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## Statement on Creation of Office of Race and Equity

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Vivian Moreno has issued the following statement regarding the San Diego City Council's approval today in establishing the Office of Race and Equity.

"The City needs to focus on reforming how we view and treat communities of color and low-and-moderate income communities. Many of the communities within my district have suffered inequities for decades when it comes to environmental and criminal justice.

The City has not equitably invested in much needed infrastructure in these communities and as a result, we have less amenities- like parks and green space and many of our facilities are either run down- or were never built at all. This office will be an enormous help in shifting the focus of the City to address these problems and also ensure that we increase funding to build projects and improve community relations with our police department.

Thank you to Councilmember Montgomery for your leadership in establishing this office."

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Councilmember Vivian Moreno represents the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Stockton and the Tijuana River Valley.