Mayor Dick Murphy

CITY OF SAN DIEGO - MAYOR'S OFFICE

Statement from Mayor Dick Murphy Regarding Support for the San Diego Citizens' Budget Project

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I welcome and offer my support to the San Diego City Citizens' Budget Project recently launched by the Performance Institute, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego County Taxpayers' Association, and Reason Foundation. This worthy project will help the city by having an outside group of analysts review the budget of city departments and agencies. Upon their independent analysis, I anticipate that the San Diego Citizens' Budget Project members will recommend potential cost saving measures with minimal or no service level reductions.

As one of the stated goals of the project is to create dialogue among city officials, stakeholders, and citizens of San Diego, I encourage all San Diegans to share their ideas for how to improve the operation of the City. I am committed to a balanced city budget while providing for an even greater quality of life for every San Diegan. This timely project is but one of several ways we can achieve those objectives; and I look forward to reviewing the project options and recommendation.

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