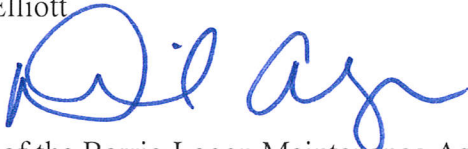




COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ
City of San Diego
Eighth District
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2017

TO: Honorable City Attorney Mara Elliott

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez 

SUBJECT: Inquiry regarding the expansion of the Barrio Logan Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)

Since November of 2012, the Barrio Logan Maintenance Assessment District (MAD), has been at the forefront of efforts to keep Barrio Logan well maintained. Services carried out by this MAD include: litter removal, power washing of sidewalks, graffiti removal, improving signage, updating lighting, and adding trash receptacles.

Recently, I was contacted by several property owners in the Barrio Logan community, who are interested in being a part of this MAD. Additionally, with the growing number of encampments in the Barrio Logan community, the expansion of this MAD could greatly assist in addressing some of the concerns being raised by the community.

On June 27th, I met with administrators, teachers and parents from Perkins Elementary School to discuss concerns regarding homeless encampments in the surrounding streets near the school. At this meeting, concerns were raised about the safety of the children and families that walk to and from the school every day. The growing homeless encampments in the area has led to many of the sidewalks being blocked off, which has forced the children and their families to walk in the streets, exposing them to trash, cigarettes, alcohol, human feces, urine, and needles. The smell of human waste in these streets has become unbearable and violent acts from some the individuals that are camping out in these streets has become a common scene in the community.

On July 17th, I had the opportunity to participate in a walking field trip with teachers and students from the Perkins Elementary School to Downtown and I got to witness firsthand what these students are exposed to as a result of the homeless encampments. This situation is

completely unacceptable and is an unsafe environment for the students at Perkins Elementary School.

The area being considered for an expansion includes: Newton Avenue between S. 16th Street to the end of the Newton Avenue and National Avenue from S. 16th Street to Commercial Street.

I am respectfully requesting a legal opinion on the process needed for the expansion of the Barrio Logan MAD, including an analysis that addresses the following questions:

- Would a re-balloting of the whole MAD be required for the additional parcels to be added?
- Could a modification to the existing engineers report be made to add the parcels to the MAD without a re-balloting of the entire MAD area?

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.