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DISTRICT 6 COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE AS SAN DIEGO'S BUDGET CHAIR FOR 2021 Chris Cate Solicits Public Feedback from Residents; \$124.1 Million Projected Deficit for City

San Diego, CA: San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate was appointed Chair of the City of San Diego's Budget and Government Efficiency Committee on December 15th by Council President Jennifer Campbell. As a former small business owner, previous nonprofit executive, and lifelong taxpayer watchdog, Councilmember Chris Cate's strong fiscal vigilance and solution-oriented approach will benefit San Diego greatly as it enters into one of the most challenging budget years ever.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a severe strain on the City of San Diego's budget. Significantly decreased tourism revenues, economic relief efforts, and increased services for the homeless have resulted in a projected \$124.1 million budget deficit for the Fiscal Year 2022 cycle.

For the past six years, Councilmember Cate has hosted <u>annual Budget Briefings</u> for residents in the Sixth Council District. Furthermore, Councilmember Cate has been in lock-step with the Neighborhoods First Coalition and worked together to develop <u>yearly strategic plans</u> for the district.

"Civic and government engagement has been one of my top priorities since day one. All of our district's priority memorandums are published and housed on our <u>District 6 website</u>. I released a <u>survey</u> for my residents in District 6 because cuts will have to be made, and there's no way around it. Hearing directly from my constituents as to what their priorities are, will help me in guiding our city through these challenging times," stated Councilmember Chris Cate, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee Chair.

The deadline to submit responses for Councilmember Cate's survey is Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. To date, more than 450 District 6 residents have completed the brief, 10-minute survey.

Survey: https://www.survio.com/survey/d/X5Y1V4U3R6M2M9N6E