



**COUNCILMEMBER BARBARA BRY
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2018
TO: Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
FROM: Councilmember Barbara Bry, First Council District
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget Priorities

Barbara Bry

I look forward to working with the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA), full City Council, Mayor and staff, and the community to produce a balanced and responsible FY2019 budget. The following are my priorities for the which are in line with my campaign platform to keep San Diego safe, clean, and prosperous.

FY 2018 BUDGET PRIORITIES

As Budget and Government Efficiency Committee Chair, my overarching priority is a balanced and responsible budget complete with deficit mitigation strategies. Further priorities include:

Public Safety

Recruitment and Retention: San Diego has a relatively low crime rate, and our hardworking San Diego Police Department (SDPD) officers deserve much of the credit. I was proud to vote to increase our SDPD salaries. I am committed to keep up the momentum by prioritizing and supporting aggressive outreach efforts to recruit and retain the best officers that reflect the diversity of our community.

Community Policing: Police officers are pillars of our community and need to have direct relationships with the people they serve to be effective at their jobs. I support programs that provide police officers with the resources they need to build relationships with the community. I further support body cameras as a way to protect both citizens and police officers.

Response time reduction: The City must be prepared for the updated Citygate and CIP fire station recommendations and should identify construction resources for the proposed priority fire stations.

Death and Disability benefits: The City must allocate resources for firefighter Death and Disability benefits.

Compliance

Minimum Wage and Earned Sick Leave (MWESL): Continued funding for the current MWESL Program positions, including the current open position of 1.0 FTE Investigator. I support additional funding for outreach contracts with community organizations and 2 Deputy City Attorneys.

Environment

San Diego is known for our beautiful beaches, bays and open spaces, and quality of life is paramount. We must continue to battle the very real effects of climate change on our community, and begin implementing solutions now. I strongly encourage funding for the implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Community Choice Energy: The City should include a jobs study and analysis of local clean energy buildout scenarios in its Community Choice Energy (CCE) business plan. As we move CCE forward, we must direct public dollars to support the creation of good jobs and uplift historically disadvantaged communities.

Smart Cities: The City must fund smart city technology for streetlights to develop and implement a mobility monitoring program that allows the City to reliably measure bicycle, pedestrian, and transit mode share in transit priority areas.

Urban Forestry: We must implement the Five-Year Urban Forest Management Plan and progress toward the CAP targets by expanding the City's urban forestry staff and increasing resources for services to include planting, pruning, palm trimming, risk assessments, tree removal in emergencies, and other tree maintenance activities.

Bicycle Improvements Concurrent with Resurfacing: Ensure that bicycle improvements continue to be made concurrently with street resurfacing, and maximize opportunities to implement traffic calming measures that align with CAP and Vision Zero goals.

Infrastructure

Vision Zero: Support the funding of improvements to reach Vision Zero goals prioritizing the "Fatal 15" Intersections.

District 1: As I submitted in my Capital Improvement Program priorities, I support funding the following District 1 priorities:

- Carmel Valley Recreation Center Pool
- Carmel Valley Recreation Center Crosswalk
- La Jolla Azul to Poole Sidewalk
- La Jolla Dunaway Drive
- La Jolla Casa de Manana Street Panels
- La Jolla Neptune Broken Pipe
- Pacific Highlands Village Center Loop
- Torrey Pines Del Mar Heights Rd
- Torrey Pines Los Pen Restoration and Sorrento Channel
- Torrey Pines Carmel Valley Rd Traffic Signage
- University City Lakewood and Governor

Neighborhood Services

San Diego Central Library: Support our Central library and the Mayor's homeless efforts by providing the needed funding for janitorial and security services.

Arts and Culture: It is critical that our City continue to invest in Arts and Culture programs, which pay dividends through enhancing tourism, economic development and overall quality of life for our citizens. I ask that the FY19 budget, at a minimum, maintain the Commission for Arts and Culture funding level from the FY18 adopted budget.

Economic Development

This year I will focus my energies in building a pipeline for future innovators by increasing the number and quality of internships in Science, Technology, and Math (STEM) fields.

Connect to Careers (C2C): Increase funding for C2C to meet the program's increasing demand.

Council Administration

I support the addition of one FTE Council Representative position in Council Administration to support and maintain service levels to the Council Offices.

Thank you for your consideration of the priorities I've outlined here. If you have questions, please contact Victoria Joes at vcjoes@sanidiego.gov or (619) 236-6611.