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**Councilmember Gómez Votes for a Budget that Protects the Arts
 and Funds Implementation of the Climate Action Plan**

City Council accepted Gómez’s amendment and votes to approve the FY 2018 Budget

SAN DIEGO – Today, the City Council voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 budget, with amendments made by Councilmember Georgette Gómez and her Council colleagues.

In her amendment, Councilmember Gómez added funding for developing the next phase of Community Choice Aggregation and reducing the City’s debt on Qualcomm Stadium. Councilmember Gómez also voted to restore funding for arts and culture programs in San Diego, and funds for more Neighborhood Code Compliance officers, police recruitment and retention, and other neighborhood services.

Councilmember Gómez said, “The City’s budget is a living document that should reflect the priorities of all San Diegans. I am happy to vote for funding to the arts and support for the Climate Action Plan. This budget does that, and will ultimately benefit all San Diegans.”

Councilmember Gómez’s amendment called for \$200,000 to be included for the implementation of the Community Choice Energy program, providing real options to energy users, and \$3.1 million for Qualcomm Stadium debt service. Her amendments were accepted with additional amendments from other councilmembers.

The budget was recommended for adoption, as amended, by an 8-1 vote. The budget will now go to Mayor Faulconer for his signature or veto. San Diego residents are encouraged to contact the Mayor’s office to voice their support of the budget, as recommended by the Council.

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