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COUNCIL DISTRICT SIX**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** January 18, 2010  
**TO:** Councilmember David Alvarez  
Chair, Natural Resources and Culture Committee  
**FROM:** Councilmember Lorie Zapf *Lorie Zapf*  
**SUBJECT:** Natural Resources and Culture Committee Priorities for 2011

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It is an honor to serve on the Natural Resources and Culture Committee for the upcoming year, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on this committee to proactively protect San Diego's natural resources and promote a richer cultural experience for all San Diegans.

Some items I would like to see on the calendar for the Natural Resources and Culture Committee are as follows:

- I would like to request information on the status of the City's storm drain system to establish priorities and a means of addressing problems arising from decades of deferred maintenance on storm drains.
- In recognition of the City's budget deficit and the effect this has on funding for arts programs, I would like to request a meeting with the Arts Commission to examine how the City can better partner with private donors and non-profit organizations to keep public art an important and visible part of living in San Diego.
- The recent flooding that greatly affected Mission Valley and necessitated a declaration of a state of emergency in the City of San Diego has made it clear that measures must be taken to mediate some of the heavily overgrown brush along the San Diego River. Understanding the sensitive nature of the ecosystem along the river, the situation has become such that it is a fire danger and contributes to flooding because of the inability for water to flow freely. I would like to look at ways to address this situation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this committee and on the Council to create a better quality of life for all San Diegans.

Cc: City Councilmembers  
Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst  
Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney