



April 29, 2020

Barbara Bry, Chair
Budget Review Committee
City of San Diego

Re: Prioritizing our values and building an inclusive economy

Dear Budget Review Committee Chair Bry,

In the midst of a pandemic, the city budget process provides an opportunity to prioritize our values, plan for recovery, and invest in an inclusive economy where all San Diegans can thrive. To that end, Alliance San Diego offers our suggestions for moving through the budget process.

The role of local government has never been more important to support the safety, well-being, and prosperity of its residents. Now is the time to invest in the common good, in the things that help families and businesses thrive. This includes services that:

- **Keep us well**, like clean water, health clinics, and sanitation services.
- **Keep us safe**, like fire protection, housing for unsheltered, and domestic violence response.
- **Keep us connected**, like internet access, public transportation, and voter education.
- **Keep us whole**, like parks, arts and culture, community centers, and libraries.
- **Keep us moving forward**, like small business support, childcare support, and support for vulnerable populations including elderly, veterans, disabled, immigrants and newcomers.

When we invest in the common good, our communities thrive and all San Diegans are better able to achieve their full potential. That helps build a brighter future for all of us and improves our quality of life. Alliance San Diego supports the budget priorities of the Community Budget Alliance and urges the Budget Review Committee to center its deliberations on the common good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Guerrero".

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