

PEOPLE'S BUDGET SD- FY 2022

Redefining Public Safety

- ✓ **Divest from the police and invest in communities.**
 - Dismantle the racist Street Gang and Gang Intervention Units
 - Fund and implement the Independent Commission on Police Practices
 - Reallocate police funding to secure support for CBA budget priorities
 - Diversify and strengthen alternatives to police
 - Fund community groups to respond to emergencies with trauma-informed approaches, de-escalation and harm reduction techniques.
- ✓ **Develop a youth violence prevention program** that provides evidence- based programming, travel opportunities, mental health services, youth development activities, job training programs, 24-hour crisis line support to victims of violence, program case managers, and job opportunities.
- ✓ **Stop the pipeline to prison and secure pathways to success** by creating a Transitional Age Unit that provides age-appropriate responses, support, and accountability mechanisms for youth.
- ✓ **Develop a Redefining Public Safety Action Plan to implement alternatives to policing.** Task force and plan must actively center Black-led groups and people impacted by police violence.
- ✓ **Pass and implement the PROTECT (Preventing Overpolicing Through Equitable Community Treatment) ordinance.**

\$1 of every **\$3**
of City spending are
spent on policing

Housing and Tenants' Rights

- ✓ **Rental assistance for all, regardless of immigration status.**
- ✓ **Partner with & fund community groups to conduct housing education, counseling, and outreach to tenants and landlords.**
- ✓ **Conduct a Nexus study to analyze the costs and feasibility of creating a rent registry and associated registry fee.**
- ✓ **Conduct a feasibility study on implementing a vacancy tax.** Tax revenue should go towards rental assistance, legal services for tenants, and tenant outreach.

Democratizing Power

- ✓ **Youth Environmental/Recreation Corps program** that funds youth employment, scholarship opportunities and youth ambassadors to disseminate information about programs & services.
- ✓ **Expand the Office of Immigrant Affairs** to support language justice in city council meetings, publications, services, programs and community participation efforts.
- ✓ **Black, Indigenous, and POC communities must shape strategic plans and priorities for the Office of Race & Equity (ORE). Implement Participatory Budgeting** process for Community Equity funds.
- ✓ **Create an Office of Child & Youth Success**



Environmental Justice

- ✓ **Safe and equitable transit for all (City of SD and MTS)**
 - No-cost transit passes for youth 24 and under. (Youth Opportunity Passes)
 - Decriminalize fare evasion.
 - Guarantee MTS does not cut services or routes in transit-dependent communities.
 - Prioritize electric buses in transit-dependent communities.
 - Provide access to bathrooms and appropriate amenities near bus stops.
- ✓ **Fund park development in Environmental Justice communities**
 - Emerald Hills Park (District 4)
 - Boston Avenue Linear Park (District 8)
 - Berardini Field (District 9)
 - Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park
 - Castana Street Natural Park (District 4)
 - Kelly Street Neighborhood Park (District 7)
- ✓ **Updated Climate Plan must:**
 - Create local green jobs,
 - Increase access to low-cost and efficient transit,
 - Secure clean energy provision,
 - Establish a long-range plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045,
 - Prioritize projects in Environmental Justice communities,
 - Develop accountability metrics.
 - Be equitably implemented - hire a full-time grant writer for the City of San Diego Sustainability Department and a full-time transportation justice planner.
- ✓ **Create street-calming infrastructure** on Beardsley St. (from Logan Ave. to Harbor Dr.) and Boston Ave. (from 28th St. to 32nd St.) **to divert toxic air from Barrio Logan and enforce the City's Truck Route.**
- ✓ **Establish clear, low-cost/no-cost event permitting process** for nonprofit and community organizations hosting activities and group events within City Parks and Recreation.
- ✓ **The City's General Plan, Environmental Justice (EJ) Element must include meaningful community engagement and be community led.**

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90% of census tracts with the worst air pollution due to diesel emissions are located in Environmental Justice communities.

People's Economy

- ✓ **Cash aid for immigrant workers excluded from state and federal benefits.**
- ✓ **Fight wage theft and protect workers rights and safety** by creating an Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE). Align existing city programs and fast-track hiring to achieve full staffing of all budgeted positions.
- ✓ **Address systemic racism and inequities by creating a targeted local hire City jobs program for underemployed populations.**
- ✓ **Economic relief for small businesses in low- to moderate-income (LMI) communities.**
 - Additional funding for the Small Business Relief Fund, specifically for BIPOC small businesses in these areas.
 - Create a San Diego Promise Zone Equity Investment Fund.
 - Waive small business permit fees for all businesses making less than \$25,000 per year.

