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Councilmember Marni von Wilpert's Advocacy Effort to Secure Public Safety Funding Makes Governor Newsom's May Revise, Includes \$40 Million for Nonprofit Security Grants

Earlier this year, Councilmembers von Wilpert and Raul Campillo sent a [letter](#) to Governor Gavin Newsom's office to request that he and the California Legislature reopen the [California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#) (CSNSGP) for eligible organizations with security concerns throughout California.

SAN DIEGO, CA – Today, San Diego City Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, chair of the Public Safety Committee, celebrated Governor Gavin Newsom's inclusion of [\\$40 million in his revised state budget](#) to support physical security enhancements for nonprofit organizations that have historically been targets of hate-motivated violence and attacks. The funding will reopen the CSNSGP for eligible community organizations and nonprofits with security concerns, including places of worship, such as synagogues. The inclusion of the funding is the result of the efforts Councilmembers von Wilpert and Campillo pushed for earlier this year.

"Our Jewish neighbors, our places of worship, our community organizations and nonprofits needed meaningful resources in the face of rising antisemitism and violence, not just words of support but action," said San Diego City Councilmember Marni von Wilpert. **"Governor Newsom heard that call. This \$40 million in resources is a critical commitment to safety in supporting and strengthening the preparedness of our communities while enhancing coordination at the state and local level."**

"I'm grateful to Governor Newsom for being responsive to our advocacy on reopening the Nonprofit Security Grant Program," said San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo. **"Funding critical programs like this will tremendously benefit our communities by helping keep our neighbors safe each and every day."**

In January, Councilmember von Wilpert convened a critical Public Safety Meeting focused on combating the rising trend of antisemitism, hate crimes, and illegal firearms across San Diego. At that meeting, Councilmembers von Wilpert and Campillo announced they would advocate directly to Governor Newsom's office and State Legislative leaders to reopen the CSNSGP. City and county leaders at the meeting also reaffirmed their commitment to public safety. They underscored the importance of preventing and reporting hate crimes, providing support to victims, and coordinating between government leaders and community partners.

Councilmember von Wilpert also emphasized the critical role education plays in the prevention of hate crimes and [announced](#) her fight for the [*Remember Us The Holocaust*](#) exhibit to be a traveling exhibit throughout all San Diego libraries.

Read the full letter Councilmembers von Wilpert and Campillo sent to Governor Newsom [here](#).

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