



The Mayoral Monthly

One San Diego

MAYOR FAULCONER PUTS “ONE SAN DIEGO” PLAN TO WORK IN NEW BUDGET PROPOSAL

Meet the Mayor Events

When: Tues, May 20
Time : 5:00pm
Where: District 9
Cherokee Point
Elementary
3735 38th St
San Diego, CA 92105

When: Mon, June 16
Time: 5:00pm
Where: District 1
La Jolla Recreation
Center
615 Prospect Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

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Street repair, increases to library hours and public safety take center stage in balanced 2014-2015 City budget



Mayor Kevin Faulconer announcing new budget proposal

CITY HALL—Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer released his first “One San Diego” City budget proposal April 14 outlining a plan to direct more money toward streets, neighborhood services and public safety. The proposed budget puts neighborhoods first by prioritizing infrastructure repair and construction; funding critical police, fire and lifeguard needs; increasing funding for libraries, recreation centers and a new afterschool program; supporting homeless services, and enhancing transparency and open data initiatives.

“This budget will provide San Diego smoother roads, additional police to keep our neighborhoods safe, improved emergency response times, increased hours and afterschool programs at libraries, and funding to bring City Hall into the digital age,” Faulconer said. “Simply put, this nearly \$3 billion budget returns City Hall’s focus to San Diego’s neighborhoods – and puts our vision for ‘One San Diego’ to work.”

The \$2.97 billion budget is balanced using fiscally responsible practices and continued savings from fiscal reforms. More than 50 percent of growth from the City’s major revenue sources – property, sales and transient occupancy taxes – is directed toward fixing San Diego neighborhoods.

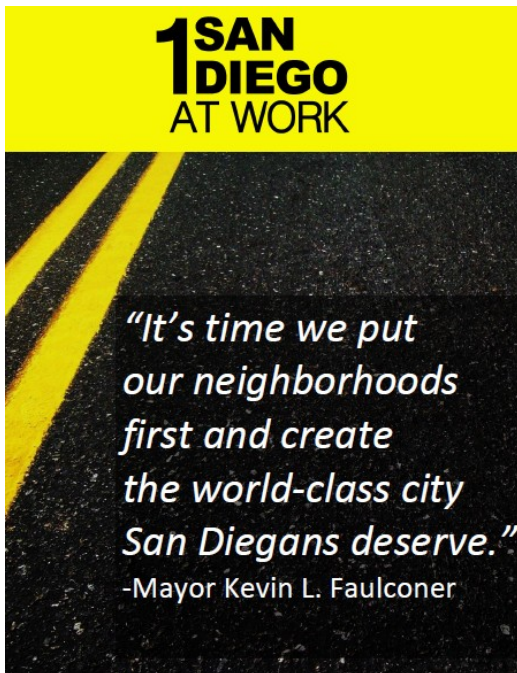
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“This budget puts our neighborhoods first and pays for neighborhood improvements with common-sense financial practices,” said Faulconer. “It translates a recovering local economy and the benefits of reform – pension reform, retiree healthcare reform and managed competition – into community revitalization.”

Faulconer emphasized his spending plan pays for neighborhood services without sacrificing the sound fiscal strategies that helped bring San Diego back from the brink of bankruptcy. The City had initially projected a \$19.1 million General Fund deficit for the coming fiscal year. Faulconer credited the financial turnaround to reforms approved by the voters and City leaders, prudent fiscal management that has made San Diego a model for financial accountability and stability, and a rebounding economy.

“I believe we have a real opportunity to unite San Diego and make sure no community is left behind,” Faulconer said. “By targeting the surplus revenue in this budget to services that have been cut over the years, San Diego is back on track and set up for success.”



In addition, Faulconer has asked all departments to continue to provide innovative ideas for cost reductions and efficiencies, encouraging a culture of continuous improvement and open communication. Faulconer will be announcing plans regarding the managed competition program in the next several weeks.

The nearly \$3 billion budget proposal recommends spending levels for City operations for Fiscal Year 2015, which runs from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The final budget will be adopted in June following several weeks of review by the public and City Council.

The entire budget can be viewed online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed/index.shtml>.

MAYOR FAULCONER & COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD CALL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH CDBG FUNDING

Mayor Kick-Starts One San Diego Plan in City Heights, Stresses the Need for Better Sidewalks & Public Facilities for Every San Diego Neighborhood



Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer in City Heights discussing the need for better sidewalks and streetlights

One San Diego plan. Critical to this plan, Mayor Faulconer's CDBG proposal calls for redirecting approximately \$11 million in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposal is part of the Mayor's focus on critical infrastructure needs, particularly in underserved communities.

Historically, the City of San Diego spent only 7 percent, or \$750,000, in CDBG funds for infrastructure needs. Mayor Faulconer's proposal calls to raise that amount to approximately 33 percent, or nearly \$3.6 million, annually. The City Council approved the plan in April.

CITY HEIGHTS—Along a crumbling dirt path lacking sidewalks just blocks from an elementary school, park and church in City Heights, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer joined Councilmember Marti Emerald and other City Heights community leaders to stress the need for utilizing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to improve sidewalks, streetlights and public facilities in San Diego.

"We have an opportunity for the City of San Diego to take bold action in transforming communities," said Falconer "My proposal will redirect millions of CDBG funds to the City's infrastructure needs. Block-by-block, we can and will heal communities, and block-by-block we can and will create economic opportunities."

"This proactive approach of leveraging CDBG funds will strengthen neighborhoods by investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs. This approach will help stabilize and improve neighborhoods by directing the investment of federal resources to our much needed communities," said Councilmember Emerald, Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee.

This project represents the first of many across San Diego where Mayor Faulconer will implement his

FAULCONER ENHANCES POTHOLE REPAIR CREWS

Part of Mayor's Budget Plan to Increase Funding for Neighborhood Repairs

SAN DIEGO—Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer along with City Councilmembers Mark Kersey, Sherri Lightner and Scott Sherman recently announced plans to significantly increase the City's staffing for pothole repairs to aggressively fix San Diego's pockmarked streets.

Faulconer's *One San Diego* budget proposal calls for 16 additional full-time City workers to focus solely on pothole repairs. Fourteen of those workers will join Asphalt Repair Crews, which target larger potholes, and are expected to double the amount of asphalt repaired annually. The City



Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer conversing with a pothole repair crew

will also create an additional 2-man Pothole Repair Crew for nine citywide to fill smaller potholes. These changes are among several enhancements in the budget plan aimed at addressing the City's large infrastructure backlog.

Mayor Faulconer said, "My budget will add more workers to proactively fill potholes so residents don't have to call in as many complaints. I'm prioritizing programs that will make life better for all San Diegans and there is no simpler way to do that than by fixing our roads. It's a wise investment today that will make sure our City roads and our car

suspensions remain intact for years to come."

Faulconer's budget plan also calls for increased funding for condition assessments for streets, sidewalks and facilities; street and sidewalk improvements; and financing for a \$120 million bond that will fund a variety of neighborhood and street projects.

Councilmember Kersey, Chair of the City Council's Infrastructure Committee said, "The increased funding for street repairs, condition assessments and sidewalks make clear our commitment to rebuild San Diego. The assessments in particular will help the city get a realistic picture of the long-term investment we need to make in our neighborhoods so we can finally put an end to the deterioration of our City."

On the campaign trail, Faulconer pledged to invest at least 50 percent of all new major revenue growth in the City's General Fund toward infrastructure-related issues. An April 28 report by Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin noted that "the Mayor exceeded his pledge" by allocating more than \$21 million, or 64 percent, of new revenue toward infrastructure.

Pothole Repairs continued...

City Council President Pro Tem Lightner, “A well-targeted infrastructure investment offers the double dividend of creating local jobs and improving quality of life in all our San Diego neighborhoods. Repairing and expanding sidewalks and adding more streetlights will greatly enhance San Diego by creating safe, walkable and more livable communities.”

Councilmember Sherman said, “The most basic and important function of City government is to create and maintain a well functioning infrastructure network and for far too long we have neglected this core function. This is why I am grateful to the Mayor for following through on his promises to reinvest in our neighborhoods by committing 50 percent of all new major revenue, over \$21 million, into neighborhood repairs.”

Mayor Awards Key to the City of San Diego to Mebrahtom “Meb” Keflezighi

Falconer, Alvarez Honor San Diegan, Olympic Medalist & Boston Marathon Champion

SAN DIEGO—On the very grounds where Meb Keflezighi started his running career at San Diego High School, Mayor Kevin L. Falconer awarded the 2014 Boston Marathon champion with a key to the City of San Diego.



Meb Keflezighi awarded with the key to the city

“It is so great to see so many San Diegans here this morning to honor Meb, a true American hero,” said Mayor Falconer. “As a runner myself, I’ve followed your illustrious career through UCLA, the Summer Olympics, and all those marathons. As a great athlete, father, Olympian and San Diegan, there are so many wonderful ways to describe Meb, but today he’s America’s Finest Runner.”

Eritrean-born Mebrahtom “Meb” Keflezighi attended both Roosevelt Middle School and San Diego High School.



Councilmember David Alvarez, Meb Keflezighi, and Mayor Kevin L. Falconer

During the same year he graduated from college, Meb became a naturalized U.S. citizen. Over the years, Meb has won many awards as a long distance runner including, four NCAA championships, three national cross-country running championships and three USA Cross Country Championships. In addition to these wins, Meb finished second in the 2004 Summer Olympics Men’s Marathon, won the 2009 New York City Marathon and finished fourth in the 2012 Summer Olympics Men’s Marathon. In April, Meb became the first American man to win the Boston Marathon since 1983 and the first American since 1985.

MAYOR FAULCONER & COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD DECLARE APRIL 15 AS “SDSU MEN’S BASKETBALL DAY”



Mayor Kevin Faulconer with Aztec Josh David, Coach Steve Fisher, and Aztec Skylar Spencer

Upon the San Diego State University Aztecs turning in a sensational 31-5 record for 2013-14 regular season and trip to the Sweet Sixteen, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and Councilmember Marti Emerald issued a proclamation declaring April 15, 2014, to be “SDSU Men’s Basketball Day” in the City of San Diego.

Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Emerald presented Aztecs Coach Steve Fisher with an official NCAA basketball signed by the mayor and members of the city council.

MAYORAL STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MONICA MONTGOMERY



Monica Montgomery, a native San Diegan, serves as the Mayor’s Senior Police Advisor. She received an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Spelman College and a Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law. She has been a member of the California State Bar for six years. Before joining the Mayor’s team, she practiced civil rights and consumer law, was an intern for former Council President Tony Young and worked for Todd Gloria while he served as interim mayor. She staffs the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee and advises the mayor on public safety, neighborhood revitalization, arts and culture, workforce development, equal opportunity contracting, youth services, senior services and code enforcement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20: Yoga for Adults & Teens

6:00pm—7:00pm
Mission Valley Branch Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
San Diego, CA 92108
Ongoing until Tuesday, June 24, 2014
All ages, Free

May 24—26: Legacy Week , Memorial Day celebration

USS Midway
910 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101
<http://www.midway.org/legacy-week-2014>

May 25: Ethnic Food Fair

10:00am—5:00pm
Balboa Park
San Diego House of Pacific Relations International Cottages
<http://www.sdhpr.org/>

May 31: Cruisin' 4 Peace

11:00am-3:00pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
6401 Skyline Drive
San Diego, CA 92114
San Diego Police Department Lowrider & Lowrider's Club Southeastern will participate

May 31: Egyptian Quarter Movie Night & Sidewalk Sale

5:00pm—10:00pm
Park Boulevard (between University Ave. & Robinson St.)
www.fabulouhillcrest.com
Free movie screening

June 7: San Diego Police Department Public Safety Recruiting Fair

10:00am—1:00pm
Jacobs Center
404 Euclid Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114
www.joinsdpdnow.com

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