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## **Councilmember Montgomery Calls for Peace**

*Elected officials, community leaders & organizations join forces to launch  
"The Peace Movement: Let's Live, Let's Love"*

**San Diego, CA** – San Diego City Councilmembers Monica Montgomery and Vivian Moreno, representing Districts Four and Eight, respectively – joined by Police Chief David Nisleit, community leader Bishop Cornelius Bowser and others – will assemble to call for peace and launch *"The Peace Movement: Let's Live, Let's Love."*

As one of the safest big cities in the nation, San Diego has seen a citywide recent rash of violence across its communities. As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, Councilmember Monica Montgomery felt compelled to take action to mitigate the violence and foster unity, healing and forgiveness.

**"Public safety is a top priority for me. I want San Diegans to feel safe on every block, in every community. This movement is a holistic approach with short and long-term goals, including townhalls, policy solutions that promote economic justice, and improved community policing relationships,"** said Councilmember Montgomery.

**"I support Councilmember Montgomery's vision for a holistic approach to healing and building trust with law enforcement in our communities,"** said Councilmember Moreno, PSLN Committee member.

**"The San Diego Police Department is working diligently with communities to solve the recent homicides and bring those responsible for these tragic deaths to justice. We join Councilmember Montgomery to ask the communities for peace as these investigations move forward,"** added Chief Nisleit.

**"There are four social control agents that we must address if we want peace and freedom from violence: family, school, law enforcement and community,"** concluded Bishop Bowser.

**When:** Monday, July 22, 2019 | 10:30 a.m.

**What:** Press Conference

**Who:** Councilmember Monica Montgomery, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN)

Dr. Shirley N. Weber, Assemblymember, 79<sup>th</sup> District

Councilmember Vivian Moreno, PSLN Committee Member

Chief of Police David Nisleit

Scott Drury, President, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

Bishop Cornelius Bowser, Co-Founder of the Community Assistance Support Team (CAST)

Geneviève L. Jones-Wright, Esq. Legal Director, PANA

Dita Quiñones, Multimedia Journalist, District 4 resident, ParentVoices SD

**Where:** Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library

5148 Market Street

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**Visual:** Painting of a SDG&E Utility Box with peace themes