

Councilmember Chris Ward was elected to represent San Diego's Third City Council District in June 2016, and took office in December of 2016. He serves as Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee and Vice Chair of the Committee on Active Transportation and Infrastructure, and as a member of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Rules Committee. He also is currently serving as the Chair of the San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless and an alternate member to the California Coastal Commission.

As a Councilmember, Chris has been a fierce advocate in identifying tangible outcomes that will significantly reduce San Diego's overall homeless population. In early 2017, the City Council created the Select Committee on Homelessness, chaired by Councilmember Ward. This committee was dedicated to reviewing and improving city approaches for reducing homelessness. As chair, Councilmember Ward updated the council's Policy on Homelessness for the first time since 1995, with a commitment to proven Housing First strategies. He worked with state legislators to streamline housing development opportunities and pushed the City to officially declare a Shelter Crisis, unlocking millions of dollars in new state funding for housing and services.

Chris earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Johns Hopkins University and a Masters in Public Policy and Urban Planning at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.