



## OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTOPHER WARD THIRD COUNCIL DISTRICT

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### **COUNCIL APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET**

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

**“San Diegans deserve a city government that can efficiently deliver quality neighborhood services and improvements that will continue to strengthen our communities. The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget maintains our commitment to residents while following a fiscally responsible spending plan.**

**“I fought to fund several key neighborhood services in the budget approved today. This includes the addition of several Code Compliance Officers to protect the public from a variety of health and safety violations, an increase in brush abatement and management services to reduce potential fire hazards within our neighborhoods, additional security personnel for neighborhood libraries, and restoring funding for the City’s tree trimming program.**

**“While this budget has been finalized it’s not too soon to look ahead and advocate for additional services for our residents throughout this year. I will continue to push for the implementation of an annual Racial Impact Report that includes information about any racial bias complaints and the outcomes of such complaints within the San Diego Police Department. Furthermore, my office will continue to look for opportunities to restore funding to the City’s Urban Forestry Program to meet our Climate Action plan goals and targets for urban canopy cover.**

**“I want to thank Mayor Faulconer, my colleagues on the City Council, and all San Diegans for their part in getting this year’s fiscal budget finalized and ensuring our City continues to grow responsibly while addressing the needs of all residents and neighborhoods. “**

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 909-4299 or [EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov](mailto:EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov).

***Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego's Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.***

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