

THE BRY BULLETIN

April 2017

Dear Friend,

As Chair of the Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency, I invite the community to weigh in on how the city spends our money.

This is a challenging budget year, because our pension payment is \$63.4 million higher than it was last year due to lower than anticipated investment returns and employees' increasing life spans. Because of this, the Mayor has asked each department to prepare an initial budget that is 3.5 percent lower than last year. He is scheduled to release his proposed budget on April 14th. The next step is for the City's Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin and her team to conduct an in-depth analysis. Then, starting on May 3rd, the Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency will begin holding hearings at which each City department will present. Public testimony is welcome at all of the hearings as well as at an evening meeting of the full City Council on May 15th (details below). And of course, you can also write to me or any of the other councilmembers about your priorities. After the hearings are completed, the Council makes recommendations to the Mayor, and he presents the final budget for ratification.

Since it might be difficult for some residents to come downtown to City Hall, we are holding a **Budget Town Hall on Saturday, May 6th** in the district (details below). It is important that your voice be heard during the budget process so that the City Council can make informed decisions about how to allocate our spending. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bry

Join Councilmember Barbara Bry & the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst for a Budget Town Hall!

Share your ideas and priorities for the FY 2018 Budget.

Date: Saturday, May 6th Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Location: La Jolla Village Square Community Room 8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. (adjacent to AMC box office) RSVP required: *BarbaraBry@sandiego.gov*

Budget Review Committee hearings

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 9AM-12PM & 2-5PM

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<u>Full City Council</u> <u>hearing for public input on</u> <u>the FY 2018 Budget</u>

5/15 6PM—

* Meeting will occur if needed

Movement on Short-term Vacation Rentals Regulation

I was pleased to read the March 15th memo issued by City Attorney Mara Elliott confirming that short-term vacation rentals do not fall under any permissible use in the Municipal Code and are therefore prohibited in the City of San Diego. On Friday, March 24th, the Smart Growth and Land Use Committee heard a set of proposals prepared by City staff for regulating both home sharing and whole



home rentals. The committee voted unanimously to allow home sharing. However, the committee did not come to an agreement on any of the proposals for regulating whole home rentals. Both issues will come to the full City Council for a vote in late summer or early fall of this

year. A spokesperson for the Mayor's Office said that the City will not be changing its enforcement practices until the regulations are clarified. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Council to determine the best way to allow property owners to participate in home sharing, while also protecting residential communities from the proliferation of mini-hotels.

District 1 Intern Update by Beryl Lewis

I'm a junior at UCSD, and my major is political science with a focus in international relations. I am also minoring in Spanish. I chose to work at Barbara's office, because I had worked for her on the campaign and really believed she would make a great council woman. I also think local government is incredibly underrated, and the daily work of City Hall affects each and every

one of us. As an intern, I've helped solve constituent issues, sat in on a Council meeting, and learned the valuable lesson of writing down which floor you parked on. Working here has been almost too much fun (it definitely helps that my assigned day is Taco Tuesday).



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| Code Enforcement | 619-236-5500 |
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| Park & Recreation | 619-525-8213 |
| Planning | 619-235-5200 Emergency: |
| Police | 9–1–1; Non- emergency: 858-484-3154 |
| Public Utilities | 619-515-3500 |
| Public Works | 619-533-4207 |
| Contracts Division | 619-533-3450 |
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| Storm Water Division | 619-235-1000 |
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High School Senior Organizes Paint-Out to Combat Graffiti



Cathedral Catholic High School senior Alexander Nicholas sees things you probably don't-graffiti in the tunnel under Del Mar Heights Road near the school property. Actually, other students, high school track teams, neighbors, hikers and horse trail users all see the tagging too. Sadly, hate speech has sometimes been scrawled on the tunnel walls. But, Alexander is doing something about it. Working with the City's Streets Division and Cathedral Catholic administration, he is organizing a paint-out, and enlisted the City's help to keep the walls clean going forward. Thank you to Mr. Nicholas for caring and making our community a better place. If you know a student who is doing something to improve their neighborhood, please tell me. I would like to thank them.



Monthly Column: Seniors Corner by Shervl Harris

Volunteer Policy Advisor & Leadership Partner for AARP CA; member of the San Diego Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Social Isolation

One of the major areas of concern for seniors in any community is social isolation – loneliness. It does not discriminate, affecting anyone regardless of class, race



or religion. One in three Californians 65 and older live alone, while half of those over 85 live alone. Data show the negative effects of loneliness on health, independence, and cognition. Disrupted sleep patterns, altered immune systems, inflammation, and higher levels of stress hormones can all result. Causes may range from lack of transportation, to physical and mental disability, to loss of physical contact with family and friends due to death or proximity. The county of San Diego has an excellent call center – 211 – that can facilitate transportation options for seniors. The San Diego Humane Society offers discounts to seniors desiring animal companionship and also has the PAWS program, which assists low income pet owners by providing pet food and in-home services. Seniors need not remain isolated. **Resources: Call 2-1-1 or visit, 211sandiego.org; sdhumane.org.**

Community Advisory Board Meetings





As a high-tech entrepreneur, I want to use the District 1 Community Advisory Boards to crowdsource valuable input on key issues from community members. Maintaining open lines of communication with District 1 constituents and tapping into their expertise on important issues is a priority for my office. These boards will provide an opportunity for me to learn about what is happening on the ground in my District and the ways that I can most effectively advocate for improved neighborhood

safety, thriving local businesses, and an enhanced quality of life for San Diego seniors. I plan to convene these boards on a quarterly basis throughout the District. On March 15th, we hosted the first meetings of our Public Safety and Small Business Advisory, and on March 28th, we held the first meeting of our Senior Advisory Board. I would like to thank the San Diego Police Department's Northern and Northwestern Divisions; Andy Hall, Vice President & Chief Program Officer for San Diego Workforce Partnership; and Frank Cardenas of Park and Recreation's Senior Citizen Services for taking the time to make informative presentations to the groups.

District 1 Community Events Community Coffee in Carmel Valley

Saturday, April 15th from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Home of Naresh Soni—*Address provided upon RSVP* Join CM Bry for a conversation about local issues.

<u>Budget Town Hall</u>

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Want to set up a Neighborhood Watch on your block? Our office will provide a free sign! For details, please contact Mauricio Medina at: MauricioM@sandiego.gov

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