



## THE BRY BULLETIN

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### Reflecting Back and Looking Forward at the State of the District Address



Thank you to the many friends, neighbors and community members who attended my second annual State of the District Address. We may live in different parts of the city, yet, we all share a commitment to making San Diego a better place for us all. We will continue to work together with trust, transparency and collaboration.

I talked about my district priorities as well as major accomplishments of the last year including the call for the independent audit of the Water Department after dozens of residents weren't taken seriously about higher than normal water bills was important. It turned out that there was a lot wrong.



I have spent my life challenging the status quo and getting things done. I naturally continued this when I got to City Hall. I am very proud that I was the first elected official and a key leader in the effort to defeat Soccercity and to pass SDSU West. My support for SDSU West is a great example of how we can meet regional needs while protecting our neighborhoods. The communities in and around Mission Valley would have been overwhelmed by traffic generated by Soccercity.



I'm also proud that I helped to lead the Council to a legislative victory to regulate short term vacation rentals. Make no mistake about it-we won. Airbnb bought a signature campaign to rescind that ordinance. Thank you to the many community members and organizations who worked with us because you want to live in San Diego, raise a family, go to work, go to school, and make a community special and unique. Each day that passes, cities across the country quantify the negative impacts of short-term rentals on housing markets. Short-term rentals are not the sharing economy, they are the taking economy.



I questioned the Mayor and previous Council's decision to buy an office building near City Hall for \$72 million without knowing the full cost of renovation. The building is still sitting empty two years later and is costing taxpayers \$18,000 per day, or \$126,000 per week. Just think of how many librarians and police officers that that could pay for. Thankfully, it will be occupied in a few months.



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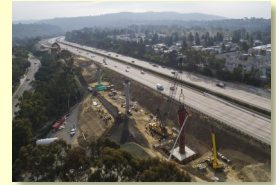


I am incredibly proud of helping to start the Workplace Equity Initiative which is a public-private partnership to address sexual harassment, pay inequity and to develop a code of conduct for San Diego employees and employers.

There are a few citywide initiatives that particularly impact District 1 including:

⇒ The Mid-Coast Trolley which will open in 2021 that it will connect the South Bay and downtown to University City.

⇒ The Pure Water Project is crucial since it will provide us with a sustainable source of water. The demonstration facility is already located in University City on Eastgate Mall and phase one will be across the street. A major portion of this pipeline's route is through University City. I recognized that the community will be impacted during construction so I amended the Council item to include the creation of community working groups that would provide public oversight.



⇒ The City and the university reached an agreement on the UCSD fire station. UCSD will contribute the land and pay for the cost of construction.



It has been a busy year and I am not slowing down. As we move through the year, trust, transparency and collaboration are my guiding principles in how we work together.

With the community's feedback, we prioritized the following:

- ◇ Completion of the SR-56 bike path
- ◇ South University Community Library expansion
- ◇ Full funding for Marcy Park in UC.
- ◇ Traffic signalization at Del Mar Heights School crossing route
- ◇ Realignment of Durango Drive
- ◇ Handrail on the south end of the Marine Room Restaurant
- ◇ Fully funding the improvements from Coast Boulevard south to the Children's Pool Plaza
- ◇ Improvements to the North Comfort Station in Kellogg Park

To watch the State of the District Address, please feel free visit the District 1 website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1>.





## Team BB In the community!

City Attorney Mara Elliott and I participated in the human trafficking awareness rally to say with a united voice that we will not be silent!



My staff and I joined hundreds of volunteers at 4 a.m. for the point in time homeless count.



I toured the Neighborhood Enterprise Center where the entrepreneurial spirit was in full display including a technology center, print shop, kitchen/cafe, and community gathering center.



## A Brief Break with Barbara

### 1. What is a good book that you have read lately?

The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in the Age of Populism, by Bruce Katz and Jeremy Nowak

### 2. What is something that people would never guess about you?

On a rainy day, I like to stay home and eat linguini with olive oil, followed by a slice or two of apple pie.

### 3. Which celebrity chef would you want to make you dinner?

I don't know one celebrity chef from another. I would love a chef who could make a variety of Asian food, particularly dim sum, sushi, and various noodle dishes.

## Supporting Engineering and Technology for the Next Generation



The Daniel and Mary McSweeney Engineering Building opened at Cathedral Catholic High School (CCHS) on January 15th. Daniel, an engineer by training, envisioned space at CCHS dedicated for engineering and technology.

"I was an engineer by education and I felt very strongly that engineering provided me with an unusual background," said McSweeney.



In a record six months, the building was completed! Daniel and Mary (who still have grandchildren at CCHS) contributed to the building project which includes three classrooms,



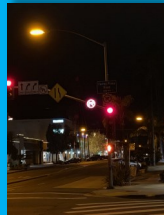
a CAD (Computer Aided Design) lab, an electronics lab and a large indoor robotics arena with roll-up doors to take activities and explorations outside.

### Installing a Traffic Light on Torrey Pines Rd.



I am happy to report that there is now a no turn on red light on Torrey Pines Road. My office brought this forward to City staff after being contacted by concerned residents.

This light will improve the walkability of the Village of La Jolla which is one of the busiest intersections in the district. I want to thank the engaged and dedicated residents who brought this public safety concern to my attention. I also want to thank the Traffic Engineering Department for their efforts in getting this light installed.



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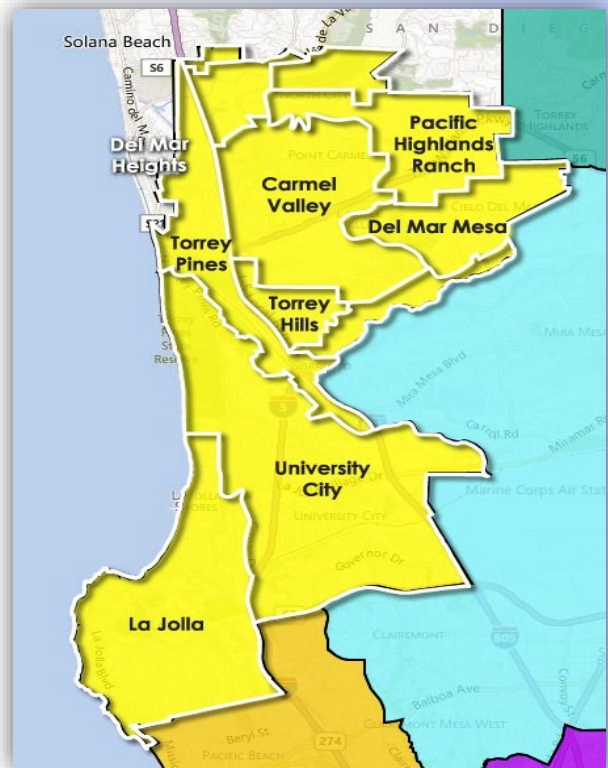
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