



## THE BRY BULLETIN

**August 2018**

### A Victory in Keeping Residential Neighborhoods Residential



Airbnb began as a simple way to earn extra money by renting out your sofa or spare bedroom with the Internet allowing you to find customers easily. It has evolved into a sophisticated multi-billion-dollar industry in which investors are snapping up single-family homes and condominiums and creating mini-hotels. Even multi-family apartment owners are turning units into short-term rentals. All of this means fewer homes are available for San Diegans at a time when we are facing a housing crisis.

On July 16, 2018, your City Council voted to keep residential neighborhoods residential, and we affirmed our votes at the second reading on August 1, 2018.

I thank my five Council colleagues who supported my primary-residence only amendment. I have remained committed to a primary-residence only solution that protects our housing stock and which respects the original spirit of the sharing economy.

Voting Results...		
COLE	✓	YES
BRY	✓	YES
ZAPF	✓	YES
WARD	✓	YES
KERSEY	✓	YES
CATE	X	NO
SHERMAN	X	NO
ALVAREZ	X	NO
GOMEZ	✓	YES

Since the December 2017 Short-Term Residential Occupancy City Council hearing, primary residence-only regulations have set precedent across California cities including San Francisco, Pasadena, Hermosa Beach, and Santa Monica. San Diego is in good legal company.

I continue to support unlimited home sharing in your own home, and I accepted a compromise for up-to six-months of short-term whole-home rental of a primary residence. Under those guidelines, you may earn extra income by renting out your home during a vacation, Comic Con or other special event in San Diego. As a high-tech entrepreneur, I embrace the sharing economy as an innovative and integral part of our overall economy.



This compromise upholds current zoning law, maintains the character of our neighborhoods, collects Transient Occupancy Taxes from both home-sharing and legal whole-house rentals, and preserves our precious housing stock for San Diego families, workers, and students. San Diegans expect their elected officials to create policies that protect our sharing economy and residential zoning, while increasing our housing stock, and the July 16 and August 1 Council votes were a step in the right direction.

This victory was the result of a collaborative effort. I thank my council colleagues for their support, the Mayor for his framework, staff for their expertise, and the City Attorney for her guidance. I also thank the broad coalition that included my District One communities and residents and the many others who worked together to achieve this outcome. Your unwavering support during this legislative process kept my resolve strong. You deserve the credit for keeping this item on the front-burner and demanding responsiveness from your elected officials.

## Protecting our Health and the Environment

Expanded polystyrene (commonly known as Styrofoam) is one of the most common forms of plastic pollution in our environment and it specifically threatens our most sensitive coastal lands. As the representative of District 1, I am dedicated to preserving the livelihood and health of our beautiful beaches and unique coastal habitats.



Expanded polystyrene (EPS) does not degrade and breaks apart into small pieces which scatter across our beaches. Anyone who has participated in a beach clean-up knows how prevalent these little specks of foam are. These tiny, non-degradable pieces of plastic accumulate in our ocean and blend with our soil and sand. Fish, birds, and other small animals often mistake EPS for food, which severely threatens their health and lives. In fact, a 2015 study by UC Davis found that a quarter of all fish sampled in California grocery stores had traces amounts of plastic in them.

We must prioritize our health and the integrity of our environment over the convenience of Styrofoam products. That is why I partnered with Councilmember Ward to propose an EPS ban which was presented at the Rules Committee on July 11th. That day, we heard from many supporters including the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Coastkeeper, the Climate Action Campaign, the Sierra Club and Business for Good, an organization of over 230 small local businesses. I am happy to report that the proposal was supported by Committee members Ward, Cole and myself and was forwarded to the full City Council. This brings us one step closer to joining more than 100 California municipalities, including Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Imperial Beach who have already banned plastic foam from their communities.



## Examining Reasonable Regulations for Dockless Bikes



As I discussed in the previous newsletter edition, I docketed an item to discuss a potential fee structure that would allow the City to establish necessary bike infrastructure and to promote the responsible use of all dockless options at the June Budget Committee meeting.

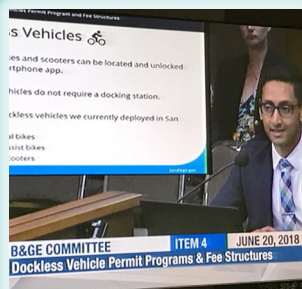
My Policy Advisor, Raymond Khan presented the staff report which was well received by the Committee. We will soon facilitate the first Dockless Vehicle Working Group to discuss how we can optimize dockless vehicles to meet the City's goals regarding transportation, equity, and infrastructure. This is one of several steps to engage in collaborative, creative, problem solving to develop a mutually beneficial regulatory framework for dockless vehicles in the City of Diego.

## Team BB in the community!

My staff, family and I had an amazing time walking in the San Diego Pride Parade.



At the Rules Committee, our Policy Advisor Rayman Khan provided a well-researched, excellent presentation about the issues associated with dockless bikes and scooters.



I met with UCSD students Nathan Yee and Yash Thukral who are the founders of Triton Funds, a student-run fund that promotes the community through investments in local companies and entrepreneurs.



### A Brief Break with Barbara

(This is a new section which will pose fun and random questions to the Councilmember.)

**1. What is something that you hate, but you wished you loved?**

I wish I loved bananas but unfortunately, I can't stomach them.

**2. What is something that you don't mind buying used?**

I never mind buying a used car.

**3. What is the best Halloween costume that you have ever worn?**

Several years back, my husband and I dressed up as Mickey and Mallory Knox from the movie, *Natural Born Killers*.

### UC San Diego's World-Renowned Research and Innovation Hub Begins in our District

With its varied geography including the coastline, sea cliffs, canyons, and mesas, District 1 provides a natural testbed for UC San Diego's technology and research to better understand and protect our environment.

In May, UC San Diego held its inaugural UP Summit to highlight a diverse array of cross-departmental research to understand and protect the planet. Many of these programs directly benefit the City of San Diego right here in District 1. The invite-only audience at the summit was comprised of a group that can take this research and turn it into action—political leaders, elected officials, agency and tribal representatives, non-profit partners and philanthropic supporters.

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UCSD Chancellor Khosla

*"Even when we understand the science and we have the technology, deploying it requires strategic policy decisions," said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. "It cannot be done in a vacuum."*

*Attendees were able to see this science and technology in a hands-on expo. Expo stations included information on UC San Diego's algae biotechnology innovations, demonstrations of LiDAR technology monitoring and tracking coastal cliff erosion in San Diego County, and instrumentation used in the ocean to measure waves and ocean temperature and monitor ocean coastal conditions.*



Technology expo participants

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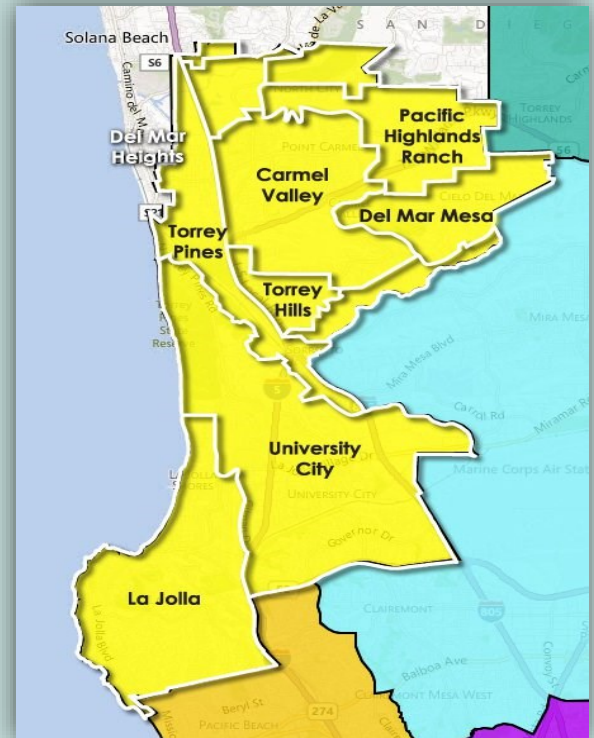
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