

## San Diego City FY 2018 Budget Adopted by City Council with an 8-1 Vote



On Monday, June 5th, the City Council adopted the FY 2018 Budget with an 8-1 vote. It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the Budget Review Committee and to work with my colleagues to shepherd through a fiscally responsible budget that sustains essential neighborhood services. This budget enhances public safety, restores funding for the arts, designates funding for the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, and supports many other important City services. We could not have finalized this budget without the diligent work of my colleagues on the Budget Review Committee, the Mayor's Office, the Office of the Independent

Budget Analyst, Financial Management, all City Departments, and most importantly, the engaged San Diegans who made their voices heard. The next step is for the Mayor to sign or veto the adopted budget by June 13th.

# **Council Votes to Eliminate Funding for a Special Election**

Also on June 5th, my colleagues on the Council and I voted to eliminate the proposed \$5 million dollars from the FY 2018 Budget to fund a special election and allocate these funds to fill critical gaps. With this decision, we are upholding the will of the San Diego voters who overwhelmingly turned out to pass Measure L, which requires citizens' initiatives and referenda to be placed on the General Election ballot when voter turnout is significantly higher. Although Measure L gives the City Council authority to place initiatives on an earlier ballot, those who are advocating for an early special election have not presented arguments compelling enough to justify circumventing the spirit of Measure L. While I do support increasing the TOT to fund an expansion of the convention center as an economic driver for our City, I believe we need to bring a well-crafted measure for this expansion to the voters in November 2018.

# **Critical Repairs Completed in Advance of the Summer Kick-off**

My business office has been located on Avenida de la Playa since 2004, and the constant tearing up and repaving of the street was one of the reasons that led me to run for office. I am thrilled that the construction on Avenida de la Plava was completed correctly and before the summer construction moratorium. I want to compliment City staff and KTA Construction for working long hours and weekends to ensure that the work was completed before the kick-off of the busy summer season and for maintaining open lines of communication with the community about the status of the project. I understand that the thriving business district has been negatively impacted by the ongoing construction, and I am impressed by the local merchants' resilience and efforts to push through the





tough months to keep business going. La Jolla Shores is a major summer destination for both San Diegans and tourists, and I am glad to know that all Avenida de la Playa has to offer will be easily accessible to everyone this season.

On May 26th, the City's Transportation & Storm Water Department completed necessary repairs on the North Torrey Pines Beach pedestrian access ramp. I applaud City crews for finishing the emergency repairs guickly, allowing for safe and easy access to Torrey Pines State Beach over the Memorial Day weekend.

# Utilities Undergrounding on an Upswing in District 1

# *Update from the City of San Diego's Utilities Undergrounding Program*



The pace of the City's Utilities Undergrounding program is on an upswing. Over the next several years, communities throughout District 1 can expect more construction of new underground utilities to replace older overhead service lines and poles.

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and community aesthetics.

The UUP is funded through a surcharge fee and other funds collected in billing from San Diego Gas & Electric. The fee was approved and is monitored by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The City of San Diego Transportation & Storm Water Department manages the UUP and has been working to streamline the undergrounding process and to engage our communities in planning new projects. City staff works with community leaders and local residents early in the planning phases for new undergrounding projects and keeps a keen eye on the unique characteristics and needs of each community set to receive new service.

The Department is also updating the Undergrounding Master Plan to improve the way projects are selected, prioritized and managed. The Master Plan Update will be enhanced by a Five-Year Undergrounding Plan that will further improve the planning and completion of projects. Both the Master Plan and the Five-Year Plan are expected to be completed before the end of this calendar year.

Residents in District 1 are encouraged to visit the City's Utilities Undergrounding website for the latest updates and opportunities to provide input: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding</u>. The Utilities Undergrounding program also has staff ready to address questions. That team can be reached by calling the Undergrounding hotline at 619-533-3841 or via email at <u>undergrounding@sandiego.gov</u>.

City Services Directory	Phone Number
Code Enforcement	619-236-5500
	Emergency: 9–1–1; Non- emergency:
Fire-Rescue	619-533-4300
Lifeguard Services	619-221-8899
Park & Recreation	619-525-8213
Planning	619-235-5200
	Emergency: 9–1–1; Non- emergency: 858-484-3154
Police	030-404-3134
Public Utilities	619-515-3500
Public Works	619-533-4207
Contracts Division	619-533-3450
Equal Opportunity Contracting	619-236-6000
Transportation & Storm Water	619-527-7500
Storm Water Division	619-235-1000
Street Division	619-527-7500

#### May 24—Environmental Services Science Fair Awards

#### CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### Hannah Hu

11<sup>th</sup> grade, La Jolla High School

Project: "Image-Based Smog: Air Quality Prediction Algorithm"

Hannah's project focused on using photographs to calculate an Air Quality Index (AQI) using particular algorithms. This index references the amount of pollution in the air and provides valuable data to the public regarding potential hazards, particularly in China. Hannah was able to develop a model to predict AQI levels based on photographical characteristics.

#### Philippe Hansen-Estruch

11<sup>th</sup> grade, Canyon Crest Academy (Pacific Highlands Ranch)

Project: "Design of Biodegradable Energy Source to Power Wearable Electronics"

Philippe researched and tested various materials in an attempt to create a low-cost biodegradable power source for small, wearable electronics. Through a mixture of a conducting polymer, cellulose and glycerol, he was able to "flash" a light bulb, demonstrating its potential application. Unlike currently available options, Philippe's project demonstrates that a biodegradable energy source could be made from simple materials not requiring dangerous chemicals or heavy metals.

# D1 Small Business Spotlight

"La Jolla Sports Club is a local, family owned and operated health club with state of the art equipment and amenities. We pride ourselves on providing a

health and fitness community where you aren't just a number, but you are a part of our family." – Brett and Kera Murphy, Owners

#### Q&A with Brett Murphy

Why did you choose to own a business in La Jolla?



Kera and I visited San Diego 6 years ago on business and we LOVED La Jolla in terms of the Mediterranean style of living, walking, health, wellness and, of course, the weather. We were both very successful in upstate New York but when we had this opportunity presented to us, we were destined to sell our assets and go all-in to be a part of this great community in this great town.

#### How are you involved in the community?

As a small business, I feel that being involved in your community is your number one competitive advantage. Kera has a not-for-profit that she has created to help on the charity side of things, and I am Vice President and chair of the Economic Development Committee for the La Jolla Village Merchants Association.

Nominate a small business in your neighborhood for the *D1 Small Business Spotlight*: barbarabry@sandiego.gov.

### **Bringing City Hall to Your Doorstep**

On May 21st, my team and I surveyed neighborhood residents in the

Del Mar Heights community. We are continuing our grassroots effort to listen to your priorities and concerns, and we are bringing City Hall to your doorstep. Whether it is assistance with City services or starting your own Neighborhood Watch program, our office is here to help. (619) 236-6611; barbarabry@sandiego.gov



# **District 1 Community Events**

# Community Office Hours in La Jolla

Saturday, June 10th from 12:30 PM —1:30 PM La Jolla Riford Library—7555 Draper Ave, La Jolla, 92037

# D1 Public Safety Advisory Board

Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 AM—11:00 AM Special Presentation from the SDPD K-9 Unit Carmel Valley Library—3919 Townsgate Drive, San Diego, 92130 **RSVP to: barbarabry@sandiego.gov** 



Want to set up a Neighborhood Watch on your block?

Our office will provide a free sign!

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