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**Day 2 of Budget Deliberations: Back to basics on crucial City services**

**San Diego**— The Capital Improvement Program, Public Works, Public Utilities, Transportation and Storm Water, and Environmental Services presented on the second day of the Budget Review Committee.

The City is competing with other municipalities and private sector employers for the most valued resource: Human Capital. We need to build the STEAM pipeline and grow our in-house expertise to provide proper oversight and quality control over the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. Recruiting, retaining, and continuously training our workforce is the path to providing our residents with quality services.

I also asked for updates on several projects in my district that residents contact me about including the widening of El Camino Real (between El Camino Real and Via De la Via), the SR 56 expansion between Interstate 5 and Carmel Valley Road, and the North Torrey Pines Road Bridge.

In the afternoon session, it was clear that we need to go back to the basics. Tree trimming, bike infrastructure, and storm channel management and are not areas in the budget where our residents expect us to make reductions. It's clear that our City departments had to make some difficult choices when faced with the mandate of making budget cuts. My Council colleagues and I committed to doing what we can to reinstate these necessary services that residents rely on.

*Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.*

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