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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: 2018 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Priorities and Work Plan

As Chair of this important committee, I appreciate the opportunity to share my 2018 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 by my fellow Committee members. While this Work Plan will guide our agenda this year, it is not meant to be exhaustive and I welcome the ideas of my fellow colleagues on the Committee throughout the year.

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 year as time permits.

POLICE:

Police Officer Recruitment and Retention Plan and Marketing Plan

In 2017, the City Council approved a historic new contract for police officers that included the largest pay increase in the history of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). We must leverage that success to attract and hire more police officers in order to reach our sworn staffing goal of 2,128 officers by Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The Committee will receive an updated report on San Diego Police Department (SDPD) recruitment efforts and attrition rate. In addition, the Committee will also receive a report from SDPD on their progress relating to the development and execution of a comprehensive marketing plan with a professional marketing firm. During the FY18 budget process, our office spearheaded the effort to secure \$350,000 for the purpose of

procuring a contract with a professional marketing firm to develop and execute a comprehensive marketing and recruitment plan. This year, the Committee will be tracking the progress of this effort closely and will work with SDPD to ensure its smooth execution. The Committee will also be working diligently to explore and implement creative new programs and incentives to improve recruitment and retention, such as housing incentives aimed at helping police officers purchase homes in San Diego.

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

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 Community Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations (CAB) and the Community Review Board on Police Practices (CRB) regarding the important work they will be doing to foster those relationships. These updates from the CRB and CAB will be presented at the end of the year during a special joint meeting of our committee and the CRB at a location in the community to be determined later this year.

Implementation of AB 953

AB 953 (Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015) is legislation that was introduced and passed by the State Legislature requiring local law enforcement to collect specific information regarding police stops. In late 2017, the State adopted the final version of their reporting policies and requirements. The Committee will receive an update from SDPD regarding AB 953 implementation and will work to ensure it is appropriately implemented. The Committee will also work with SDPD to ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to fully implement this legislation.

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.

Illegal Marijuana Delivery Enforcement, Marijuana Advertisement Regulation, and Proposition 64 Implementation

This year, the City of San Diego will be permitting and regulating new marijuana related businesses, such as recreational marijuana sales and non-retail marijuana production facilities. With the commencement of recreational marijuana sales on January 1, 2018 and the ongoing implementation of Proposition 64, the City must make it a priority to enforce the rules and regulations the City Council worked diligently to adopt in 2017, and ensure all marijuana related businesses are being well-regulated in order to promote public safety. While we have made progress in shutting down illegal marijuana dispensaries, more must be done to shut down illegal marijuana delivery services. We must also address the issue of online advertisement platforms that blatantly ignore our municipal code and provide an advertising platform to hundreds of illegally operating marijuana delivery services throughout the City.

The Committee will pursue legislation that will provide additional regulations on marijuana advertisement and continue to explore the designation of marijuana businesses as a police-regulated business. The Committee will also continue to receive updates from SDPD and the City Attorney's office regarding enforcement of illegal marijuana operations.

SDPD Communications Department and Dispatch Wait Times

Over the past year, this Committee has advocated for and worked to secure significant resources to help bolster SDPD's Communications Department, including pay increases for dispatchers and additional dispatcher positions. Dispatch wait times for 911 calls have dramatically improved. While wait times for the non-

emergency dispatchers have also improved, more work needs to be done to further lower the wait times for non-emergency calls. The Committee will continue to receive updates from SDPD on dispatch wait times and provide any additional assistance, if necessary.

Designated Online Transaction Space (D.O.T.S) Pilot Program Update

Last year, our office collaborated with the San Diego Police Department to establish a pilot program for a Designated Online Transaction Space (D.O.T.S). This pilot program is the first-of-its-kind for the City of San Diego and the region, and provides individuals who purchase items from online platforms, such as Craigslist and Facebook, with a safe and convenient public meeting place to carry out online transactions and private sales. The first D.O.T.S location was established at the San Diego Police Department's Northeastern Division headquarters. The Committee will be receiving an update from SDPD regarding the pilot program and explore opportunities to expand this program to all SDPD divisions throughout San Diego.

Neighborhood Watch Programs

Neighborhood Watch programs are one of the most effective tools in preventing crime and bringing communities together through police-citizen partnerships. The San Diego Police Department works intimately with Neighborhood Watch programs throughout San Diego in order to establish positive relationships with communities to prevent and deter crime. The Committee will explore options to formally establish the Neighborhood Watch program as a City-sponsored program to ensure necessary funding is allocated to encourage the formation and operation of Neighborhood Watch programs.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- Receive reports from the San Diego Police Department regarding the impact of AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57.

FIRE-RESCUE/LIFEGUARDS:

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

Last year, the Committee received a presentation from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Citygate Associates on the new, updated Standard of Response Coverage Study. This new study provided the City with the newest and most up-to-date information on San Diego's response coverage and where service gaps exist in the City today. The Study provided a list of recommendations relating to the improvement of services as well as identified a new list of twelve (12) priority service gaps that need to be addressed. The Committee will continue to track the implementation of the recommendations. The Committee will also track the progress of priority fire station construction and work to identify funds to ensure priority fire stations are built.

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

Last year, the Committee received a presentation from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Lifeguard Services Division and Citygate Associates regarding the Lifeguard Services Division Dispatch and Operations Study. This report provided the City with a range of recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Lifeguard Division. The Committee will continue to track the implementation of these recommendations and also work to identify funding for resources identified as priorities in the study.

Update on Emergency Medical Services Response Times

In October 2017, the City Council adopted a fourth amendment to the 2011 Emergency Medical Services Agreement with American Medical Response (AMR). The changes adopted are meant to address system pressures that did not exist in the past and to ensure that EMS transportation services by AMR are improved and maintained. The Committee will receive regular updates from AMR regarding the effectiveness of the

changes approved by Council last year as well as updates regarding ambulance response times. The Committee will continue to track response times to ensure service compliance and equity of service throughout the City.

Update on Metro Zone Emergency Command and Data Center (ECDC) Staffing and Dispatch Wait Times

Last year, the City Council approved significant pay increases for Fire Dispatchers in the Emergency Command and Data Center (ECDC). The new compensation package is aimed at boosting the recruitment and retention of dispatchers in the ECDC in order to ensure adequate staffing levels and with the goal of decreasing call wait times. The Committee will receive updates from the Fire/Rescue Department on dispatch staffing levels as well as on call wait times. The report will also include a presentation on the Fire Dispatcher Academy.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

- Vegetation Management & Emerging Technology
- SDFD Cancer Awareness Prevention Program
- SDFD Firefighter Behavioral Health Program
- San Diego Project Heartbeat
- Junior Lifeguard Program Update

HOMELESSNESS:

In 2017, the Select Committee on Homelessness was formed. Working together, significant progress has been made to provide additional services to the homeless and to connect them to permanent housing. This Committee will continue to work with the Select Committee on Homelessness, the Mayor's office, and homeless service providers and advocates to ensure we continue to make progress on this critical issue. The Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee will be receiving the following reports outlined below. In addition, when the Select Committee on Homelessness dissolves in 2018, this Committee will stand ready to work on transitioning the issue of homelessness back into its preview.

- 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:

Cyber Security

The Committee will be receiving a report on efforts, led by the City's Office of Homeland Security and other regional cyber security organizations and leaders, aimed at improving cyber security. The San Diego region has been a leader on this front and the Committee will explore ways to partner with industry leaders to ensure cyber security for businesses, public entities, and individuals.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- Update on the City's Drone Policy Implementation.
- 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 the 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.

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.

SAFE AND LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES:

Prostitution Impact Panel (PIP) Program

In 2017, the City Attorney's office indicated that the Prostitution Impact Panel Program was undergoing a revamping process. Prostitution remains a significant issue within the City of San Diego and the Committee will work with the City Attorney's office to bring forward updates on the program.

Human Trafficking, Red Light Abatement, Massage Parlor Permitting

Human trafficking continues to be an issue throughout the country, particularly right here in San Diego. Last year, the Committee received a presentation from the City Attorney's office and the San Diego Police Department regarding red light abatement throughout San Diego, especially in massage parlors. This year, the Committee will be pursuing legislation to bring additional enforcement to businesses who are involved with human trafficking and red light activity. This will include evaluating the current process of permitting massage parlors and exploring opportunities to better regulate this industry.

Family Justice Center (FJC) Transition

Last year, the Family Justice Center began the process of transitioning out of the San Diego Police Department and into the City Attorney's office. This Committee will receive an update from the FJC regarding this transition process and advocate for the necessary resources to ensure the FJC continues to provide the highest quality of service to victims of domestic violence.

Library Fines

Collecting library fines is an inefficient and expensive process that costs the City more money to administer than it collects in library fines. The Committee will receive a report from the Board of Library Commission regarding fines and explore alternative methods to recover late or missing books and materials.

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 experienced 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 the quality of life in our neighborhoods. V-Calm signs are frequently recommended by the City's Traffic Engineering Division as a traffic calming solution. As such, the City should prioritize additional funding 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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