



COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO
City of San Diego
Eighth District
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer
FROM: Councilmember Vivian Moreno
SUBJECT: Barrio Logan Truck Route Enforcement

On December 10, 2018, after decades of environmental injustice in the community of Barrio Logan, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved an ordinance which diverts commercial truck traffic away from the community's residential areas. This ordinance passed with support from community members, the Barrio Logan Planning Group, the Environmental Health Coalition, the Port District, Caltrans, and the City of National City. Upon passage of the ordinance, signage was installed to clearly mark the new truck route.

Despite the new signage, commercial trucks over 5 tons continue to use residential streets as a shortcut, in direct violation of the ordinance. In fact, informal surveys conducted by residents document up to 40 violations per hour on a regular basis. This stands in stark contrast to the 41 citations that have been issued by the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) since the ordinance came into effect over 8 months ago. These continued violations endanger the parents and children who frequently use the sidewalks and cross the street in these residential areas.

On the morning of Friday, August 9, 2019, at around 1:45 a.m., the driver of a semi-truck on the 3000 block of Main Street lost control of their vehicle. The semi-truck crashed into two power lines and a fire hydrant before bursting into flames, knocking out power for over 4,000 customers in the surrounding area. Although there were no serious injuries, this is exactly the type of incident the truck route was designed to prevent.

In the wake of this recent event and in the interest of transparency, I respectfully request that the SDPD present a comprehensive and effective enforcement plan to the community at the upcoming Barrio Logan Planning Group meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Additionally, I request that the SDPD present their plan on October 23, 2019 at the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, of which I am a member.

Thank you for your prompt action in this important matter.

CC: Councilmember Monica Montgomery, Chair, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee
Mark Steele, Chair, Barrio Logan Planning Group
Chief David Nisleit, San Diego Police Department