

<u>Heather Ferbert, San Diego City Attorney: Bio</u>

Heather Ferbert serves as the 34th San Diego City Attorney, the City's chief legal officer and City prosecutor. She was elected to office in 2024. The City Attorney, through a team of deputies and staff, prosecutes crime, defends the City in litigation, initiates litigation in the interest of the public, and serves as legal adviser and attorney for the City.

Prior to her election, Heather served as a San Diego Chief Deputy City Attorney, where she and a city attorney team worked to stop multi-million-dollar real estate scams and made women's health clinics safer and more accessible. Throughout her career, Heather has focused on serving the City to provide and protect access to housing.

The City Attorney's Office houses Your Safe Place, the City's family justice center, which provides supportive services to empower survivors of domestic violence, family violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, and sex trafficking as they reclaim their lives. The City Attorney's Office, in its role as a prosecutor, also fights to hold abusers accountable.

Heather is also working to expand the Gun Violence Prevention Unit that has removed thousands of firearms from people who pose threats to themselves or others. The City Attorney's Office's use of gun violence restraining orders and other firearm-prohibiting orders has been recognized as one of America's most innovative and effective "red flag law" gun violence prevention programs.

Heather is a graduate of California State University Long Beach and the University of San Diego School of Law. She's active in the Lawyer's Club of San Diego, the women's bar association, and has served as an adjunct professor at the San Diego School of Law. Heather and her husband Andrew have one daughter.