated costs to our vehicles and overall pride in our neighborhoods. Timely repairs are necessary. I'm proud to have worked with Mayor Gloria to secure several miles of road improvements within my district via the Mayor's "Sexy Streets" initiative in this last year. As Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, I will continue to prioritize road repairs.

"San Diego's population has increased by the tens of thousands in recent years, and simply put, we are in the midst of a housing crisis. The City and related authorities need to be quicker and more agile to better accommodate, support, and process permits, contracts, and associated projects so more homes can be built.

"In this next year, I will continue to work closely with Mayor Gloria and my fellow Councilmembers to provide the best possible City services to benefit the people of San Diego."

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