



**City Of San Diego
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARTI EMERALD
DISTRICT NINE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 20, 2015

Reference: M-15-01-06

TO: Honorable City Councilmembers

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee 2015

The Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee (PS&LN) will have a very active agenda for the year ahead. In addition to strengthening public safety, overseeing parks and recreation centers, addressing the needs of our libraries, and improving the Community Development Block Grant program, we will tackle issues related to homelessness, military veterans, senior citizen services and consumer protection.

As Chair of the PSL&LN Committee below are my priorities for 2015:

Police:

- ❖ Rebuilding our Police Department and implementing the Police Five Year Plan Update. Continue funding police academies and retain our current officers to address the city's shortage of sworn police officers. Work with the mayor to provide adequate compensation salaries to retain our experienced officers. Advocate for the replacement of aging facilities so that our officers can work in an environment that is safe and efficient.
- ❖ Updates and expansion of San Diego Police Department use of body worn cameras. Consider modifying the policy as to the use of body worn cameras and storage of data they generate.
- ❖ Regular reports from the San Diego Police Department regarding vehicle stop data cards and community police relations to address trust issues raised by the community.
- ❖ Continue to support community policing and funding technology to improve communications so our officers and neighborhoods will be safer.

- ❖ Update the city's alarm ordinance to ensure that all residents and businesses with alarms have permits for those alarms.

Fire-Rescue/Lifeguards:

- ❖ Push for a Firehouse Bond to build fire stations as recommended in the Citygate report. Aggressively identify city-owned property to build fire stations.
- ❖ Continue to implement the Lifeguard Division Five Year Needs Assessment to effectively address staffing, equipment, facility and support needs for lifeguard services in the city.

Emergency Preparedness:

- ❖ Receive quarterly updates and offer input on the city and regional Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- ❖ Receive updates and offer input to the recommendations outlined in the City Audit of June 2014.
- ❖ Ensure that Emergency Operations training is available for Elected and Appointed Officials.
- ❖ Receive a report from the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) regarding the change in reporting structure of the OHS as a separate department.
- ❖ Train an additional 100 residents in hands-only CPR and use of AED's through the Neighborhood Beat program.

Homeless Issues:

- ❖ Continue our commitment to finding solutions regarding homelessness.
- ❖ Receive reports and offer input to Regional Task Force on the Homeless and Continuum of Care efforts.
- ❖ Receive regular reports from the Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Serial Inebriate Program (SIP).

Veterans Issues:

- ❖ Discuss current trends and address concerns related to military veterans, spouses and family in San Diego.
- ❖ Convene a Veterans Roundtable to identify and address the needs of Veterans in the city and region.
- ❖ Continue to monitor assistance to homeless veterans.

Youth Issues:

- ❖ Work with our schools to help children better cope with trauma suffered in neighborhoods with high crime and police activity.
- ❖ Work with the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention to implement strategies to prevent gang crime and violence.
- ❖ Hold a special meeting of the PS&LN and the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention to discuss proactive strategies in addressing gang crime and providing services to our youth.

Senior and Consumer Services:

- ❖ Receive a report from the City Attorney regarding scams against consumer crimes, especially the elderly.
- ❖ Work with the Director of Neighborhood Services to support senior nutrition and educational programs in neighborhoods.

Safe, Livable Neighborhoods:

- ❖ Receive updates from the Office of Economic Development to make sure the city is funding necessary infrastructure projects including the building of fire stations and police facilities.
- ❖ Receive reports from the City Attorney's Office related to community courts. This is important given the potential impacts of Prop. 47.
- ❖ Assess the need to provide smoke-free housing to decrease potential harm caused by second-hand smoke
- ❖ Receive updates from Civic San Diego related to community inclusion. Continue to advocate for community benefits addressing neighborhood concerns over development projects.
- ❖ Work with the City's Communications Director to implement a designated phone number or internet address to respond more quickly and effectively to resident concerns.

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These are just some of my priorities for the coming year. I look forward to hearing and docketing your concerns and ideas for making our city safer and our neighborhoods more livable in 2015.

Should you have any questions, please contact my Committee Consultant Marisa Berumen at 619.236.7754 or mberumen@sandiego.gov.

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cc: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Honorable City Attorney
Independent Budget Analyst



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TODD GLORIA
COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 21, 2015

TO: Honorable Councilmember Marti Emerald, Chair, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Councilmember Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Priorities for 2015

I feel fortunate to return as a member of the San Diego City Council Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PS&LN). Per your request, I am including my priorities for committee discussion and action below.

San Diego Police Department Staffing and Focus

- The retention of experienced officers in the San Diego Police Department is the city's biggest short-term challenge. While the city continues to negotiate with the Police Officers Association to develop an appropriate compensation plan, I ask the committee to continually examine the staffing levels of SDPD so we can recommend appropriate adjustments and so that the public is aware of our challenges.
- As we work to stabilize the staffing of the SDPD, shifting its focus back to community policing is a worthy goal of PS&LN. As officer numbers have decreased over the years, the department has understandably been forced to prioritize law enforcement over prevention-oriented community policing. The relationship between San Diegans and our police officers cannot be ignored. San Diego has been fortunate to avoid the severe conflicts between our police officers and community members seen in so many other areas of our country, due in part to the strong collaborative and mutually respectful relationship between the officers and those they serve and protect here. A renewed focus on community policing will better ensure stable security throughout our city.
- Coinciding with the request above, I would like the committee to examine additional funding for SDPD's Patrol Division. It would be my hope that these funds would be allocated for an additional Neighborhood Resource Team at Central Division and Western Division.

Oversight of Homeland Security

- The performance audit of the Office of Homeland Security in July 2014 contained findings of concern, especially the lack of Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) throughout city departments. I request PS&LN include monthly updates from Homeland

for changes such as allowance for advances rather than reimbursements, a revaluation of the contingency reserve requirements, and allowance for multiyear contracts for the organizations that administer the city's self managed MADs.

- The committee should also welcome a staff report on administrative fees for the MADs and consider whether a more universal fee structure could be applied to both the Park and Recreation MADs and Economic Development MADs.

Parking Enforcement/Code Enforcement

- I ask the committee to request a report on off hour enforcement for the Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance. Evaluating the potential for additional parking enforcement opportunities during late night hours, including but not limited to enforcement zones and overnight residential parking permit zones, would be an appropriate next step to ensure this law generates the changes desired.

Graffiti Abatement Audit Follow Up

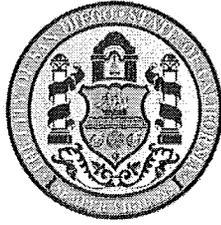
- The committee should request an update on Streets Division's pilot program on centralizing graffiti complaint input and response subsequent to the audit presented to the City Council. Community members commonly complain that the reporting for graffiti process is confusing. The auditor's report showed that there were various hotlines and service request submission pages by which graffiti could be reported, and the city (via Streets Division, SDPD, and Code Enforcement), Urban Corps, and utility companies would all only handle graffiti in their designated areas, even if other graffiti was clearly visible in close proximity. Ensuring appropriate changes are implemented is within the committee's purview, and all neighborhoods would benefit from clarity on graffiti reporting and abatement.

Park and Recreation

- I suggest the committee examine Council Policy 700-35 City Development of School Sites for Park Purpose for potential updates based on the concern of the loss of park space when the school district and city agree to rededicate joint use fields for other purposes, as has occurred at Washington Elementary School and Point Loma High School.

Thank you for considering my requests. If you have any questions or comments about these items, please let me know or contact Katie Keach of my staff at 235-5268 or kkeach@sandiego.gov.

cc: Honorable Councilmembers
Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER MYRTLE COLE
FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 16, 2015

TO: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald

FROM: Councilmember Myrtle Cole, Fourth Council District *Myrtle Cole*

SUBJECT: 2015 Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Priorities

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my priorities for the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee (PS&LN) for the upcoming calendar year.

In review of the accomplishments of the PS&LN Committee last year, I am proud of the City's leadership on implementing body worn cameras, even before the issue received nationwide attention. I would also like to thank Chair Emerald and Chief Zimmerman for working with my office to bring forward the findings of the vehicle stop data cards to this Committee. These discussions were essential in improving the relationship between our San Diego Police Department and members of my community. I look forward to full implementation of body worn cameras and updated findings of vehicle stop data cards, along with the issues listed below.

Continued oversight and implementation of the following:

- Police Department recruitment and retention of sworn officers and civilians; regular updates regarding staffing levels.
- Updates on the Police Department's efforts to increase diversity within the police force.
- Continued monitoring of the implementation of the San Diego Department's Five-Year Plan.
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Assessment review and regular updates informing the Committee on the recommendations from the report that will be implemented by the San Diego Police Department.
- Continued updates on vehicle stop data card findings, using the data as a resource to improve upon existing San Diego Police Department policies relating to community oriented policing and cultural sensitivity training within the department.
- Updates on AB 109 population and state/federal funding received by the City to adequately manage the shifting of inmates and the early release of prisoners.

- **Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention:** Engage the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention in an effort to seek new proactive gang intervention strategies. The Commission's Executive Director should provide quarterly progress updates to the Committee and also report on implementation of the goals set forth in the 2015-2017 Strategic Action Plan.
- **Access to Fresh and Healthy Foods:** Collaborate with San Diego County, San Diego School District, community organizations, business owners and other interested stakeholders to introduce policy and/or the implementation of economic incentives to address areas classified as "food deserts" and "food swamps." The Fourth District is a food desert, where affordable and healthy food is difficult to obtain. This issue can be addressed by attracting quality and responsible grocers, ensuring the use of healthy foods within schools, building public-private partnerships to support grocers who may provide healthy foods if given incentives, and advocating for additional wellness programs.

I look forward to addressing these priorities and issues presented by our colleagues in the upcoming year. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Monica Montgomery in my office at (619) 236-7179.

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COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SIXTH DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2015

TO: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, Chair, Committee on Public Safety
and Livable Neighborhoods

FROM: Councilmember Chris Cate 

SUBJECT: Public Safety Priority Memo

I appreciate the opportunity to share my public safety priorities for 2015. I truly look forward to working collaboratively to address some of the City's most pressing issues and challenges.

Expand the City's Efforts to End Homelessness

The City of San Diego has recently made significant improvements to provide enhanced critical services to the homeless. With the solicitation of bids for a permanent homeless shelter and the development of the Homeless Management Information System, the City continues to demonstrate its commitment to ending homelessness. However, ending homelessness continues to be a challenge for the City of San Diego. Many individuals find themselves seeking shelter in the canyons of Council District 6. These transient camps present a myriad of problems, including illegal dumping and fire concerns. The City should identify opportunities for collaboration between Parks and Recreation, the San Diego Housing Commission, the San Diego Police Department, and other service non-profits to connect homeless individuals with housing, medical, and vocational services.

Increase City Partnership with Neighborhood Watch Programs

Neighborhood Watch (NW) programs are one of the most effective tools in preventing crime and bringing communities together through police-citizen partnerships. With an emphasis on stopping crimes before they occur, NW promotes public safety and enhances our quality of life, while easing the burden on local law enforcement agencies. Committee staff should work with the San Diego Police Department to identify the best practices of successful NW programs and explore options for implementation and citywide expansion.

Evaluation of San Diego's Community Policing Programs

According to the Department of Justice, "Community policing recognizes that police can rarely solve public safety problems alone and encourages interactive partnerships with relevant stakeholders." The City should play a strategic role in assembling various resources at its disposal, including the non-profit and faith communities, cultural organizations, youth programs, and regional public agencies. A broad, collaborative network will help foster a vibrant municipal public safety program. The Committee should receive a presentation on the current state of SDPD community policing programs

including, but not limited to, D.A.R.E.®, foot patrols, bike patrols, and substations. Additionally, the Committee should have a presentation on the effectiveness of previously successful programs and feasibility for re-implementation.

Update on the Implementation of the Police Department's 5-Year Plan

In order for the San Diego Police Department to reach their sworn staffing goal of 2,128 officers by Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, as outlined in the Five-Year Plan, SDPD must hire more officers than it loses to attrition each year. On September 11, 2014, the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) released a report on hiring and attrition trends in early FY 2015. As noted in the report, during the first two months of FY 2015 attrition was 60% over the rates assumed in the budget. The Committee should receive an updated report on the attrition rates and request that SDPD and the IBA evaluate the options laid out in the report to address the attrition problem and increase sworn officer staffing.

Evaluation of Public-Private Partnerships for Funding of Additional Neighborhood Park Space

There are many advantages to public-private partnerships; reduction of operating budgets by supplementing public funds, private sector innovation allowing for better public service, faster project completion, and greater price and schedule certainty. The Committee should explore partnership opportunities for the development of vacant parcels into park space. The returns on investment in additional park space range from mitigating the City's park ratio deficiency to increasing public health and well-being and should be a priority.

Expand the City's Traffic Signal Optimization Program

As San Diego's population continues to expand in dense neighborhoods, traffic congestion and commuting times will continue to be heavily impacted. Traversing through key transit corridors in Council District 6 has proven to be difficult, especially during peak hours. Through a public-private partnership with QUALCOMM, the City initiated a pilot traffic signal optimization program on Lusk Boulevard. The City should receive a report from the Department of Transportation and Stormwater to discuss the results of this pilot program and explore opportunities for expansion in other neighborhoods.

CC:jc

cc: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer
Honorable Councilmembers



City Of San Diego
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARTI EMERALD
DISTRICT NINE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2015 Reference: M-15-01-02
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald 
SUBJECT: Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee 2015 Priorities

I am honored to be reappointed to chair the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee (PSLN) for 2015. This will be my seventh year as Chair of this very important and engaging panel.

The PSLN Committee oversees police, fire-rescue, youth services, neighborhood parks, recreation programs, senior services, maintenance assessment districts, community development block grants, code enforcement, graffiti abatement, parking regulation and enforcement, homeland security, veterans issues, libraries, homeless services, consumer protection, volunteerism, special events permits and emergency medical services.

This past year alone we advanced the following issues:

- ✓ Secured more funding for fire stations highlighted in the Citygate report.
- ✓ Secured funding and approval for an independent compensation study for police officers. This study offers the city an opportunity to recruit and retain police officers in San Diego.
- ✓ Advanced the Police Department Five Year Plan including approval of funding for the public safety communication system.
- ✓ Approved a contract to equip our police officers with body cameras.
- ✓ Passed an Ordinance regulating the sale and use of electronic cigarettes.
- ✓ Approved amendments to the San Diego municipal code to address possession of marijuana for medical purposes and the operations of medical marijuana consumer cooperatives.

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- ✓ Removed the cap on the number of Taxicab permits available in San Diego. The removal of the 30 year cap will create new opportunities for many drivers, enabling them to start their own small business as taxi owners.
- ✓ Support for the Lifeguard Division Five Year Needs Assessment. This Assessment will serve as a guide to address staffing, equipment, facility and support needs for lifeguard services for the city.
- ✓ Support for amendments to the San Diego municipal code to beef up enforcement of the city's Rooming House Ordinance.
- ✓ Continued citywide free CPR Training Program, Neighborhood Beat.

Moving forward in 2015, the PSLN Committee will tackle issues concerning police officer recruitment and retention, veterans issues, new ways of assisting senior citizens, and protecting consumers. I would also like to hear your ideas. Please forward your ideas and concerns to Committee Consultant Marisa Berumen, by **January 16, 2015**.

I look forward to another productive year at our committee, providing safe neighborhoods, and improving the quality of life for all our residents.

ME/mb

cc: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Honorable City Attorney
Independent Budget Analyst