




**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER GEORGETTE GÓMEZ
NINTH DISTRICT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2017

TO: Councilmember Chris Cate, Chair of Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Councilmember Georgette Gómez, District 9 

SUBJECT: 2017 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Priorities

In response to your memo dated January 4, 2017, I am pleased to submit my Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee priorities for consideration.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire, Police and Lifeguards

- Continued monitoring of the 2011 Fire Service Standard of Response Coverage Study (Citygate Report) for the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. In addition, identify funding sources and locations as well as establish timelines for the completion of fire stations listed in the 2011 Citygate report with special attention given to new and future facilities in Council District 9 including the future College Avenue Station and the Home Avenue Station.
- Request a report on the Citizens Review Board on Police Practices as well as the Citizen Advisory Board.
- Request multicultural staffing support to serve the Karen and Arabic communities.
- Examine staffing levels of San Diego Police Department (SDPD) so the City Council can recommend additional adjustments to retain officers.
- The committee should spearhead an in depth analysis of SDPD attrition both before and after the current contract's approval to better understand and address the reasons officers leave SDPD. A similar effort should be pursued to understand why recruiting of new officers is significantly down in recent years.
- Request a review of the SDPD Five-Year Plan to ensure all progress and remaining challenges are documented.

- Initiate the process to seek a new Police Chief by conducting a national search with an outside consultant and include a robust and strong public input.
- Request an update on the local implementation and cost of AB 953, which requires law enforcement agencies to collect basic information on police stops in response to growing concerns about racial profiling and police misconduct.
- Implement AB 953 ahead of the 2018 schedule required under the law.
- Request an update on the San Diego Police Department's community oriented policing efforts, including presentations on the SDPD Quarterly Community Policing Report before this committee.
- Implement the Lifeguard's 5-year plan.

Code Enforcement

- Request a report to identify improvements in Code Enforcement operational efficiencies and improve response times in order to address substandard housing conditions.

Inmate Population, Gang Prevention, Human Trafficking and Prostitution

- Request a report on implementation strategies for AB 109 and Proposition 47.
- Request a report on implementation of AB 2792 (Truth Act).
- Engage the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention in an effort to seek new proactive gang intervention strategies by requesting biannual progress updates to the Committee and also report on implementation of the goals set forth in the 2015-2017 Strategic Action Plan.
- Request direct reporting from the Gang Suppression Unit to the committee on a regular basis.
- Advocate for citywide training on the resolution supporting a trauma-informed approach to address and prevent gang violence.
- Hold a special meeting of the PS&LN and the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention to discuss proactive strategies in addressing gang crime and providing services to our youth. This meeting should be held in a community space and at an accessible time in the evening.
- Receive reports from the City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division related to its Prostitution Impact Panel (PIP) program.
- Receive regular reports on how the City's is collaborating with other offices and governmental agencies to address human trafficking.

Homeless Programs

- Request an update from SDPD's Homeless Outreach Team as early in the year as feasible to review its efficacy and ensure it has adequate resources to fulfill its purpose.
- Request a report from the San Diego Housing Commission regarding "Housing First" efforts and the goal of housing 1000 homeless veterans.

LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Street Lights

- Ensure that areas of the City that do not have sufficient street lighting or have lighting that is not functioning properly, especially in Council District 9, are prioritized to promote safe and livable neighborhoods and to deter crime.

Youth Services/Youth Workforce Development:

- Request a report from the San Diego Youth Commission regarding the effect of the curfew ordinance.
- Create additional training programs that specifically target youth in underserved areas and provide more workforce opportunities through paid and unpaid internships.
- Request regular updates on the progress of the newly implemented after school programs at City libraries.
- Engage local universities and other non-profit entities in creating additional youth workforce programs.
- Partner with restorative justice programs and other alternatives to SRO officers on campuses.

Public Facilities

- Request an update on libraries hours to ensure all libraries are open 60 hours per week.
- Request a report on the Play All Day Joint-Use Parks Initiative.
- Request a report on implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans.
- Request and review a report on the implementation of the Chollas Creek Master Plan as well as the status of the Chollas Creek Regional Park.
- Request and review a report on park equivalencies including increasing the availability of Parklets throughout San Diego.
- Request and review a report on the Urban Forestry Five-Year Plan.

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cc: Honorable Kevin Faulconer, Mayor
Honorable Mara Elliot, City Attorney
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst