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THE BRY BULLETIN

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Legislative Happenings and Highlights

Two Big Environmental Votes:

Fiesta Island

At the Environment Committee, I **supported Option B for Fiesta Island**— the option supported by Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) because it preserves natural open space and minimizes environmental impact. Option B will guarantee Fiesta Island remains a special gem for all San Diegans for generations to come.

Mission Trails Regional Park

I voted in favor of the Mission Trails Regional Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan which will expand the park boundaries, add trails and restrooms and incorporate Multiple Species Conservation Program guidelines.

Scooters: Opposition to Assembly Bill 1112

In a letter to Assemblymember Friedman, I expressed my strong opposition to AB 1112 which seeks to undermine local control over an important public safety issue—the explosive growth in shared mobility devices and their impact on users, pedestrians and motorists. This is another attempt by the State to legislate what should be a local issue.



Last year, the Legislature passed a law that preempts local jurisdictions from requiring scooter users over the age of 18 to wear a helmet. This is especially alarming given the recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that documented in Austin what we are also experiencing in San Diego-- an increased number of electric scooter injuries. According to the report, nearly half of those injured sustained head injuries and 15% had a traumatic brain injury. I will continue to call on the State Legislature to un-

do this irresponsible action. To read the full letter, please go to my Council website at www.sandiego.gov/ citycouncil/cd1 and click on Policy and Memos.

Vehicle Habitation Ordinance

After hours of testimony from the community about the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance, the Council voted 6-3 to ensure that unsheltered San Diegans have access to safe parking lots and services.

My goal is safety-- for all San Diegans, both unsheltered and sheltered. Sleeping in a safe, designated parking lot with onsite social workers, access to basic sanitation, food assistance, career counseling, income-benefit assistance, and connectivity to mental health services, is safer than sleeping in a vehicle on the streets.

We are not criminalizing those who do not have a permanent shelter. The Mayor's Office confirmed that if there are no spaces available in the parking lots, unsheltered individuals will not be ticketed.



Getting it Done in District One!

University City:



Congestion and the lack of mobility are key community issues. We are addressing this through the formation of a public/private partnership to address transit issues with the expected completion of the trolley in the fall of 2021. At a roundtable discussion with the community's largest employers, MTS and SANDAG, we discussed the need for first/last mile solutions as commuters arrive at trolley stops.

Safety regarding Miramar flights is another important issue so I sent a letter to Colonel Dockery of the Marine Corps requesting a resolution that takes into consideration the quality of life for residents in UC. Most of the concerns could be addressed if the pilots adhered to the flight corridors in the DoD's AICUZ land use planning document which would avoid the direct overhead flights of most residents in UC. To read the letter, please go to my Council website at www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1 and click on Policy and Memos.

Del Mar Heights:

Pedestrian safety along Del Mar Heights Rd. is a priority to the Del Mar Heights community, especially because of the large number of students who attend either Del Mar Heights Elementary or Del Mar Hills Academy.



I sent a memo to the Mayor and to the Traffic Engineering Operations Department to request an evaluation for a designated school crossing on Del Mar Heights Road to improve pedestrian safety, particularly for the students who must cross Del Mar Heights Road. The Transportation Engineering Operation Division will conduct a traffic assessment and study to analyze the area on Del Mar Heights Rd. between Recuerdo and Mercado to determine a solution-- a signal or other form of traffic control. We expect to

receive study to be completed over the summer and will share the recommendations with the community and determine the next steps to keep the community safe.

Carmel Valley:

Three homes on Dondero Trail are currently assigned addresses a block away on Cantare Trail which means that first responders as well as visitors have had trouble finding these homes. This is especially important since one of the homeowner's children has a condition that tends to require emergency assistance. Development Services has agreed to renumber these homes with Dondero addresses which is where they are actually located.



The Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park is now open! The large field, recreation center, dog parks, playground, discovery play area, skate plaza and bicycle pump track are now open to all. Located just across Village Loop Center Road from the new library site and Village Center, the park provides space for public events and community meetings as well as recreation. The newly formed PHR Rec Advisory Group is planning a community party on Sunday, June 8.

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Team BB in the community!

Great turn out at the community budget forum! We appreciate hearing directly from the community about their budget priorities.



Venessa and I attended the BAPAC Women's Brunch to celebrate black women innovators and visionaries in our community.



At the SHEexperience, I spoke with passionate and engaged women about my own trailblazing mom and how my life has been made up of different chapters.



A Brief Break with Barbara

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

I was moved by an article in the Union Tribune titled, "Graduate dedicates master's degree to parents who sacrificed as migrant workers". I was inspired by Erica's relentless spirit to pursue a better life for her and her son.



2. Whom would you most like to sit next to on a 10 hour flight? Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



3. What was the best thing that happened to you last month?

That's an easy one. My granddaughter Jillian's 2nd birthday party was last month. Here we are watching "The Wizard of Oz" on a rainy Sunday.

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La Jolla:



Here is the current schedule for the Torrey Pines Road Improvement Phase 2 and Slope Restoration Project:

June 12-24:

Time: Night Work (9pm to 5am) (Mon. to Fri.)

Planned Closure: During median work, closure of inside lanes, outside lanes will be open to traffic. During striping work, short-term closure of lanes that are getting striped. Stamped median and striping work will not occur simultaneously and there will always be at least one lane open in each direction.

June 25-27:

Time: Night work (9pm to 5 am) (Tues. to Thurs.)

Planned Closure: During striping work, short-term closure of lanes

that are getting striped. During traffic loop installation, short-term closure of lanes that are getting loops. Stamped median, striping, and traffic loop work will not occur simultaneously and there will always be at least one lane open in each direction.



San Diego Children's Choir: Supporting Children in District 1 and Beyond!



A recent research project examines the impact of participation in the San Diego Children's Choir. Children gain confidence in their abilities, teamwork skills, comfort in presenting and performing in front of crowds, deep listening skills, emotional well-being, and an understanding of the value of hard work. Add to that the unique life experiences received from performing in front of audiences locally and nationally, and you have the keys to truly unlocking each child's potential!

"Being in the San Diego Children's Choir has helped me to grow as a musician and has taught me some great life lessons. This has been such an amazing experience for me" said Beste Tatlican, a ninth-grade chorister who lives in District 1.

The San Diego Children's Choir serves 158 families in the district with three program rehearsal sites. All of the 288 choristers from the area attend yearly retreats and concerts.

The Neighborhood Choir, an after-school training program is being offered at Del Mar Heights Elementary, and high school choristers sing familiar tunes for seniors in a performance called "Music and Memory" at The Vi at La Jolla Village. In June, they will produce a workshop to train families and caregivers in song, followed by a joint performance.



"This choir has changed my perspective of life for the better. I've grown to

appreciate the musicality of San Diego, and my experiences have given me a newfound assurance in my abilities as a singer," said Alina Jitpraphai, an 11th grade chorister in the district.

The Arts is an integral part of developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, self-confidence, and an appreciation for diversity. For more information on the San Diego Children's Choir, please go to sdcchoir.org or call (858) 587-1087.

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