




**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER
DISTRICT ONE**

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Council President Ben Hueso, Chair, Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner 

SUBJECT: Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Priorities for 2010

In the interest of transparency and public participation, I would like to inform you of my suggested priorities for the Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the upcoming year. I welcome all comments, questions, or suggestions from you or members of the public regarding these ideas.

I respectfully request that the following items be included in the Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee agenda for 2010:

- Work with the Intergovernmental Relations Department to secure water infrastructure funds from the State.
- Secure funds owed to transit agencies from the State.
- Support efforts to close loopholes allowing State to siphon transit funds.
- Secure transit operations support from State, Federal, and local agencies.
- Work with the County to advocate for Federal legislation to allow a local prescription drug take-back policy.
- Conduct a review of the Strong Mayor form of government before the June election, preferably as a public forum.
- Pursue a regional solution for chronic homelessness with the County.
- Initiate a systematic review of all Council policies with the goal of consolidating, updating, and/or eliminating antiquated policies.
- Review Council policies regarding local business retention and enhancement.
- Review City's appointment procedures for boards and commissions to both City and outside agencies.

I respectfully request periodic updates and informational presentations to the Committee on the following issues:

- Commissions, authorities, and coalitions such as MTS, SANDAG, and Port Commission. Of particular interest are important regional transportation projects, such as high-speed rail, bus rapid transit, and the Mid-Coast Corridor Project.
- ARRA stimulus and grant funding updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Department and Corporate Partnership Program.
- Tribal, binational and Sister Cities activities and opportunities.
- Opportunities for City partnerships with local universities.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (619) 236-6611.

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