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CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
DISTRICT 1**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 2, 2020  
TO: Mayor Faulconer  
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry *Barbara Bry*  
SUBJECT: City's State and Federal Legislative Platform

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Thank you to your Department of Government Affairs team for sitting down with my office on December 12, 2019, to discuss the City of San Diego's federal and state legislative platform. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on how our legislative platform is built out to preserve local control, promote fiscal stability, and support key funding opportunities.

Below are specific priorities that I am requesting to be included in the platform so the Department of Government Affairs and our legislative advocates can effectively represent the best interests of the City of San Diego and our residents.

**Oppose Senate Bill 50**

Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) proposed by State Senator Scott Weiner will have serious implications on local jurisdictions' plans to increase housing supply. SB 50 will undermine the City of San Diego's efforts to protect our neighborhoods and provide affordable housing options for our constituents.

The primary guiding principle of our legislative platform is to preserve local control. This means protecting the City's ability to enact policy direction concerning local affairs, and opposing legislation that preempts local authority. If approved, SB 50's broad statewide imposition will severely weaken the City's authority to address the housing crisis that uniquely affects our communities. The City needs to continue to pass local legislation that streamlines project review processes; not rely on statewide cookie-cutter solutions.

By opposing SB 50, the City of San Diego can preserve the local powers and authorities delegated to it under our city charter.

### **Amend Assembly Bill 2989**

Our state legislative advocates should be directed to support an amendment to Assembly Bill 2989 (AB 2989) allowing local jurisdictions the ability to require the use of helmets on electric scooters. Studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and UC San Diego affiliates have documented significant increases in head injuries, and have emphasized the need to improve helmet usage. AB 2989 preempts cities from imposing helmet requirements for adult users of electric scooters. In 2019, I sent two letters to the author and coauthors of AB 2989 asking for them to revisit and amend this law to grant cities the authority to require helmet usage. In the spirit of our legislative platform's guiding principle to preserve local control, I ask that this be expressed as a specific priority.

cc: Patrick Bouteller, Director of Government Relations  
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