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**TO:** Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods

**FROM:** Councilmember Chris Cate, Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods 

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Work Plan

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As Chair of this important committee, I appreciate the opportunity to share my 2017 Work Plan for the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. This Work Plan is created to reflect my priorities as well as many of the priorities outlined in the priority memos of fellow Committee members.

The Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods covers a wide range of important topics, including police, fire, neighborhood parks, recreation programs, youth services, senior services, maintenance assessment districts, community development block grants, code enforcement, graffiti abatement, lifeguards, veteran's services, libraries, homeless services, consumer protection, homeland security, volunteerism, special event permits, emergency medical services, gang prevention and intervention, and citizens review board on police practices. My goal is to have the items below covered by the Committee over the course of the next year as time permits. We have important work to accomplish this year and I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve public safety and ensure livable neighborhoods for all San Diegans.

**POLICE:**

Police Officer Recruitment and Retention Plan

The Committee will receive an updated report on SDPD recruitment efforts and attrition rate, as well as request that further evaluation be done to identify additional ways to address officer staffing issues. In addition, the Committee will evaluate ways to enhance the efforts of the SDPD Recruitment Unit to ensure they have all the tools and resources they need to effectively recruit police officers for our City.

Update on the Implementation of the Police Department's Five-Year Plan

The Committee will request an update on the Police Department's Five-Year Plan and assess the progress of those priorities. Last year, the San Diego Police Department updated its Five-Year Plan, which placed an

emphasis not only on restored officer staffing levels but also on critical facility, equipment, and Information Technology needs. Some of those priorities include funding for police facility upgrades, body worn cameras, the replacement of our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, and many others.

#### Prioritizing San Diego's Community Policing Programs and Improving Police/Community Relations

Any successful police department relies on strong relationships with the community and prioritizes community involvement. The Committee will receive an update from SDPD detailing their current community policing programs and strategies and then find new ways to further expand current efforts to promote better relationships between the community and SDPD. In addition, the Committee will receive an update from the following Boards and Commissions in regards to the important work they do to improve and foster those relationships:

- Newly formed Community Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations,
- Community Review Board on Police Practices (CRB).

#### Implementation of AB 953

AB 953 is legislation that was introduced and passed by the State Legislature requiring local law enforcement to collect specific information regarding police stops. The Committee will work to track when the State will adopt a final version of their reporting policies and requirements, and work with SDPD to ensure AB 953 is appropriately implemented. The Committee will also work with SDPD to ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to implement the legislation.

#### Implementation of AB 2298

AB 2298 is legislation that was introduced and passed by the State Legislature outlining reforms to the gang member documentation process. The Committee will track and receive updates on how San Diego Police Department will be implementing AB 2298 and the development of best practices.

#### Increase the Number of Police Investigative Service Officers (PISO) and Update on Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance (OVO)

The City should prioritize funding to hire additional PISO officers and ensure that each SDPD division is assigned the appropriate number of PISO officers based on where the need is greatest to ensure the proper enforcement of the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance. In addition, the Committee will receive an update from SDPD regarding the Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance and evaluate whether changes need to be made in order to ensure the ordinance is as effective as possible.

#### Marijuana Dispensary Enforcement and Proposition 64 Implementation

With the recent passage of Proposition 64, the need to improve the enforcement of illegal marijuana dispensaries must be a priority. While the City has made progress in shutting down illegal marijuana dispensaries, more must be done to ensure the City Attorney's office and SDPD have all the tools and resources necessary to reduce the lengthy process of shutting down illegal dispensaries. In addition, the Committee will receive a report on how SDPD and the City Attorney's office plans to enforce the various new marijuana laws and regulations outlined in Proposition 64. The Committee will also pursue the designation of marijuana businesses as a Vice-regulated business and institute a fee to cover the costs associated with enforcement and monitoring of regulated businesses, and the closure of illegal businesses. Bringing marijuana storefronts under the purview of Vice Operations will bolster compliance actions and mitigate potential negative impact to the surrounding communities.



#### ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- Report from San Diego Police Department regarding updates on the implementation of the PERF Recommendations.
- Receive reports from the San Diego Police Department regarding the impact of AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57.
- Receive updates from San Diego Communications Department regarding Dispatch call wait times.

#### **FIRE-RESCUE/LIFEGUARDS:**

##### San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Citygate Standard of Response Coverage Study

The Committee will receive a presentation from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Citygate Associates on the new, updated Standard of Response Coverage Study. The last time a similar study was conducted and released was in 2011. This new study will provide us with the newest and most up-to-date information on San Diego's response coverage and where potential service gaps exist in the City. It will provide us with information to determine where new fire facilities or programs are needed to provide the best services to our residents.

##### San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Lifeguard Services Division Dispatch and Operations Study

The Committee will receive a presentation from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Lifeguard Services Division and Citygate Associates on the new Lifeguard Services Division Dispatch and Operations Study. This report should give the City a better understanding of recommendations that can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Lifeguard Division and identify resource needs to ensure quality lifeguard services.

#### ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- Update on the Lifeguard Division Fire-Year Needs Assessment Report

#### **HOMELESSNESS:**

Reducing homelessness throughout the City of San Diego should be one of our top priorities for 2017. Homelessness is no longer an issue that is specific to downtown as it continues to affect beach communities as well as other neighborhoods throughout the City. This year, the Mayor announced a slate of new proposals to further tackle homelessness head-on. Working in concert with the Mayor's office, the Committee will make it a priority to work diligently and expeditiously to support the implementation of these and other homelessness initiatives. In addition, the Committee will receive the following reports and updates:

- Update on the "Housing Our Heroes" initiative that set the goal of securing housing for 1,000 homeless veterans.
- Update from the merging of the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless and receive information on the upcoming Homeless Management Information system (HMIS).
- Update from the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT), and the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP).
- Update from the City Attorney's office regarding the San Diego Misdemeanants At-Risk Track (SMART) pilot program.
- The Committee will also receive updates from various organizations, providers, and stakeholders engaged in the topic of homelessness to ensure effective cooperation between all those involved with combating homelessness.

## **OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY:**

### **Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Policy**

Unmanned Aircraft System (Drones) is an exciting new technology that has many important and legitimate uses. It is an emerging technology that San Diego should embrace and foster as an important part of the innovation economy. In order to protect drone users, the drone industry, as well as ensure public safety, clear and enforceable regulations need to be adopted by the City. The Committee will review a drone public safety policy crafted jointly by the Mayor, the Office of Homeland Security, and my office.

### **ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

- Receive updates on the City's Emergency Operations Plan and Recovery Plan.
- Receive updates on continued enhancement of the City's emergency shelter capabilities.
- Receive updates on efforts from OHS in the development of community-level evacuation guides and references.

## **YOUTH ISSUES:**

### **Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**

The Commission plays a crucial role in the development of a strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort between various community stakeholders to curtail and prevent gang involvement among our youth and community-at-large. The Committee will receive bi-annual updates to the Gang Commission's Five-Year Strategic Collaborative Approach and identify ways the Council can support the efforts and initiatives led by the Commission. The Committee will also hold a special joint meeting of the PS&LN Committee and the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, in order to help facilitate additional cooperation.

### **Trauma-Informed Approach to Address and Prevent Gang Violence**

The Committee will continue to advocate for city-wide training on a trauma-informed approach to address and prevent gang violence. The City of San Diego passed a resolution in July of 2015 in support of a trauma-informed approach and the committee will continue to do its part in ensuring its implementation as comprehensively as possible.

### **Restorative Justice**

The Committee will advocate for greater emphasis and use of restorative justice programs by collaborating with local and regional organizations leading the charge on this approach. The Committee will also receive an update from the City Attorney's office regarding their Community Justice Initiative (Community Courts) and identify ways to strengthen the program.

### **ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

- Update from the Workforce Partnership Program.

## **SAFE AND LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES:**

### **Prostitution Impact Panel (PIP) Program**

The Committee will receive a report from the City Attorney's office regarding its Prostitution Impact Panel Program. Prostitution remains a significant issue within the City of San Diego and the Committee will work to identify ways to help reduce the number of customer-side prostitution offenders and businesses that exploit women.



### Human Trafficking

The issue of human trafficking continues to be an issue throughout the country, particularly right here in San Diego. The FBI identified San Diego as one of 13 cities in the Country designated as a “high intensity child prostitution area.” The Committee will receive regular reports on how the City of San Diego is partnering and collaborating with other organizations and governmental agencies to protect victims of human trafficking and hold those supporting trafficking accountable. In addition, the Committee will be requesting direction from the City Attorney’s office on what additional steps are necessary to increase the enforcement of illegal prostitution operations in massage-type businesses.

### Expand the City’s Traffic Signal Optimization Program

As San Diego’s population continues to expand in dense neighborhoods, traffic congestion and commuting times will continue to be heavily impacted. Traversing through key transit corridors in and throughout the City has proven difficult, especially during peak hours. The City successfully implemented traffic signal optimization on the western part of Mira Mesa Boulevard and has seen significant improvement. The Committee will continue to advocate for the funding of signal optimization for traffic-impacted areas throughout San Diego.

### Prioritize Funding for Street Lights

Well-lit streets play a critical role in promoting safe and livable neighborhoods as well as in helping deter crime. Currently, there is a long list of locations throughout the City identified by the Transportation and Storm Water Department as candidates for street light installation. Given that many of these locations have been identified by police as high-crime areas, the Committee will advocate for the prioritization of additional funding toward the installation of these street lights to promote public safety and livable neighborhoods.

### Prioritize Funding for V-Calm Signs

One of the most frequent requests received from residents throughout San Diego is for traffic calming measures to help address neighborhood speeding issues. Streets that are prone to excessive vehicular speeding pose a significant public safety issue and negatively impacts to the quality of life of our neighborhoods. V-Calm signs are common tools frequently recommended by the City’s Traffic Engineering Division as a traffic calming solution. As such, the City should prioritize additional funding in order to install V-Calm signs for streets and neighborhoods identified as candidates for traffic calming.

### ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

- Update on the implementation status of recommendations from the 2015 audit on the City of San Diego Code Enforcement Division.
- Update on the implementation status of recommendations outlined in the 2014 audit on the City of San Diego’s Graffiti Program.

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