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Calling for Public Utilities Department Billing Audit & Policy Change to Maintain Water Service

Our office has been receiving complaints from District 1 residents regarding abnormally high water bills. Our team has been meeting with constituents and connecting them with the Public Utilities Department (PUD) to have their individual situations investigated. Based on conversations with my Council colleagues and recent news reports, it is clear this issue is having an impact citywide. In order to ensure the water bills San Diegans are receiving are accurate and precise, I have asked our City Auditor, Eduardo Luna, to conduct a comprehensive audit of the PUD's data acquisitions and billing procedures. I am grateful that Mr. Luna has agreed to expand the scope of an already scheduled FY 2018 audit of the PUD's Customer Support Division to include this additional review, and I look forward to seeing the results of this audit by June of 2018.

In addition, I have requested that the PUD not require full payment if the account holder is contesting the amount of their bill until the department completes its investigation and provides a response. At that time, the customer should be given a minimum of 30 days to pay or make arrangements for payment. If the customer still believes the billing is inaccurate, they should be allowed to delay full payment until the City Auditor has completed their report. During this time, residents who are challenging their bills should pay an amount based on their average usage or the usage reported for that particular billing cycle during the previous year. We must ensure that San Diegans retain access to water during this investigation.

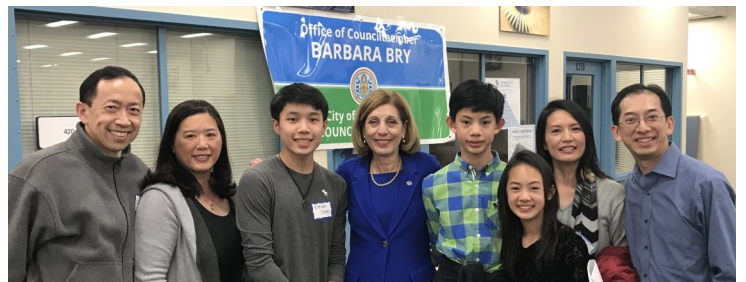
I am pleased that the PUD has adopted our proposals to protect ratepayers' water service and will work with those who are contesting their bills on appropriate payments until the audit is complete. My office will continue to be a resource to residents who are challenging their bills as we await the results from the City Auditor. Please contact Ray Khan from my office if you need assistance with your claim: khanr@sandiego.gov; 619-236-6611.



First Annual State of the District Address

On January 25, 2018, I was proud to welcome more than 150 District 1 residents to my first annual State of the District Address at University City High School. I reflected on the work we completed during my first year in office and outlined my policy plans for the coming year and beyond. Going forward into this new year, we will continue our efforts to keep San Diego safe, clean, and prosperous, and I have added three new watchwords to guide our 2018 endeavors. The three "I's" are *imaginative*, *innovative*, and *inclusive*. These watchwords are not clichés. They are imperatives.

Police recruitment and retention, regulating short-term rentals, advancing a community choice energy program, addressing workplace sexual harassment and pay equity, moving forward with the fire station at UCSD, and creating a thriving and inclusive innovation economy are among my priorities. I also shared some of the accomplishments of my first year in office: defeating an unnecessary special election, which saved taxpayers \$5 million; working to revise Charter Section 225 to improve transparency; restoring arts funding in the FY 2018 budget; advocating for and securing an independent search firm for the selection of a new police chief; and pushing for a significant SDPD pay increase to help recruit and retain officers.



City of San Diego Commuter Survey



How do you commute to work? Whether it's by car, bus, bike, or on foot, we want to hear from you! The City is collecting data to help us reach our climate action goals. This data will shape future projects and plans to encourage use of alternate transportation. The survey takes just a few minutes and is available in English and Spanish. Survey respondents will have the chance to win a one year membership to Discover Bike, the City of San Diego's bike share partner.

Visit www.SDCommuterSurvey.org to participate.

What are Adaptive Traffic Signals and How do They Work: Interview with San Diego City Staff

Recently, my team and I met with the City of San Diego's Transportation and Storm Water Department to learn about adaptive traffic signals. ***Below is an interview with Associate Traffic Engineer Mariana Sadek who explains them in detail.***

What are adaptive signals?

Adaptive traffic control is the use of traffic control technology to "continuously" adjust traffic signal timing parameters to accommodate changing traffic patterns with the goal of reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic flow.

How do adaptive signals work in real time to optimize traffic circulation in District 1?

- The system consists of a processor unit attached to each traffic signal controller in a corridor.
- The processors talk to each other via an Ethernet network.
- Each processor collects vehicle counts from video detection systems mounted on each approach.
- The processors use the traffic data being collected on a second-by-second basis and communicate information between themselves, and a common period length is selected.
- The period length selected is the longest of the times that each intersection needs to serve local traffic.
- A segment of the period is reserved to provide progression of through traffic along the corridor. These are referred to as tunnels.
- The tunnels provide for progressive movement in each direction with minimal stops.
- Tunnels can be truncated if the system determines that the through traffic no longer needs such a "long" tunnel.
- Outside of the tunnels, each processor determines which movement to serve, and for how long, and in what sequence for its own intersection based on wait times and queue lengths.
- Period length is continually re-evaluated.

How does this help the City achieve its Climate Action Plan objectives?

Using adaptive system resulted in reduction in average travel time, average number of stops, gas consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Park Cleanups in UTC

Our team worked with City staff to get graffiti painted out, trash cleared, and brush overgrowth removed at both Villa La Jolla Park and Nobel Recreation Center. I thank Park and Rec staff for their attention to this matter and also the community residents who reached out to our office to report this issue. If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these parks, please contact my staff member Bridger Langfur at blangfur@sandiego.gov.



Team BB in the community!

On January 29th, I was proud to stand alongside my colleagues to denounce the expansion of offshore drilling along the California Coast. The president's reckless policy threatens our abundant wildlife and coastal communities with oil spills and toxic pollution. It is a threat to our environment and local economy and is backward thinking in a forward thinking city.



On January 27th, my team and I participated in the Regional Task Force on the Homeless Point-in-Time Count. This survey provides an important snapshot of the number of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego, and this data will guide how we seek out and utilize critical resources to address the problem in San Diego.



Meet District 1's New UCSD Intern—Alex Nguyen

Hello! My name is Alex Nguyen, one of the new District 1 interns. I am a third year undergraduate student at UC San Diego currently studying Political Science. In the past several years, I have held several student government positions, serving thousands of students and various constituencies. Working for City Council District 1 has been an empowering yet humbling experience for me. Each day I come in, I am continually impressed with the passion and drive for community betterment displayed by Councilwoman Bry, her staff, and the numerous other outstanding individuals here at City Hall. In my short time here so far, I have been given the incredible opportunity to work directly with constituents, attend important meetings, and be a part of the everyday efforts to improve the community I have come to hold so dearly over the past few years. I feel truly fortunate to have this opportunity, and look forward to continuing to work with the District 1 team to improve the quality of life for San Diegans.



SDPD Releases Data that Shows Violent Crime is Down in SD

The new SDPD report chronicling crime data from January—December 2017 shows the city had its "lowest overall crime rate in the last 49 years, despite San Diego's population doubling in size during that timeframe."

Some of the report's key findings:

- Violent crimes in 2017 were down 2.1 percent from 2016
- The number of murders dropped significantly, with 34 homicides in 2017 compared to 50 in 2016

	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	% Change
Murder	50	34	↓ -32.0%
Rape	572	559	↓ -2.3%
Robbery	1,387	1,410	↑ 1.7%
Aggravated Assault	3,323	3,218	↓ -3.2%
Violent Crimes	5,332	5,221	↓ -2.1%
Burglary	4,743	3,817	↓ -19.5%
Theft	18,042	17,294	↓ -4.1%
Vehicle Theft	5,839	5,135	↓ -12.1%
Property Crimes	28,624	26,246	↓ -8.3%
TOTAL INDEX	33,956	31,467	↓ -7.3%

Crime Type	2016	2017	% Change
Murder	0	2	N/A
Rape	33	27	-18.2%
Robbery	34	40	17.6%
Aggravated Assault	90	87	-3.3%
Violent Crime Total	157	156	-0.6%
Residential Burglary	332	214	-35.5%
Commercial Burglary	136	132	-2.9%
Larceny	1,875	1,682	-10.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	311	298	-4.2%
Property Crime Total	2,654	2,326	-12.4%
Crime Index Total	2,811	2,482	-11.7%
Car Prowls	1,031	847	-17.8%

- Robberies increased in 2017, from 1,387 the year before to 1,410
- Gang-related crimes went down 15 percent in 2017 (there were 794 gang-related crimes in San Diego in 2017, with 934 in 2016)
- The overall crime rate in District 1 fell by 11.7% in 2017

Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of San Diego

It was an honor to stand with the Jewish Federation and Holocaust survivors to proclaim January 27, 2018 to be Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of San Diego. On this day, we reflect on the genocide that took the lives of more than six million European Jewish victims, and we educate the citizens of the world to prevent this kind of unspeakable tragedy from ever happening again. We are grateful to the San Diego survivors for sharing their stories. Survivors Malka Friedenriech Kempner, Fanny Lebovits, Edith Palkowitz, Rose Schindler, Manya Wallenfels, and Mike Wallenfels personally attended the proclamation ceremony. It was particularly meaningful to see Malka Friedenriech Kempner and Rose Schindler meet for the first time at the event and discover that they had both been imprisoned in Auschwitz during the same time period.



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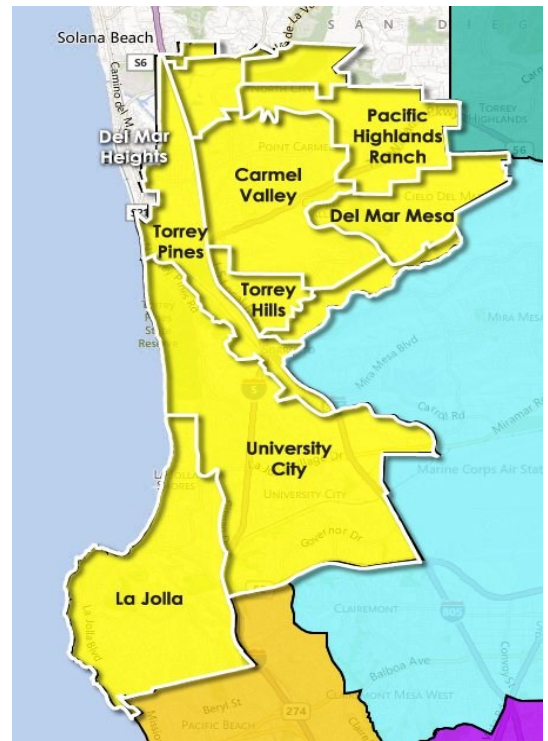


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