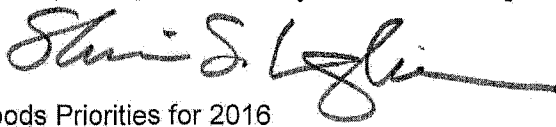




**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERRI S. LIGHTNER  
DISTRICT ONE**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 13, 2016  
TO: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, Chair, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee  
FROM: Council President Sherri S. Lightner   
SUBJECT: Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Priorities for 2016

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The following are my top priorities for the 2016 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods agenda:

- Continue to identify funding sources and locations as well as establish timelines for the completion of fire stations listed in the 2011 Citygate report with special attention given to new and future facilities in University City including a temporary station in south University City, Fire Station 50 and a third fire station to be built on the UCSD campus
- Development of community emergency evacuation plans
- Identify improvements in Code Enforcement operational efficiencies and improve response times
- Monitor the progress of policy changes to the City's Parking District system
- Implement the Lifeguard 5-year plan
- Monitor construction of police, fire and lifeguard facilities with a particular focus on lifeguard facilities

In addition, I respectfully request continued informational reports on the following programs and issues:

- Police, Fire-Rescue and Lifeguard response times and false alarm rates
- Graffiti control and Graffiti Tracker Program
- Homeless Outreach Team
- Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
- Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices

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Also, please consider reviewing periodic updates on the following programs:

- San Diego Police Department 5-year plan implementation
- San Diego Police Department Beach Team before and after summer
- Computer Aided Dispatch system
- Parking District Advisory Board
- Youth Commission
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)
- Homeless Intake Center
- San Diego Fire-Rescue Fast Response Squads
- Police body-worn cameras

Thank you for your consideration of these priorities. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (619) 236-6611.

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cc: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
Honorable Councilmembers  
Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst  
Marisa Berumen, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Consultant




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

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** January 15, 2016

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

**FROM:** Councilmember Todd Gloria 

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Priorities for 2016

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In response to your request for priorities for the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I offer the following suggestions.

San Diego Police Department

- The recruitment and retention of SDPD sworn officers have not been as positively impacted as forecast by the new memorandum of understanding with the San Diego Police Officers Association. I ask the committee to continue to examine the staffing levels of SDPD so we can recommend additional adjustments and to keep members of the public aware of these challenges.
- The committee should spearhead an in depth analysis of SDPD attrition both before and after the current contract's approval to better understand and address the reasons officers leave SDPD. A similar effort should be pursued to understand why recruiting of new officers is significantly down in recent years.
- SB 741 calls for a city or county's elected board to publicly adopt a resolution or ordinance outlining the policy governing use of stingray technology. The committee should prioritize a public hearing on SDPD's current stingray policy to ensure the City is in compliance with state law, and to ensure community members and SDPD officers are aware of how the technology and information collected are to be used.
- An extensive review of the SDPD Five-Year Plan should be presented to the committee to ensure all progress and remaining challenges are documented.
- The committee should hear an update on the local implementation and cost of AB 953, which requires law enforcement agencies to collect basic information on police stops in response to growing concerns about racial profiling and police misconduct.
- The committee should also look into SDPD's civilian staffing levels and possibly consider changes to the City's hiring process to enable expedited filling of vacant positions, especially for 9-1-1 dispatchers.

- Should the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot become unavailable due to the Chargers being granted relocation from San Diego and the site being redeveloped, the committee should work to ensure SDPD retains the ability to teach officers Emergency Vehicle Operations at an alternate location in the region.
- The committee should receive periodic updates on the implementation of the new Computer Assisted Dispatch System to ensure it remains on track and service is uninterrupted.
- I understand you have docketed an update on the impacts of Proposition 47 at our February meeting and ask for additional periodic updates from SDPD, the City Attorney, and potentially other law enforcement agencies in the region so San Diego remains aware of all public safety related conditions and trends. Later updates should also include budget updates on expected savings if they are realized. Ensuring the City is positioned to secure our share of these funds would be a good use of the committee's time.
- The policy governing use of body worn cameras has evolved since the cameras have been deployed, and the public continues to have concerns about the adequacy of the use policy. The committee should have an opportunity to discuss the use policy to help guide how footage is collected, how long it is stored, and when footage will be shared with the public.
- The committee should be briefed on the deployment of technological law enforcement tools by SDPD including license plate readers, IMSI catchers, and facial recognition technology, so the City Council can help shape the policies guiding their use to ensure the safety and rights of community members are considered.
- A comprehensive review and analysis of on-hold wait times for calls to both 9-1-1 and 619-531-2000 should be presented to the committee. Community members frequently share stories about seemingly excessive wait times when calling for both emergency and non-emergency assistance from SDPD.
- Periodic updates on the City's implementation of recommendations from the U.S. Department of Justice should be part of the committee's work plan. Of particular interest is formally shifting its focus back to community policing. As I included in last year's priority memo, as officer numbers have decreased over the years, the department has understandably been forced to prioritize patrol functions 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.

#### San Diego Fire-Rescue

- While San Diego Fire-Rescue has not seen its staffing numbers decrease as significantly as SDPD, I suggest the committee receive quarterly updates on Fire-Rescue staffing levels, including the number of years of service of those promoted to new positions of authority to ensure an appropriate level of experience in each rank.
- I welcome further examination of the Fast Response Squad program to ensure calls for service are receiving appropriate resources in a timely manner.
- Progress on the Citygate report and the Lifeguard Division Five-Year Plan and Needs Assessment should be reviewed periodically.

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Emergency Medical Services

- Frequent reports from the City's ambulance service provider and San Diego Fire-Rescue on service delivery, response times, and other contract compliance issues should be discussed by the committee.

Homelessness Programs and Services

- As Chair of the Regional Continuum of Care Council, I suggest continued monitoring of the efficacy of City-supported homelessness-related services to make sure they are achieving desired results and are in line with best practices like Housing First.
- The committee should consider changes to City regulations to make it easier for organizations and businesses to open their facilities to temporarily shelter homeless individuals during inclement weather.
- I ask the committee hear an update from SDPD's Homeless Outreach Team as early in the year as feasible to review its efficacy and ensure it has adequate resources to fulfill its purpose.
- The committee should consider discussing the City's illegal lodging regulations to determine if they are being enforced and to investigate other tools the City could use to encourage homeless individuals to avail themselves of needed services and end their cycles of homelessness.

Human Trafficking

- The committee should remain abreast of local efforts to address human trafficking and cultivate greater collaboration between SDPD, the City Attorney, District Attorney, and federal agencies to ensure San Diego is a strong partner in fighting this growing problem in our region.

Graffiti

- Since the City implemented the recommendations on the Audit of the graffiti program, complaint intake and graffiti abatement has been centralized under Streets Division. The committee should be updated on the performance of the new system and whether or not response times have improved.

Parking Policy

- The City's Parking Advisory Board developed a draft Council Policy improving the process used to complete parallel to angled parking conversions. Angled parking projects help to add more inventory to dense neighborhoods. The changes proposed by the Parking Advisory Board would help decrease the current 9-12 month timeline to accomplish conversions.

Pedicabs

- The committee should review regulations related to pedicabs and specifically consider restrictions on the use of amplified music from the vehicles.

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](mailto:kkeach@sandiego.gov).

cc: Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin

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COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
SIXTH DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2016

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

FROM: Councilmember Chris Cate 

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Priority Memo

I appreciate the opportunity to share my 2016 priorities for the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. I look forward to partnering with the committee to address the paramount matters that face our City.

**Update on the Implementation of the Police Department's Five-Year Plan and Police Officer Recruitment and Retention Plan**

In order for the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) to reach their sworn staffing goal of 2,128 officers by Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), as outlined in the Five-Year Plan, SDPD must hire more officers than it loses to attrition each year. In March 2015, the City Council approved a new contract for San Diego Police officers. The terms of the contract increased pay and offered additional benefits to officers in order to help reduce attrition rates as well as increase the recruitment of officers. In the first seven months of FY16, data shows that we are losing officers at a rate of 13 per month, which is the same attrition rate in FY15 prior to the implementation of the new contract. These numbers indicate that more needs to be done to ensure that we continue to increase the recruitment and retention of police officers. The Committee should receive an updated report on the attrition rates and request that further evaluation be done to identify additional ways to address officer staffing issues. In addition, with many members of the police force at or approaching retirement age, the City should evaluate how we can better recruit experienced police officers from other departments to make sure we avoid an experience gap.

**Expand the City's Efforts to End Homelessness**

The City of San Diego has made significant and meaningful progress in connecting the city's homeless population with essential social services and resources. Last year, the City Council unanimously approved a year-round indoor housing program that will provide housing and social service connections to three times as many people than in prior years. As such, the City continues to demonstrate its commitment to ending homelessness. Ending homelessness should continue to be a top priority for the City of San Diego as it remains a city-wide issue. Many individuals find themselves seeking shelter in

the Tecolote and Los Peñasquitos canyons of Council District 6. These transient camps present a variety of public safety and quality of life concerns. The City should increase its efforts in identifying 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. The City should also look into expanding and providing additional resources to the Homeless Outreach Team which has been effective in connecting individuals with much-needed services and shelter throughout the City.

#### **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. Through a close partnership between our office, the San Diego Police Department, and the community, we were able to help successfully revitalize a robust NW program in the neighborhood of Clairemont, with efforts to do the same in Mira Mesa currently underway. The success of the NW programs in these communities demonstrates its effectiveness as well as a significant community interest in partnering with law enforcement and their neighbors to keep communities safe. Committee staff should continue to work with the San Diego Police Department to identify the best practices of successful NW programs and explore options for implementation and citywide expansion. The City should also allocate funding within the San Diego Police Department budget for Neighborhood Watch signs. These funds can be utilized by the department to purchase new or replacement NW signs for communities that have active NW programs.

#### **Increase the Number of Police Investigative Service Officers (PISO)**

Police Investigative Service Officers (PISO) play an essential role in performing critical services that support and assist in the public safety work of sworn police officers. PISO's handle a large variety of non-emergency public safety issues, such as taking police reports, assisting with investigations and helping police officers in identifying and evaluating public safety concerns. They also issue citations for non-moving vehicle violations such as illegal parking and oversized vehicle ordinance violations. While the supportive services they provide are many, there are not enough PISO's currently on staff, with just fourteen PISO's presently working within SDPD. This leaves several police divisions without a PISO specifically assigned to them and other divisions that would significantly benefit from additional PISO officers. The City should prioritize funding to hire additional PISO officers and ensure that each SDPD division is assigned at least one PISO. This will provide much needed additional support for our sworn police officers and help ensure a high quality of life is maintained in our neighborhoods.

#### **Increase the Number of Dispatchers for the SDPD Non-Emergency Line to Reduce Wait Times**

The San Diego Police Department Non-Emergency Line is an essential resource for residents to call and report non-emergency crimes and public safety concerns. It is also where residents call to report quality of life issues and violations, such as noise complaints, vehicle parking violations including oversized vehicle parking violations, and many others. However, residents throughout San Diego have been experiencing extremely long wait times just to speak with a dispatcher, with reports of wait times upward of 30-40 minutes. Such long wait times discourage individuals from reporting crimes, impinging on the police department's ability to address and investigate concerns as well as affecting the accuracy of crime data and statistics. The San Diego Police Department is requesting 74 dispatchers in the FY17 budget to help address this issue. The City should prioritize funding and recruitment efforts to increase the number of dispatchers for the non-emergency line.



### **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 has completed a pilot traffic signal optimization program on Lusk Boulevard. The success of the program has led to approved plans to expand optimization to the western part of Mira Mesa Boulevard. Some of the areas in Council District 6 that should be prioritized for signal optimization include the entirety of Mira Mesa Boulevard, Miramar Road, Kearny Villa Road, and Balboa Avenue. The City should begin the process of creating detailed plans for signal optimization for these areas.

### **Prioritizing San Diego's Community Policing Programs**

The City of San Diego was recognized in the 1990's as the nation's leader in utilizing the principles of community policing. Last year, SDPD reiterated their commitment to prioritize further implementation of community policing based programs. The City has made progress this year by adding community resource officers as well as implementing a new department training program focused on community relations and engagement. The City should continue to 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. The Committee should receive a presentation from SDPD with an update on community policing programs and then discuss and evaluate how we can continue to create and expand additional programs to emphasize community policing.

### **Prioritize Funding for Street Lights**

Well-lit streets play a critical role in promoting safe and livable neighborhoods as well as in helping deter crime. Currently, there is a long list of locations throughout the City, including several in Council District 6 identified by the Transportation and Storm Water Department as candidates for street light installation. Given many of these locations have been identified by police as high-crime areas, the City should prioritize additional funding for the installation of these street lights to promote public safety and livable neighborhoods.

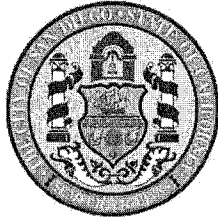
### **Prioritize Funding for V-Calm Signs**

One of the most frequent requests received from residents throughout San Diego is for traffic calming measures to help address neighborhood speeding issues. Streets that are prone to excessive vehicular speeding pose a significant public safety issue and negative effect to the quality of life of our neighborhoods. V-Calm signs are common tools frequently recommended by the City's Traffic Engineering Division as a traffic calming solution. As such, the City should prioritize additional funding in order to install V-Calm signs for streets and neighborhoods identified as candidates for traffic calming.

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cc: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer  
Honorable Councilmembers





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

**M E M O R A N D U M**

DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald

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

SUBJECT: 2016 Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Priorities

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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'd like to commend Chair Emerald for her advocacy with regard to public safety issues, specifically for bringing forth a resolution supporting a trauma-informed approach to addressing and preventing gang violence, and receiving funding for the research and ongoing study of the San Diego Police Department's vehicle stop data cards, being conducted by San Diego State University.

This committee's action regarding the Citizens Review Board on Police Practices (CRB) has also been notable. This committee has supported the new Executive Director in her efforts to make the board more transparent, and to further promote a sound civilian oversight board. I am looking forward to more robust discussions surrounding the CRB (to be discussed further below). In addition, I am proud to partner with the City Attorney's office on the Community Court Program being implemented in District Four. I'd like to thank my committee colleagues for supporting this program. I look forward to being updated on its progression, 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 Police Department's Five-Year Plan.
- Continued monitoring of the San Diego Police Department body worn camera policy.

- Regular updates informing the Committee on the recommendations from the PERF 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. This includes a thorough review of the San Diego State University study on vehicle stop data cards.
- Updates on the San Diego Police Department's community oriented policing efforts, including presentations on the SDPD Quarterly Community Policing Report before this committee.
- 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. Because District Four houses approximately 25% of the AB 109 population in San Diego, my goal will be to ensure that the department has adequate resources to police this population, and that the tactics used involve community oriented policing.
- Regular updates on the progress of the newly implemented after school programs at City libraries (i.e. attendance levels, program implementation, whether there is full implementation of the program at all proposed sites, and ages of participants served by the program).
- Provide consistent updates on the Fire-Rescue Department's staffing levels, attrition, recruitment and retention with a focus on diversity.
- Continued monitoring of the 2011 Fire Service Standard of Response Coverage Study (Citygate Report) for the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.
- Continued monitoring of American Medical Response (AMR) and its recent acquisition of Rural Metro.
- Implementation of the Lifeguard Five-Year Plan.

**Increase engagement and policy development in the following areas:**

- **Citizens Review Board on Police Practices:** Civilian oversight of police practices continues to be at the forefront of national, state and local politics. With the recent tragedies we have experienced across the nation and locally, this issue remains one of my top priorities. Last year, this committee heard from advocates who propose that the Citizens Review Board should have investigative and subpoena powers. This issue was heard by both the Charter Review Committee and the PS&LN Committee. We accomplished many feats last year, including the hiring of a new Executive Director, implementing measures that make the board more transparent, providing biased training for the board members, and approving additional hours at the Internal Affairs office so that board members could review cases outside of daily work hours. However, I look forward to evaluating whether additional changes are needed, so as to provide more independence and investigative abilities for board members.
- **Proposition 47:** This proposition, also called "The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act," reclassified six low-level drug and property felonies to misdemeanors in order to reduce

spending on incarceration and reinvest those resources in the community. Those savings, estimated about \$100-\$200 million annually, will be reinvested in communities through programs to keep young people in school, to provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and to support survivors of crime. Proposition 47 builds on other important reforms such as AB 109, but it has come with challenges in its first year of implementation. One challenge is that the funding has not caught up to the intent of the proposition, and funding will not be available from the State of California until July 31, 2016. The implementation of Prop 47 needs to be evaluated over time, and I believe this committee should collaborate with the San Diego Sheriff's Department, San Diego County Probation, San Diego County Health and Human Services, the SANDAG Public Safety Committee, and other interested parties, to remain updated on the methods used to implement both Proposition 47 and AB 109.

- **Assembly Bill 953:** With the passing of this bill, California will take an evidence-based approach to public safety and turn concerns about biased policing into sound, solution-driven policies. This law requires that all law enforcement agencies (LEA) with 1000 or more officers must collect data, and was authored by Assemblymember Weber. Among the first law enforcement agencies to report will be the San Diego Police Department with approximately 1,800 sworn officers and the San Diego Sheriff's Department with more than 4,000 sworn officer and civilian employees. This committee should review the State Bill, and pass measures to mandate AB 953 on a local level so that we can set the standard for data collection, as we did with body worn cameras. Part of passing local measures would be evaluating the San Diego State University study on vehicle stop data cards, which will be heard by this committee in the summer of 2016, and considering that data when prioritizing the appropriate local measures.
- **Youth Services/Youth Workforce Development:** While chairing the San Diego Consortium Policy Board last year, I advocated for training programs that specifically targeted youth in underserved areas. Since taking office, this has been one of my top priorities. In partnering with the Mayor and San Diego Workforce Partnership, I am confident the City will set an example for the private sector, and provide more opportunities through paid and unpaid internships for youth. I am requesting that this committee continue to monitor the youth development position at the city, to ensure that the City is successful in providing opportunity for youth.
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:** SB 107, approved in 2015, provides substantial reform of the redevelopment wind-down process and ensures that San Diego will properly receive CDBG repayment/recovery of nearly \$240 million. The Committee should ensure that funds are reinvested in San Diego's economically disadvantaged communities in the form of infrastructure investment, job creation and economic development.
- **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 biannual 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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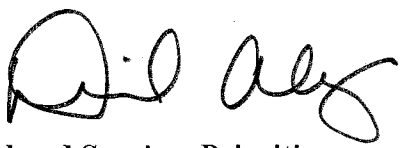
**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ**

City of San Diego  
Eighth District

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 27, 2016

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

**FROM:** Councilmember David Alvarez 

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Priorities

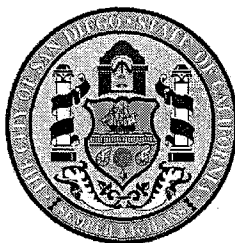
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In response to your memorandum of January 7, 2016 the following is a list of issues that the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PS&LN) Committee should consider this coming year:

- **Implementation of Police Department Five Year Plan and Increasing Civilian Staffing Levels:** The City must continue to implement the Police Department's Five Year Plan. To support our sworn officers, it is critical that the City have adequate staffing of civilian positions. The elimination of these positions over the years has resulted in slower police non-emergency response times, additional overtime costs, decreased revenues from permit and fee collections, case backlogs and other impacts. The restoration of civilian staff will allow existing sworn officers to return to patrol duties. The Committee should review staffing levels of civilian positions, including 911 and non-emergency dispatch positions, in the Police Department and recommend a strategy to ramp up staffing levels.
- **Community Oriented Policing:** The recent events across the nation have brought new focus on the need to improve law enforcement's interaction with the public it serves. In San Diego, Community Oriented Policing efforts have proven to be effective. The Committee should explore ways to expand Community Oriented Policing in order to continue to build the trust and relationship between our residents and police officers.

- **Police Recruitment and Retention:** Nearly 300 officers hired since 2005 have left the department for other agencies at great expense to San Diego taxpayers. Total attrition numbers have risen through week 30 of FY16 to 91 officers (as compared with 82 in FY15 and 58 in FY14). The City must prioritize the recruitment and retention of police officers in the next year and beyond. The Committee should discuss how the San Diego Police Department's salary and benefits compare with other law enforcement agencies and recommend an effective strategy to prevent continued high attrition numbers in coming years.
- **Citygate Implementation Plan Monitoring:** Continuing to build the fire station facilities as identified in the Citygate report is critical to ensuring communities throughout San Diego have adequate fire and life safety services. The Committee should review updates from the Fire-Rescue Department on the Citygate plan implementation and make recommendations regarding continued fire station prioritization efforts for the next 5 years.
- **Policies and Procedures regarding Electronic Surveillance Equipment:** The San Diego Police Department utilizes electronic surveillance equipment, known as a Stingray, that collects data on criminals, but also collects data of phones carried by members of the public not involved in non-criminal activity. There are significant privacy issues to consider in the use of this type of surveillance equipment. The Committee should review the City's usage and privacy policy on this matter and recommend any revisions to the City Council that would allow greater transparency in how the equipment is used and how private citizens are protected from inappropriate monitoring by the Police Department.
- **Authority in Release of Information in Future Police Officer Involved Incidents:** In December, the U.S. District Court ruled regarding the release of surveillance video of a police officer related incident clearly shows that there is a lack of clarity in the City's procedures in release of such information. In order to provide the greatest level of openness and transparency as possible to the public, it is critical that the City develop clear cut guidelines for the release of video and other information for future incidents. The Committee should consider revising the appropriate codes and policies that govern the release of video and other information related to police related incidents for Council consideration in 2016.

I look forward to the work of the PS&LN committee in 2016 to ensure that the City develops policies and procedures that keep our citizens safe and provides equally high levels of City services to all neighborhoods throughout San Diego.




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

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** January 27, 2016 **Reference:** M-16-01-03

**TO:** Honorable City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald 

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee 2016 Priorities

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As Chair of PSLN for 2015 I look forward to a full agenda covering the many issues outlined in the committee member memos. My priorities for the year include:

Police:

- ❖ Receive an update to the San Diego Police Department Five Year Plan Update. Continue funding police academies and retain our current officers to address the city's shortage of sworn police officers. Advocate for the replacement of aging facilities so that our officers and civilian staff can work in an environment that is safe and efficient.
- ❖ Obtain funding for the feasibility study for the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division that is currently housed in a trailer.
- ❖ Begin the implementation of the new Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.
- ❖ The Communication's Division continues to face challenges in recruiting and retaining dispatchers. To address the critically short staffing levels, the city needs to develop and implement a recruitment and retention program for dispatch personnel.
- ❖ Receive updates on the San Diego Police Department's policy and procedure on the use of body worn cameras.
- ❖ Annual report on the implementation of the PERF Recommendations.
- ❖ Receive reports on the impacts of Assembly Bill 109 and Proposition 47.



- ❖ Receive an update from SDSU on the San Diego Police Department's vehicle data cards

#### Fire-Rescue/Lifeguards:

- ❖ Continue to implement the Citygate report, outlining the need for nineteen fire stations citywide and receive council approval to place a Fire Station Bond on the November ballot.
- ❖ Advocate for funding for a paramedic school for existing firefighters that would be administered and run by SD Fire-Rescue.
- ❖ Receive an update on the Lifeguard Division Five Year Needs Assessment to effectively address staffing, equipment, facility and support needs for lifeguard services.

#### Emergency Preparedness:

- ❖ Receive a report on the City's preparation of El Nino (including police, fire-rescue, and Communication Department challenges).
- ❖ Train an additional 100 residents in hands-only CPR and use of AED's through the Neighborhood Beat program.
- ❖ Receive updates on the city and regional Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- ❖ Ensure that emergency operations training continues to be available for elected and appointed officials.

#### Homeless Issues:

- ❖ Receive regular updates on the *1000 Veterans Program*
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ Initiate the process of creating a Veterans Advisory Board in an effort to facilitate a more direct connection between San Diego's military veteran community and the City of San Diego.

- ❖ 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.

Youth Issues:

- ❖ Support the joint effort of the Gang Prevention and Intervention and Human Relations Commission's Restorative Justice/Restorative Practices Summit.
- ❖ Receive biannual updates from the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention regarding the Strategic Plan for 2015-2017.
- ❖ Advocate for citywide training on the recently approved resolution supporting a trauma-informed approach to address and prevent gang 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.

Safe, Livable Neighborhoods:

- ❖ Receive an annual update from the Executive Director of the Citizens Review Board on ways to improve transparency and community input.
- ❖ Updates from the Office of Economic Development, HUD Programs Manager Community Development related to the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to ensure the city is following the guidelines on the 60 (city CIP projects/40 (non-profits) split as intended.
- ❖ Receive reports from the City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division related to its Prostitution Impact Panel (PIP) program.
- ❖ Updates from the Streets Division on the recommendations of the Audit including complaint intake and graffiti abatement.
- ❖ Work with community organizations on smoke-free housing to decrease potential harm caused by second-hand smoke

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These are just some of the issues that the PSLN Committee will address this year. I look forward to tackling new issues as they are brought to my attention. As such, please do not hesitate to contact Marisa Berumen, Committee Consultant at 619.236.7754 or [mberumen@sandiego.gov](mailto:mberumen@sandiego.gov).

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