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PROVIDING SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND DELIVERING RESOURCES

San Diego, CA – June 9, 2015 – The San Diego City Council during Monday’s meeting, unanimously passed a \$3.2 budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). Highlighted in the budget was additional funding to improve public safety, community services, and infrastructure – top priorities for Council President Pro Tem Emerald and her constituents.

As Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, Emerald is “proud that the full council had similar concerns and priorities when discussing the safety of San Diegans.” The FY16 budget includes funding to retain, recruit and better equip police officers, funding to support the implementation of the US Department of Justice’s recommendations on how our Police Department can improve community policing procedures, three new life guard positions, funding for two fire stations, one temporary fire station, and additional fire academies.

The FY16 budget also allocated funding for long anticipated additional resources for community services and infrastructure throughout the city. It includes extended service hours at libraries and recreation centers, additional code compliance officers, and an increase in funding for street/sidewalk repairs, streetlights, and tree trimming.

According to Emerald, “Public Safety throughout the city, improving neighborhoods in my district and putting the needs of families first were priorities of mine during this year’s budget process. There are a number of other items included in this budget that may not seem at all exciting but are of great importance to my constituents, including increased funding for tree trimming, sidewalks and streetlights. Overall this budget brings the possibility of better service and interaction with San Diegans - it gives us the momentum to do great things for our constituents but there is so much more work to be done.”

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