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## **Councilmember Moreno Statement on Mayor's Proposed Budget**

SAN DIEGO – Today the San Diego City Council began a week-long review of the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget. Councilmember Vivian Moreno has issued the following statement voicing her concerns on the proposed budget's impacts on disadvantaged communities throughout the city:

"I have serious concerns about the proposed budget cuts that will detrimentally impact communities of concern, including those located in Council District 8.

In the last few years, the city has made significant progress in prioritizing capital projects and programs in neighborhoods ignored for decades, but this proposed budget is being balanced on the backs of disadvantaged communities.

The budget cuts all funding for after school and Teen Center programs at city recreation centers that primarily serve kids in underserved communities. 66,602 youth/teens participated in programming during FY23. It will also cut an extremely popular program, SD Access For All, which provides access to Wi-Fi at libraries and recreation centers in communities of concern.

Additionally, it cuts funding for library programming and reduces how much the city is willing to match private donations to support our libraries. Cutting services like these is unacceptable."

I will be working diligently with my colleagues to make sure that this budget is fair to residents that need city services the most. I encourage San Diegans to participate in the Council's Budget Review Committee hearings being held May 1-7<sup>th</sup>, where the City Council will take a deeper dive into the proposed budget."

The FY25 Budget Hearing calendar can be found here and the proposed budget here.

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Councilmember Vivian Moreno represents the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Southcrest and the Tijuana River Valley.