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Council President Georgette Gómez Reacts to Release of Crime Statistics

SAN DIEGO – San Diego City Council President Georgette Gómez today issued the following statement on Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Police Chief David Nisleit’s release of citywide crime statistics:

“I want to thank Chief Nisleit and the San Diego Police Department for all their work and dedication to residents of our city. I’m pleased that there has been a reduction in crime across most categories.

“However, I am alarmed that murders have increased, and I remain concerned about lack of access to resources and economic opportunities in some of our communities. I look forward to seeing this data broken down by district. Being better informed about where and why criminal activity is happening will enable us to make better decisions about how we redirect City resources, infrastructure, and programs.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting our most vulnerable communities and increasing unemployment, we must ensure that our communities have access to resources, and that we are not criminalizing economic hardship.

“I am committed to working with my Council colleagues to prioritize relief and resources for our most vulnerable residents.”

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.