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"Together we will build a future and a legacy we can be proud to leave to our children and generations to come"

INAUGURATION SPEECH

Thank you. I'd like to begin by thanking some people without whom I would not be here today. First and foremost the love and support of my family has been a driving force for my entire life. They have shaped me into the person I am today.

To my mother, thank you. I love you so much. You taught me to work hard and never give up. I'm so honored to have you as my mom. My brothers, Maico and Dennis, have always been there for me- always willing to lend a helping hand and to keep their sister grounded and humble. My nieces and nephew who always inspire me to work harder so that we leave our City in a better condition for the next generation.

"To David- Thank you for leading by example and showing what it means to be a public servant"

Of course you cannot run for office without the support of a strong team behind you. We faced many challenges on this campaign but our commitment, love and dedication for the residents of District 8 made it all worthwhile. Many thanks and appreciation to Travis Knowles, Gerardo Ramirez, Lisa Schmidt, Victoria Barba, Chris Gris, Chris Jonsmyr - also known as Norwegian Chris. And many many others who volunteered their time. Thank you- you know who you are and you know how deeply I appreciate all the time you spent on the campaign this past year.

Finally, I'd like to thank someone who has been a mentor to me, Councilmember David Alvarez. David- I have seen up close and firsthand your passion for serving the people of District 8. You always aim to do what is right, not what is easy or politically expedient. Thank you for leading by example and showing me and so many others what it means to be a public servant.

We DO NOT do this job for personal gain. We DO NOT this job to serve special interests. We don't do this job to blindly vote party lines. We serve the public. For far too long, City Hall looked to our communities to bear the burden of responsibility when it comes to taking on unpopular projects or inequitable budget cuts. No more.... When City Hall needs to find money for something they haven't budgeted for, they have raided the grant funding that is specifically meant to improve our communities in Districts 4, 8 and No more....

When constituents reach out to City Hall for help in fixing a problem- for example paving a road that has been neglected for decades- the response is often the same- "sorry there is nothing we can do" The residents do not deserve this kind of treatment. And as your City Councilmember, I won't accept it. Our communities deserve better. I spent 15 months knocking on over 8,000 doors throughout District 8 ,and what



people expect from their City is not unreasonable. Building parks in areas that were promised over 35 years ago. Creating jobs near our neighborhoods so people can work close to where they live and earn a living wage. Ensuring we have police officers present in our neighborhoods to not only respond quickly to emergency calls, but to form strong bonds with community leaders so that there is always clear and transparent communication.

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Building more housing that is affordable for our working families. Regularly investing in building new City facilities and repairing existing ones before they become unusable. Fighting climate change so that we can preserve and protect the resources in our beautiful region for future generations to enjoy. And most of all, people want to know that City Hall is working for them- not for outside interests or those with their own agenda. That their elected officials listen to them- and do all they can to help them.

To the communities of District 8, I promise to bring City Hall to you. You have my commitment that we will fight for you every day. I work for you, you are my boss. Every decision I make will be based on what is best for you, what is best for our future and what the right thing to do is. As the first woman and Latina elected to represent District 8 in decades, I will bring a different and unique perspective in leading this District and hope to empower and inspire other women to take a leap of faith and run for office. Together we will build a future and a legacy we can be proud to leave to our children and generations to come.

Thank you

FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE



My first vote was to select Georgette Gómez as our new Council President. Councilmember Gómez works tirelessly for equity in our communities and I look forward to working with her to address the needs of our City and it's residents.

My staff and I, along with my niece and nephew helped wrap gifts the Border View YMCA for their annual Toys for Tots Christmas event. Thank you to the wonderful Border View YMCA staff for all you do for the residents in our community.

Border View YMCA is located at 3601 Arey Drive, 92154





The Logan Heights Library hosted their 4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza on December 13. They had arts and crafts workshops, reindeer rides, and a petting zoo (my favorite). Thank you to the great staff for organizing such a fun event and for letting me hold some adorable animals. Logan Heights Library is located at 567 S. 28th Street, 92113





The Marlow B Martinez Foundation hosted a Christmas toy giveaway for children in Barrio Logan. It warms my heart to see the generosity our community offers. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and to Marlow B Martinez Foundation for making this happen.

Visit https://www.mbmfoundation.org for more info.



Progress made on sidewalk clean-up at the intersection of 30th Street and K Street.

To report any City-related issues, please call our office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov

FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE

This week I had the pleasure of attending Los Años Dorados holiday party. This small group met for the first time on June 23, 2015. Since then Los Años Dorados has received tremendous support from various organizations and individuals for making a positive impact by providing a safe space for seniors in San Ysidro.





I held my first community office hours this week in Otay Mesa/ Nestor. I will be meeting in the San Ysidro community on January 17. We will be scheduling community office hours regularly. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please call my office at (619) 236-6688.





NEWS PAGE

It is a privilege to be appointed Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee. Many District 8 residents I talk to are very concerned about housing affordability and availability. It is our responsibility at the City to ensure we do all we can to allow our residents to have the ability to live where they work and be able to access housing opportunities in all neighborhoods in the City. I encourage members of the public to provide input and share ideas before our first committee hearing in order to help set our committee agenda and priorities for 2019.

Here is a list of committees I will be serving on:

- Chair, Committee on Land Use and Housing (renamed from Committee on Smart Growth and Land Use)
- Vice Chair, Committee on the Environment
- Member, Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency
- Member, Committee on Active Transportation & Infrastructure (renamed from Committee on Infrastructure)
- Member, Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods
- Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee
- SANDAG Bayshore Bikeway Working Group
- Otay Mesa Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Public Financing Authority
- San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (alternate to the Mayor)
- SANDAG Border Committee
- SANDAG Public Safety Committee and San Diego Consortium Policy Board

In other news, I recently requested that the City of San Diego join the lawsuit, along with the State of California, City of Chula Vista, City of Imperial Beach and Port of San Diego, against the federal government regarding the Tijuana River Valley sewage. These conditions have resulted in an environment that threatens the health and safety of residents living in close proximity to the Tijuana River and estuary. We must act now to protect the wellbeing of those affected.



WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

