



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM BARBARA BRY  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
DISTRICT 1**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 17, 2020  
TO: Mayor Faulconer  
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry  
SUBJECT: City's State and Federal Legislative Platform

*Barbara Bry*

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The Department of Government Affairs presented the 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Platform) to the Economic Development and Inter Governmental Relations Committee on February 12, 2019. I support the Platform and commend the Mayor's office for a proactive and transparent process.

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

**Repeal Assembly Bill 5**

Assembly Bill 5 (AB 5), has serious implications to artists, translators, journalists, musicians, actors and actresses, and thousands of independent workers to be their own boss. AB 5 must be repealed until a solution is offered that provides worker protection and benefits without preference for professions with strong lobbying groups, that does not bankrupt freelancers, and will not drive business out of state. We need replacement legislation that does not punish the very workers and small businesses it purports to protect.

It is becoming clear that we need a new system of classifying workers-- the old system of independent contractor and employee-- is outdated. We want to prevent companies from taking advantage of workers that are reliant on one employer.

In the spirit of our legislative platform's guiding principle to preserve local control and protect fiscal stability, I ask that this be expressed as a specific priority.

cc:

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Director of Government Affairs, Patrick Bouteller

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