




COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM JOE LACAVA

FIRST COUNCIL DISTRICT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 19, 2024
TO: Council President Sean Elo-Rivera
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Joe LaCava 
SUBJECT: Rules Committee Priorities for 2024

Thank you, Council President and Rules Committee Chair Elo-Rivera, for your request to share my priorities for the Rules Committee. It is an honor to serve another year as Vice Chair on this committee and I look forward to further accomplishments with you, my committee colleagues, the Mayor, City Attorney, staff, and public.

My Rules Committee priorities for 2024 are as follows:

Ballot Proposals

Review and process proposals for the November 2024 ballot that responsibly and equitably advance the needs and priorities of the City.

Boards and Commissions

Receive monthly reports on the prompt and fair seating of volunteer members of City boards and commissions and evaluation of existing board duties as applicable.

Open Government

Retain and encourage the highest levels of public access and participation at all City meetings, including Council, Committee, and advisory boards and commissions.

Customer Service and Public Outreach

Receive an update from Planning Department on the creation of an Equitable Public Engagement Guide, to assure equitable public engagement and inclusive community participation on planning initiatives.

City Attorney's Office Briefings

Work with the City Attorney's Office to organize refresher courses on the Brown Act, Closed Session, Public Records Act, and other legislation that affects City Council and Boards and Commissions' actions, protocols, and procedures.

Public/ Private Partnerships for Public Infrastructure

Review Council Policy 100-02 Donation Acceptance and opportunities to improve Public Private Partnerships to fund public infrastructure.

Board and Agency Compliance with City Policies

Review consistency of City policies with that of boards and agencies that operate under City ownership or oversight.

City Charter

The last major review of the City Charter was conducted in 2015 resulting in 7 measures on the 2016 ballot. Consider whether a Charter Review Committee should be convened to consider non-controversial, clean-up measures.

Council Policies

Review and modernize Council Policies that are outdated or no longer reflect the needs, laws, and priorities of the City.

Thank you for your consideration to incorporate these priorities into the committee's work plan. Please contact Brian Elliott, belliott@sandiego.gov, of my staff should you have any questions or comments.

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