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A Historic City Council to Tackle our Complex Regional Issues

In December, the newly-elected Councilmembers Jennifer Campbell, Monica Montgomery and Vivian Moreno were sworn in. The San Diego City Council is now composed of five women who constitute a majority. This is historic. We are a diverse group with the nine-member City Council made up of five women, four persons of color, and three members of the LGBTQ community.



After the inauguration, I was proud to make the motion to nominate Councilmember Georgette Gomez to serve as our next Council President. She has worked her entire career to empower those who are underrepresented and underserved, and I am excited to have her at the Council helms.

Council President Gomez announced the committee assignments. I will continue to serve as Council President Pro Tem, Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, and Vice Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. I will also now serve as the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, and a member of both the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations and the Committee on the Environment.



I am looking forward to working with all of my Council colleagues this year as we tackle an array of issues including public safety, housing, a growing homeless population, budget shortfalls, and implementation of the Climate Action Plan. These are some complex issues that the region is grappling with, and the only way that we're going to create meaningful and transformative change is if we work collaboratively and are open to innovative ideas that perhaps we haven't considered before.

This month, I will be releasing my Council and District One budget priorities. I look forward to working with the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA), the full City Council, the Mayor, and the District One community as we embark on a collaborative budget process in order to produce a balanced and responsible budget. Please feel free to contact my office with your budget priorities and with feedback on the City services that impact you the most.



My 2019 Environment Committee Priorities

I was pleased to provide my input on the 2019 priorities for the Environment Committee. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the City pursues its Climate Action Plan goals, while also advancing environmental justice to benefit **all** communities within our City limits. I've outlined below several priorities for consideration.

Climate Action Plan Implementation:



The City's landmark Climate Action Plan (CAP) has propelled San Diego as a leader in Environmental policy. To achieve the CAP's goals set out in this legally binding plan it is essential implementation of this plan is reported out to this committee and the community on a regular basis. I would like to see this committee focus on the list of priorities below:

- Support and assist as necessary to the development and implementation of an equitable Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program this year to reach the City's 100% renewable energy CAP target.
- Actively monitor CAP-related investments in frontline communities and ensure the Sustainability Department has adequate capacity to support equitable CAP implementation and inclusive economic growth through immediate and long-term solutions.
- Supervise the development of a Five-Year CAP Forecast to inform development of the City budget. The Forecast should be developed on an annual basis to inform the generation of the City Budget.
- Receive regular updates from the Sustainability Department on CAP Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation.
- Receive updates on the implementation of the Urban Forestry 5-Year Plan.

Climate Impacts:

The CAP correctly states that regardless of the City's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, some degree of climate change impacts will inevitably occur. San Diego's CAP effectively outlines how to reduce the *causes* of climate change, but our City also needs to prepare and adapt to the *effects* of climate change.

- Receive regular updates from the Planning Department on the development and timeline for completion of the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan.
- Request informational reports on local vulnerabilities and mitigation efforts related to rising sea levels and wildfire threats.



Bicycle/Active Transportation Infrastructure:

Transportation remains the single largest contributor of GHG emissions, and according to the CAP's 2018 Annual Report, the City has much ground to cover in reaching its mode share targets. With the introduction of different micro-mobility technologies and more people on bikes and scooters than ever before, adequate infrastructure is necessary in accommodating new preferred ways to travel around the City.

- Focus bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on where risk of injuries are highest, and in communities most impacted by air pollution.
- Support completion by mid-year 2019 of a Transportation Master Plan that serves as a roadmap to meeting the City's mode share targets.
- Track and receive updates on the implementation of mobility infrastructure projects, especially the highest priority bike projects in the Bike Master Plan and the cycle track network in the Downtown Mobility Plan.
- Support development and implementation of a system to track mode share so that the City can accurately monitor progress toward its mode share targets.

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Team BB In the community!

I was happy to visit Miss Manor's kindergarten class at San Diego Jewish Academy. After explaining what the Council does, I fielded some hard-hitting questions from the 5 year olds about what I like and dislike about the job.



Despite the rain, we had a great walk in La Jolla where we spoke with small businesses to ask how the City can be helpful and to share some helpful resources.



I had the honor of attending Urban League's Diversity and Inclusion Awards.



A Brief Break with Barbara

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

I recently read *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly. I love the two main characters, Harry Bosch and Rene Ballard.

2. What kind of pet do you have, and how did you choose its name?

We have a rescue cat named Warbai (my husband came up with the name). He's an interesting cat who spends a lot of time lounging in our bathroom sink.



3. What could you give a 30-minute presentation about with no advance notice?

I could definitely present on how to start a company. You would probably have to cut me off after 30 minutes...

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Water:

In February 2018, I requested the Office of the City Auditor investigate the Public Utilities Department (PUD) regarding the sudden increase in residents' water bill complaints. It is essential the City is adequately serving rate-payers and maintaining a sufficient level of trust among customers. I would like this committee to be kept up to date on the PUD's implementation of the recommendations outlined in the July 2018 Audit Report of the Public Utilities Department's Water Billing Operations. Additional related priorities include:



- Hold meaningful discussions on the City's efforts to diversify the City's sources of water and how we can further minimize reliance on importing water from outside the region.
- Discuss strategies on efforts to incentivize water conservation.
- Receive updates on the rollout of the City's Automated Metering Infrastructure System, including updates on the status of the MyWaterEasy mobile application.
- Continue to monitor the implementation of the Pure Water program including review of funding, and consultant, design, and construction contracts as needed.

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Storm Water:

Storm water poses issues for Californian cities up and down the coast. As a representative of a coastal district, I am highly concerned regarding the amount of beach closures within the City due to water quality levels following rain storms, and the threat of flooding. I look forward to working alongside this committee on exploring solutions and analyzing ways to improve our storm water infrastructure and management.

- Encourage the Communications Department and Transportation and Storm Water Division develop a communications plan to assist in educating residents on importance of the Storm Water Division's water quality and flood control activities, as well as the effects of the current funding shortage as detailed in the June 2018 City Auditor's Audit Report of the Transportation and Storm Water Division.
- Explore opportunities to expand interdepartmental coordination and integrated water management to ensure storm water is looked at as a potential asset to the City as a water supply.
- Continue to receive updates from the Transportation and Storm Water Division regarding Municipal Storm Water Permit regulations.



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