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## **Alvarez on Mayor's Proposed FY2018 Budget**

**SAN DIEGO (May 2, 2017)** – Councilmember Alvarez has issued the following statement regarding the Mayor's Proposed FY18 Budget which the City Council will begin reviewing on May 3, 2017:

**"The Mayor's proposed budget will cut \$4 million from the San Diego Police Department's recruitment and retention programs, zero-out our pension reserve fund, and slash library programs, tree trimming and Arts and Culture funding."**

**"These cuts are unnecessary and short-sighted; there is a better way. We should cut the waste in this budget first before we cut core services. For example, by choosing not to schedule an unnecessary special election, we could save \$5 million. We could save \$6 million by demanding that City departments fill the positions they already have before adding new ones. And we could save up to \$60 million by controlling the explosive growth in outside contracts over the last three years."**

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