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Heather Ferbert, San Diego City Attorney: Bio

Heather Ferbert serves as the 28th 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.

In August 2025, Heather established the Housing Protection and Civil Code Compliance Unit (HPU), a new unit within the City Attorney's Office dedicated to ensuring that housing in San Diego is safe, fair, and livable. The HPU takes a focused approach to addressing persistent code violations, substandard rental housing conditions, unfair business practices, and patterns or practice of violating the Tenant Protection Ordinance or the Short-Term Residential Occupancy Ordinance.

The City Attorney's Office houses the City's San Diego Family Justice Center, *Your Safe Place*, 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 Reduction 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 is active in the Lawyer's Club of San Diego, the women's bar association, and has served as an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. Heather is vice-chair of the statewide Civil Prosecutors Coalition, a state advocacy organization made up of the leaders of the largest City Attorney and County Counsel offices in California. She is also a member of the League of California Cities Executive Committee for the City Attorneys Department. Heather and her husband Andrew have one daughter.