

April 8th, 2022

TO: Councilmember Jennifer Campbell
CC: Venus Molina, Chief of Staff
Linus Smith, D2 Staff
RE: Build Better SD

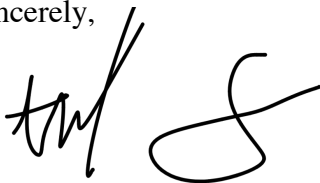
The Ocean Beach Planning Board reviewed Build Better SD and has some concerns about how CIP prioritization will work if this is implemented. While the OBPB acknowledges that pooling DIF funds would lead to more available money to complete projects citywide, the board is concerned about the focus on Communities of Concern. There are many important infrastructure projects that exist outside of Communities of Concern that benefit all San Diegans. The OBPB wants to bring attention to this and hopes the Councilmember will continue to support such projects.

Two CIP projects that lie in OB, the San Diego Municipal Pier and the OB Lifeguard station, could be underfunded if the Build Better SD proposed CIP prioritization is put in place. The beach and its surrounding amenities serve all San Diegans and visitors. Underfunding improvements to these areas would be a severe detriment to all San Diegans and the City.

The OBPB motioned on April 6th, to request that the Build Better SD includes that, “the city should continue to prioritize DIF spending based in part on infrastructure condition and amenities that serve residents from all over the city, particularly low income residents from any community. Needs benefitting historically underrepresented residents are not necessarily located in communities of concern. Everyone uses the beaches and related amenities including residents of historically disadvantaged communities.”

We appreciate the Councilmember’s attention to this issue and the OBPB hopes she will continue to advocate for the San Diego Municipal Pier and The OB Lifeguard Station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Andrea Schlageter
Chair, Ocean Beach Planning Board