

The City of
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The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery Steppe

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Statement from Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe
*Council Approves Council President Pro Tem, Committee
Assignments & Outside Appointments*

SAN DIEGO, CA – Last week, after nearly eight hours of public testimony, San Diego City Council [voted 5-4 in favor of Dr. Jennifer Campbell](#) as the new Council president. President Campbell's first order of business was to announce her [Fiscal Year 2021 appointments](#).

Today, the Council approved these appointments, including the new Council president Pro Tem, Council committee assignments and the [appointments to outside organizations announced by Mayor Todd Gloria and the Council president](#).

Councilmember Montgomery Steppe issued this statement on her reappointment as chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods:

"As a champion of racial and social justice, I have been willing to sit through my personal discomfort to have the necessary hard conversations when governing, and I have been committed to amplifying the community's voice at City Hall.

"By retaining my role as chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, we will continue our work to reimagine policing and public safety, including the implementation of independent Commission on Police Practices, the Surveillance Ordinance and Privacy Advisory Board, and working to improve accountability and rebuilding the much needed trust between our officers and residents.

"By remaining on the Budget Committee, I will continue to bring an equity lens to the way the City allocates resources.

"I look forward to my new role on the Committee on Active Transportation and Infrastructure, as we advocate for infrastructure equity for our streets, sidewalks and the critical infrastructure improvements needed for sustainable communities.

"We are facing a myriad of crises, and we need courageous and trusted leadership. I promise to continue to summon the necessary courage to make the tough decisions, to be transparent about my decision-making process, and to keep an open-door policy with the community.

"Holding elected officials accountable is the crucible of our democracy. We must be held accountable. We will not always agree, but we need to be genuine and honest about how we govern. This is the hard work of policymaking.

"I look forward to working with Mayor Gloria and my Council colleagues to put in the work for an equitable, progressive and transparent government for all of us."

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