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Councilmember Monica Montgomery's Historic Motion on the FY '21 Appropriations Ordinance AS PART OF COMPREHENSIVE ROAD MAP TO POLICE REFORM THROUGH ACCOUNTABILTY & TRANSPARENCY

SAN DIEGO, CA: By a vote of 7-2 today, City Council approved the Appropriations Ordinance, which defines the legal level at which the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) can control operational and capital expenditures. Pursuant to the City Charter, the ordinance shall be adopted by June 30.

As a crucial component of Councilmember Montgomery's Road Map to Accountability and Transparency (to be unveiled before the July 15 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Meeting), the Councilmember made a bold move to modify the FY '21 Appropriations Ordinance granting Council Authorization on the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) budget for Neighborhood Policing and Overtime.

"From day one, I promised my community that I would tackle police reform through accountability and transparency measures, while amplifying the community's voice at City Hall. I have kept my promise, as we continue to work diligently to deliver a responsible plan for reprogramming some of SDPD's budget," said Montgomery.

Ultimately through Councilmember Montgomery's historic motion, Council will have the authority to scrutinize and approve these important parts of SDPD's budget to ensure spending is directed to core services and public safety. In keeping with her June 8th promise, following the controversial budget vote that had a record-setting 400 callers and over 4,000 comments, **nearly \$29 million was held back for mid-year reprogramming opportunities** as the Councilmember continues to identify ways to address structural racism that is prevalent in our city's systems.

Additionally, Council Authorization has been granted on Recreation Center funds, which will ensure oversight and equity on how funds will be spent on centers

located in low-to-moderate income areas. These centers will now have a fighting chance when it comes to funding for programs and improvements.

Lastly, safeguards have been put in place for the new Office of Race and Equity (ORE) as budgeted funds will not be controlled by the CFO and will not be made available for reprogramming for other general fund needs. The established ORE budget will go towards its development and mission to address issues regarding systemic racism in the city, as well as instilling race equity in city operations and policy creation.

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[Councilmember Monica Montgomery](#) is an attorney and represents the [Fourth Council District](#) on the San Diego City Council, which includes the following communities: Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park & Knox, Lomita Village, North Bay Park Terraces, Oak Park, O'Farrell, Paradise Hills, Redwood Village, Rolando Park, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park and Webster. She is the Chair of the [Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods](#), and is Vice Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations.