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**Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry opposes pay hikes for elected City officials during COVID-19**

**San Diego**— Today, Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry called on all City of San Diego elected officials to freeze their current salaries through Fiscal Year 2021 ending June 30, 2021. This includes the Mayor, City Attorney and all members of the City Council.

“Measure L, which provides for a significant increase in salaries for all these elected positions in mid-December, did not anticipate the COVID-19 fiscal impacts on the City budget,” Bry said. “The mantra that we are all in this together must be more than lip service. This is a shared sacrifice. And we must lead by example.

“In addition,” Bry continued, “instead of balancing the City budget on the backs of San Diego residents and families by cutting neighborhood services like Parks and Recreation and Libraries, I recommend reviewing and eliminating administrative positions that don’t provide front-line services to residents.”

Bry based her call on the following Budget Principles, which she released on April 15, 2020 to guide council members through their budget review deliberations and the difficult fiscal decisions that lie ahead:

1. Every crisis presents an opportunity to re-think the way we provide services and facilities for our constituents.
2. I will ask every department to re-think the way they operate and provide options for more efficient and effective ways to serve the public. I encourage you to think creatively and speak boldly.
3. Just as the City Council must hold every department accountable for its performance, so too must the Council be held accountable for protecting taxpayers and providing clear direction and priorities for City departments.
4. I will demand a transparent budget process that is accessible and understandable for residents whether or not you have Internet access.
5. The budget must be, first and foremost, based on responding to the community’s needs, not on maintaining the City bureaucracy. It’s disappointing to me that most of the proposed budget reductions are in neighborhood services, while bloated management is mostly untouched.

*Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.*

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