

May 2024

# SD PromiseZone

## Newsletter

All-Partner  
Meeting  
Tues, May 14  
10am-12pm

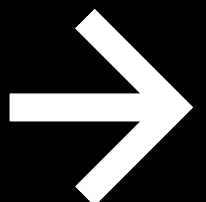
### The Promise

*"To co-create an ecosystem of opportunity and investment through collaboration that addresses systemic racism and inequities to improve the quality of life of Promise Zone residents"*



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(Image: 2024 Arbor Day)



## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

In May, we celebrate the rich heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). See the many activities that the San Diego Public Library is programming this month in honor of AAPI Heritage Month [here](#), and learn details about the Asian Pacific Cultural Festival in San Diego on May 18 [here](#).

We also recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month. [NAMI](#), the [YMCA](#), and [San Diego Unified School District](#) are just a few organizations that provide resources to support holistic well-being.

The San Diego Promise Zone is also excited to invite you to our upcoming All-Partner Meeting on **Tuesday, May 14, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Elementary Institute of Science**. This gathering is a valuable opportunity for us to reconnect with our partners, share insights, and strengthen our collaborations! [RSVP now](#).

**PROMISE ZONE**  
*IN THE NEWS*

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SEAN ELO-RIVERA: WHY SALES TAX, STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE TAX WOULD HELP THE CITY

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SAN DIEGO HIGHLIGHTS FAR SOUTH/BORDER NORTH PROJECTS DURING ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH

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MALCOLM X LIBRARY REMOVED AS POSSIBLE SAFE PARKING LOT SITE FOR VEHICLE DWELLERS

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THE PROGRESS REPORT: HOW 4 SCHOOLS ARE TEACHING KIDS TO READ – AND SEEING SUCCESS

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LOGAN MEMORIAL STUDENTS STAGE WALK OUT TO PROTEST LAYOFFS



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Janice Luna Reynoso

**Janice Luna Reynoso** is the Executive Director of Mundo Gardens, a non-profit community garden and social justice organization that has been empowering youth and families in San Diego and beyond since 2010.

Janice is also a member of several important committees and groups, including the San Diego Portside Steering Committee, the Carbon Emission Reduction Plan (CERP), the San Diego County Behavioral Health Board & Stakeholder Engagement Workgroup, and the Leadership Council of the San Diego Food System Alliance. She is also involved with the San Diego Council on Literacy and is a RISE San Diego Urban Leadership Fellow and a Resident Leadership Academy Facilitator.



Janice played a crucial role in securing the Caltrans Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards grant. This funding will be used in Southeastern San Diego (SESD) and National City to improve transportation options and convert underused highways into vibrant public spaces.

The communities of SESD and National City were deeply affected by the construction of Interstate 805 and the history of redlining and dividing infrastructure. In line with the Promise Zone initiative, this project aims to empower residents of SESD and National City by identifying priority projects that meet the needs of the communities. These projects may include bicycle and pedestrian connections, light rail enhancements, bus shelters, and the creation of parks, green spaces, and communal areas.



For more information about Mundo Gardens, visit <https://www.mundogardens.org/>.



# SD PromiseZone

## WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### Join Future Meetings

Healthy Communities:  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 10 am - 12 pm

All-Partner Meeting:  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10 am - 12 pm  
at Elementary Institute of Science

### Jobs and Education

In April, the Jobs and Education working group met on Wednesday, April 3, and heard a presentation from Cristina Aguirre of Barrio Logan College Institute. We also had a short debrief on the annual Youth-Led Career Expo on March 26 and broke into subgroups to discuss the next steps in the 2024 Tactical Plan to keep up momentum and continue to provide resources after the Expo. For more information, reach out to **Ronah Famorcan**, [RFFamorcan@sandiego.gov](mailto:RFFamorcan@sandiego.gov).

### Economic Activity

On April 17, the Economic Activity working group heard from the City's Economic Development Department regarding the upcoming Business Walk in June and the Jacobs Center about the exciting things they have planned for their future. Lastly, we heard from Cafe X and discussed the upcoming Cooperative Convening. For more information, reach out to **Bryan Villegas**, [BVillegas@sandiego.gov](mailto:BVillegas@sandiego.gov).

### Healthy Communities

In April, the Healthy Communities working group met on April 11, where we reviewed our March Joint Economic Activity & Healthy Communities working group meeting on tree canopies in the San Diego Promise Zone. We also had a presentation from the County of San Diego Health and Human Services on their REACH initiative. Our next working group meeting will be on Thursday, May 9 at 10:00am via Zoom. For more questions, reach out to **Nathaniel Hillman**, [NHillman@sandiego.gov](mailto:NHillman@sandiego.gov).

### Housing Affordability

On April 24, the Housing Affordability working group heard two presentations, first from a representative of the San Antonio Promise Zone and San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE), and then from the Philadelphia Promise Zone about their initiatives during and post-Promise Zone designation to assist local residents with housing challenges. For more information, reach out to **Ian Hembree**, [IHembree@sandiego.gov](mailto:IHembree@sandiego.gov).

# Thank you for supporting our Career Expo



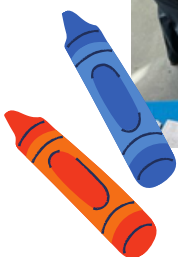
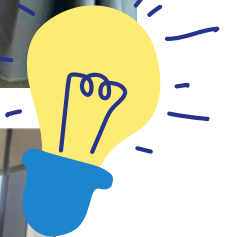
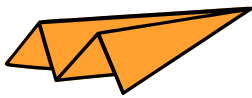
“Loved seeing students from our programs (Avenues for Success) win prizes, 3 of them won laptops which is great as we serve students from underserved backgrounds.”

- Anonymous



“I really connected with the Conservation Corps and the Forest Service - I especially appreciated the program they're offering for girls. Any program/jobs that could be offered to get my students a little bit out of their neighborhood or the city.”

- Anonymous PZ teacher



For more information, email the Promise Zone at  
PromiseZone@sandiego.gov.



# All-Partner Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

10 am - 12 pm

Elementary Institute of  
Science

Promise Zone community members and partners, join us to  
reconnect, share insights, and strengthen collaborations.

Light refreshments provided.

**RSVP at <https://bit.ly/PZallpartner2024>.**

More details to follow upon RSVP.

# Partner Announcements



We post partner events to our [City Calendar website](#). If you would like us to post your event, please fill out our [Submission Form](#). The form is also available on our [website](#).

## Partner Events



May  
11

### PNV Growers Collective Meeting

Join Project New Village for their PNV Growers Collective Meeting on **Saturday, May 11 from 9 am - 10:30 am at Mt. Hope Community Garden**. They are looking for community members with a passion for gardening and food growing to help create a large collective of food growers locally who could eventually contribute produce to the People's Produce Mobile Farmers Market. All levels of gardeners and growers are welcome – PNV is here to provide support and connect people with resources to create a strong neighborhood collective. [Learn more](#).

May  
16

### Public Health: In-Person County Panel

Join Live Well San Diego for their Career Prep Series and Public Health Career Panel on **Thursday, May 16, from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm at Southeastern Live Well Center**. Learn about different public health career paths in various County departments. [Register now!](#)




May  
22

### SDCOE Community Schools / County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Network Meeting

Join the San Diego County Office of Education for their first SDCOE Community Schools and County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency Network Meeting on **Wednesday, May 22, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Southeastern Live Well Center**. They will be hosting a collaborative networking opportunity for school and agency partners to align efforts in support of students and families thriving in San Diego County. [Click here to register](#).


# Partner Announcements





## ACCESS YOUTH ACADEMY SQUASH TRYOUTS

Are you ready to join a vibrant team of student-athletes reaching for the stars? Whether you dream of walking the halls of a prestigious university or pursuing Olympic aspirations, step up for tryouts and become the next shining star on this exciting journey toward reaching your fullest potential! **NOTE:** Tryouts are open to current 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders only.

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR TRYOUTS!**



**SCAN ME**

**MAY 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH  
8:30-11:00 AM  
704 EUCLID AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114**

Questions? Contact Siorah Reed (Program Director):  
[siorah@accessyouthacademy.org](mailto:siorah@accessyouthacademy.org)




City of San Diego Presents

## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION JOB FAIRS

The City of San Diego is hosting free child care and early education job and resource fairs in various communities.

Local early care and education providers will be available with opportunities to learn about and apply for current openings.

Resources and information about job preparation, training, and career pathways will also be available.



**REGISTER**  
Scan the QR Code or use the link below:  
[rb.gy/svsupb](https://rb.gy/svsupb)



 <b>MEMORIAL REC CENTER</b> 2902 Marcy Ave	 <b>MAY 7</b> 2-5pm
 <b>CABRILLO REC CENTER</b> 3051 Cañon St	 <b>MAY 8</b> 10am-12pm
 <b>KEARNY MESA REC CENTER</b> 3170 Armstrong St	 <b>JUNE 26</b> 10am-1pm
 <b>CITY HEIGHTS REC CENTER</b> 4380 Landis St	 <b>JUNE 27</b> 10am-1pm
 <b>MOUNTAIN VIEW REC CENTER</b> 641 So. Boundary St	 <b>JUNE 29</b> 9am-12pm

**FREE! No Cost**

For more information, contact:  
[OCYS@sanidiego.gov](mailto:OCYS@sanidiego.gov)






DEDICATED TO BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH

The University of California San Diego (UCSD), in partnership with local agencies are leading a Community Health Worker (CHW) training program to develop capacity in Native American/Indigenous communities and Refugee and Immigrant communities, particularly but not exclusively from Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

**PARTICIPATING CHWS WILL RECEIVE:**

TRAINING PROGRAM	CAREER PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 2-3 hour time commitment per week; 120 total lecture hours to complete the program</li> <li>Topics include communication, case management, healthcare support, essential skills, technology/digital literacy, self-care, public health</li> <li>Hybrid Training - both online and in-person options available</li> <li>Earn a professional CHW certificate from UCSD Extension!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants will be eligible for the following after completing training:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced public health training to support job readiness serving communities of color</li> <li>Apprenticeship/internship opportunities that can lead to employment</li> <li>High level coaching to become trainers of future CHWs in the community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

FULL TUITION COVERED BY PROGRAM  
Other related expenses may be considered for reimbursement on a case by case basis

- TRAVEL
- CHILDCARE
- ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGIES

**INTERESTED? SCAN THIS QR CODE/CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ENROLL OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

<https://forms.gle/EKMSKZHGASWYAUMTY>

Questions? Contact: [jwiebanderson@ucsd.edu](mailto:jwiebanderson@ucsd.edu)



THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AS PART OF AN AWARD TOTALING \$3,000,000 WITH 0% FINANCED WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES. THE CONTENTS ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR(S) AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF, NOR AN ENDORSEMENT, BY HRSA, HHS, OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT HRSA.GOV.

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER AT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO?




**Live Well Career Prep Series  
Public Health Career Panel**

**May 16th, 2024  
3:30-5:00 PM**

**Southeastern Live Well Center  
5101 Market St,  
San Diego, CA 92114**

**What to expect**

- Learn about different Public Health career paths in various County departments.
- Staff advice on how to pursue a County career
- Q&A for career-related questions

**Join the Conversation**

Please register at [bit.ly/PHCountyPanel24](https://bit.ly/PHCountyPanel24) or scan:



Questions? [Livewellyouth@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Livewellyouth@sdcounty.ca.gov)





# SPARK AWARDS

CELEBRATING INNOVATION IN BALBOA PARK

**May 9, 2024**  
San Diego Air and Space Museum Balboa Park

Forever Balboa Park's sPARK Awards amplify the amazing work taking place in Balboa Park and San Diego. Join us at this special community event.

Visit [4-bp.org/spark](https://4-bp.org/spark) to

- Nominate an awardee
- Purchase tickets
- Donate
- Sponsor the event

**SDSU** | Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity  
Career Services

## SPRING/SUMMER CAREER FAIRS

<b>FEB 7</b>	*Career & Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
<b>FEB 20 &amp; 22</b>	2-day STEM Career & Internship Fair
<b>MAR 14</b>	Fowler College of Business Career Fair
<b>MAR 21</b>	Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Job Fair
<b>MAR 25</b>	Public Health Career Fair
<b>APR 11</b>	*Just in Time Career & Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
<b>APR 25</b>	*SDSU Imperial Valley Fall Career and Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
<b>MAY 29</b>	*Summer Career Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
<b>MAY 30</b>	Virtual Summer Career Fair

\*Open to the public



The Urban Collaborative Project | *Maxx Moses* | The City of **SAN DIEGO**

An initiation into adulthood utilizing art, health and wellbeing, financial literacy, and global citizenship as the building blocks for success.

**SHINE 4 EVER**

The Urban Collaborative Project CDC and Maxx Moses are recruiting young people ages 16 to 24 to apply for a 4-week paid summer program.

BUILD YOUR DREAMS, SHAPE YOUR FUTURE, MAKE MONEY, HAVE FUN

For eligibility, guidelines, and to apply  
[bit.ly/shine4everapp](https://bit.ly/shine4everapp)



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**ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLINICAL TRIAL HEALTH FORUM**

**SATURDAY MAY 18 2024 12 PM**



DIVERSE RESEARCH NOW.COM/OUR-EVENTS

JOE & VI JACOB'S CENTER CELEBRATION HALL 404 EUCLID AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114

THIS EVENT MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS



# Partner Announcements

## San Diego Housing Commission Achievement Academy

Job skills, job placement, career planning and personal financial education such as budgeting and credit are among the programs the SDHC Achievement Academy provides for households with low income in the City of San Diego. These programs are available at no cost to participants. [Learn more and fill out an intake form.](#)



**MAAC**  
**NEXT LEVEL**  
Workforce Development Program

**Gain the necessary training, certification, and skills needed to start YOUR career.**

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ACCESS TO  
FREE  
TRAINING & JOB PLACEMENT WITHIN THE  
HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY**

**Who is Eligible:**

- Age 18+
- Committed to completing a job training program within one year
- Intermediate to advance ELL (English language learner)
- Career-minded individuals with a growth mindset
- Must be authorized to work in the US

**What we do:**

- Tuition support
- Case management
- Job Placement
- Barrier Support
- Mentorship
- Resume support

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT**  
Pedro Estrada Jr, Career Pathway Case Manager  
pestrada@MAACproject.org, 619.746.3912

**APPLY TODAY!**  
MAACproject.org/NextLevel



## IRS Direct File Pilot

The IRS Direct File Pilot is a new, free service that offers an easy-to-use and secure way to electronically file your 2023 Federal Tax Return directly with the IRS. This pilot is limited to eligible taxpayers reporting only certain types of income and claiming limited credits and deductions. [Learn more here.](#)

## Organic Waste Recycling Webinar

Join a free two-hour bus tour that will give you a behind-the-scenes look at what happens when you dispose of waste and clear up mystery of "throwing something away," on **Saturday, May 11, from 9 am - 11 am, at Miramar Landfill ((5180 Convoy St, San Diego, CA 92111).** [Register here!](#)

**BECOME A MEDIA MAKER!** 



**MEDIA ARTS + STORYTELLING**

For students ages 18 - 25 with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability

**Summer Session: June 10 - August 23**  
Monday - Thursday | 9:30am - 3:00pm

**LEARN**

- Acting
- Animation
- Filmmaking
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Podcasting
- Social Media
- And More!

**SIGN UP!**  
[bit.ly/MediaMakersSummer](http://bit.ly/MediaMakersSummer)



Classes Located at:  
The Wonder Lab  
125 14th Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

San Diego Regional Center Vendor  
#PY2509 - Code: 094

619-292-8295  
mediamakers@outsidetheLens.org  
[www.outsidetheLens.org](http://www.outsidetheLens.org)

**SECOND CHANCE**

**YOUTH GARDEN INTERNSHIP**



APPLY TODAY!



**8 week PAID job training opportunity for youth ages 14-21**

We empower young leaders to bloom through immersive experiences in urban gardens, tantalizing cooking and nutrition classes, and dynamic job development workshops. Join us in sowing the seeds of tomorrow's leaders today!

**EARN \$50 A WEEK**

For more information, contact Maya Panicker (Program Assistant)  
[mpanicker@secondchanceprogram.org](mailto:mpanicker@secondchanceprogram.org)

Second Chance

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Enhancing Quality of Life

**ABRAZO**

**5K WALK & 10K RUN**

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**

CHECK-IN AT 6:30AM | LAS AMERICAS PREMIUM OUTLETS  
4061 CAMINO DE LA PLAZA #490, SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173

T-SHIRT | DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT | BEER GARDEN

CHECK-IN TIME: 6:30AM  
PROGRAM: 7:00AM - 7:30AM  
RUN START TIME: 7:45AM  
WALK START TIME: 7:50AM  
BEER GARDEN : 9:00AM - 11:00AM

TICKETS RANGE FROM \$20-\$65



MORE INFORMATION:  
[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/CA/SANYSIDRO/CASAFAMILIAR5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/SanYsidro/CasaFamiliar5K)



**Baking** 

Apply Now!  
[kitchensforgood.org/apply](http://kitchensforgood.org/apply)



**Foundational Skills:** cake decorating, food safety and sanitation, pastry making, cookies, piping skills, confections, and more!

**Timeline - Front-Loaded:** 10 weeks on-campus training + 10 months On-the-Job Training

- Potential jobs as a baking assistant, decorator, pastry cook, production assistant

**Customer Service**   
(Front of House)



**Foundational Skills:** customer and guest services, event planning, catering, inventory management, and more!

**Timeline: Dual-Instruction:** 3 weeks on-campus training followed by 11 months On-the-Job Training (employment) + once-a-week classes

- Potential jobs as host, server, busser, runner

**Culinary** 



**Foundational Skills:** knife skills, food safety and sanitation, multiple cooking techniques, fish fabrication, plating and presentation, basic breads, and more!

**Timeline Options:**

- Front-Loaded:** 10 weeks on-campus class + 10 months On-the-Job Training
  - Jobs as prep cook, line cook, pantry cook, garde manger
- Dual-Instruction:** 3 weeks on-campus class followed by 11 months On-the-Job Training + once-a-week classes
  - Jobs as dishwasher, steward, prep cook

# Partner Announcements

## Volunteer Crisis Interventionists Needed

The San Diego Police Department Crisis Intervention program is looking for volunteers to assist fellow San Diego residents during traumatic times in their lives. No experience is needed! All you need is a desire to help others. A comprehensive 100-hour training course will provide you with the skills needed to perform this valuable and rewarding service. **Find out more about what Crisis Interventionists do here.**

## Adult High School Diploma Program

San Diego Public Library is proud to offer adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma. They currently offer two diploma programs: Career Online High School and Gale Excel Adult High School. Adults who are looking to continue their education, expand their career opportunities or apply to enter the military will benefit. These programs are offered entirely online with 24/7 access to fit busy schedules. **Learn more here.**

County of San Diego  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities  
Community Action Partnership (CAP)

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB) TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD THAT OVERSEES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

CAP administers programs that empower economically disadvantaged communities and their residents to provide opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency.

- Represent the public, private, and economically disadvantaged sectors in your region (view back of flyer to check which region you are located in)
- Bring together community leaders to help shape responses to local needs on the issues and causes of poverty
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on issues related to CAP programs and services
- Meetings are held in person on 2nd Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm (minimum 6/year)

Complete the application online at <https://bit.ly/3WmGle1>

For further information, visit [www.sdcountycap.com](http://www.sdcountycap.com)



## Youth Opportunity Pass Program

All riders 18 & under will be able to ride MTS and North County Transit District (NCTD) services for FREE with a Youth PRONTO app account, or a Youth PRONTO card. The **Youth Opportunity Pass** is a pilot program, sponsored by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and County of San Diego. This promotion has now **extended for another two years, until June 30, 2026.**

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Active Transportation Program



The Active Transportation Program includes, but is not limited to, increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increasing the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, advancing efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhancing public health, and providing a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of users including disadvantaged communities.

**Application Deadline: Ongoing**



## Disability Inclusion Fund



The Disability Inclusion Fund (DIF), a donor collaborative housed at Borealis Philanthropy, is accepting applications from organizations in the United States working to strengthen disability inclusion, rights, and justice. DIF grants support organizations whose work is rooted in social movements (especially intersectional cross-movement work), is collaborative, and helps to build a more vibrant, just, and joyful world for people with disabilities—from arts and culture to policy and advocacy. Supported areas of work include grassroots movement-building, advocacy, the performing arts/cultural change, mutual aid, and policy change. Funding prioritizes organizations that are disability-led, with priority towards Black, Indigenous, and people of color; queer and gender non-conforming; and women-led organizations. U.S.-based or U.S. territory-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and fiscally sponsored organizations that have annual budgets with committed revenue of less than \$1 million are eligible. (Applications are also being accepted through the DIF x Tech Fund, which seeks proposals working to bring about transformational change at the intersections of disability, justice, and technology).

**Application deadline: May 29, 2024**





## INSIDER TIP!



The Promise Zone can support the Partner grant applications by providing a Letter of Support.

Reach out to our Grants and Research Associate, Zachary Engberg, at [zengberg@sandiego.gov](mailto:zengberg@sandiego.gov) for more information!

### KFC Foundation: Kentucky Fried Wishes



Through the Kentucky Fried Wishes program, the KFC Foundation will award up to \$1 million total to 100 nonprofit organizations in the United States. Twenty-five grants will be awarded per quarterly cycle. The remaining quarterly cycles for 2024 focus on the following areas: improving health and well-being, including efforts such as mobile health clinic creation, playground improvements, domestic violence shelter upgrades, and accommodations for individuals with disabilities; expanding access to food and shelter (open for application in July 2024), including efforts such as food pantry remodels, community garden creation, building repairs and renovations, and beautification of community space, and caring for the environment and animals (open for application in September 2024), including efforts such as permanent wildlife conservation exhibits, a new vehicle for a mobile vet clinic, and park improvements. Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate or chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit their surrounding community.

**Application deadline: Applications are accepted quarterly. The upcoming application window, focused on health and well-being, is open from May 1 to 31, 2024.**



### California Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act



To help create sustainable urban forests across the state, \$30.8 million in funding will be available to support urban and community forestry projects in historically disinvested urban communities throughout California.

**Application Deadline: May 30, 2024**



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Competition



- PRICE Main (\$200 million) focuses on affordable housing preservation by encouraging revitalization and enhancement activities to preserve existing manufactured housing communities and manufactured housing units, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing manufactured homes; infrastructure improvements; and planning and resilience activities.
- PRICE Replacement Pilot (\$25 million) focuses on the redevelopment of manufactured housing communities as replacement housing to benefit households living in substandard housing or in disaster-prone areas, and includes activities such as construction of replacement housing, relocation assistance, buy-outs, and down payment assistance.

**Application Deadline: June 5, 2024**



## Arts Education Exposure



The purpose of the Exposure program is to support attendance at high-quality performances and exhibits for students who would particularly benefit from these experiences. Students may be identified as priority communities for participation due to socio-economic status, geographic region, or other aspects of students' life experiences that elevate the impact of having opportunities to engage with these cultural assets.

**Application Deadline: June 6, 2024**



## Impact Projects



The Impact Projects grant program intends to support collaborative projects that center artists and artistic practice in responding to issues experienced by historically and systemically under-resourced communities in California at this time, including, but not limited to, social, political, and economic inequalities.

**Application Deadline: June 6, 2024**



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Saucony Run For Good Foundation



The Saucony Run For Good Foundation is committed to improving the lives of children in the United States by helping to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. The Foundation provides funding to nonprofit community organizations conducting programs that increase participation in running for kids 18 years of age and younger. Supported programs should utilize running participation for health and well-being in children and serve youth populations not traditionally exposed to running programs.

**Application deadline: June 15 and December 15, annually**



## Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 3, Rolling Application (ERF-3-R)



The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is pleased to announce the availability of Round 3 of the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program. ERF was established to provide funding to Local Jurisdictions, and Continuums of Care (CoCs) to support them to resolve the homelessness of people living in encampments.

**Application Deadline: June 28, 2024**



## GFO-23-312 – Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program



This solicitation is part of the Community Energy Reliability & Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program, which invests in deployment projects across California that increase community energy reliability and resilience, support California's climate and energy policies, improve energy justice and equity, and create good-paying jobs. Funding for this program was authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

**Application Deadline: July 12, 2024**







# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

In the San Diego Promise Zone, civic engagement plays a pivotal role in addressing the challenges residents face. It's not merely a process; it's a lifeline for residents to actively participate in the decision-making processes that directly impact their lives. By involving residents in understanding the unique issues that the Promise Zone faces, such as economic inequalities and educational gaps, civic engagement allows for the co-creation of effective strategies tailored to the community's specific needs.

[WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS](#)

[WATCH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS](#)

**Get It Done** 

Simple and easy to connect with the City:

- Report non-emergency problems
- Schedule appointments
- Obtain information

[sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://sandiego.gov/get-it-done)  
or download your mobile app today!  
"Get It Done San Diego"

## Mobility Master Plan Survey

The City of San Diego wants your input on the Mobility Master Plan, a comprehensive transportation planning effort to create a balanced, equitable, and sustainable mobility system for the City of San Diego. [Learn more and submit a comment!](#)

## Coastal Resilience Master Plan

The City Planning Department is currently seeking feedback on the draft conceptual designs for each of the project sites within the Coastal Resilience Master Plan. [Learn more and take a survey!](#)

## Blueprint SD

Blueprint SD is using the best available data to identify areas for more homes and jobs that are connected to convenient and affordable options to walk, bike, and ride transit to meet daily needs. [Learn more about this strategy.](#)

# Spotlight on Council Districts

Discover the diverse districts within the Promise Zone and their respective City Councilmembers.

**Councilmember  
Stephen Whitburn**



**District 3**

**Councilmember  
Henry L. Foster III**



**District 4**



**Find My  
Council District**

**Councilmember  
Vivian Moreno**

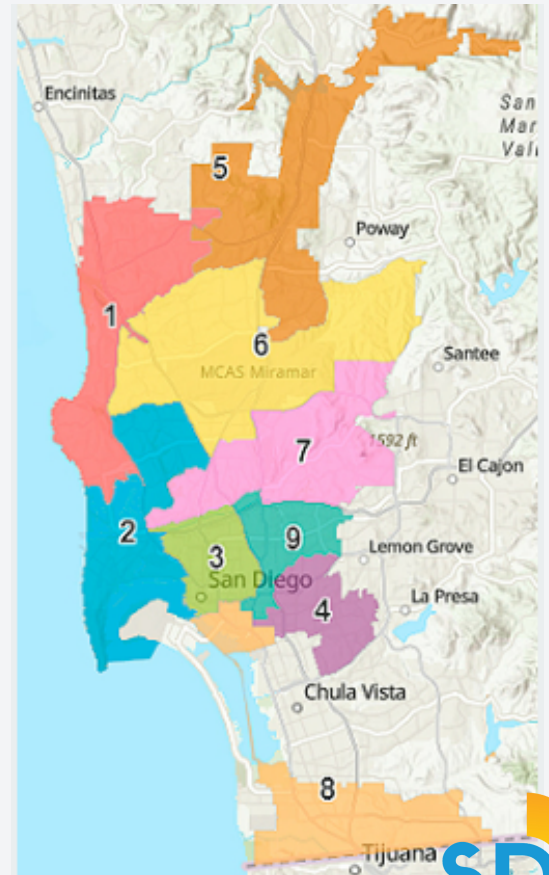


**District 8**

**Council President  
Sean Elo-Rivera**



**District 9**



For additional information regarding City Councilmembers and their respective Districts, please visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil>.



# Job Board



## Informal Job Database, Solicitation for Services



### Administrative and Operations Coordinator

Meals on Wheels San Diego County is looking for an Administrative and Operations Assistant. This role will provide essential support to the administrative and operations departments. [Learn more.](#)



YMCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### Mental Health Therapist

YMCA San Diego County is hiring a Mental Health Therapist. This role provides direct therapeutic services including assessments, individual, group and crisis counseling to current and past participants. [Apply Now.](#)



### Housing Program Analyst

The County of San Diego is hiring a Housing Program Analyst. This is an entry-level analyst position and a great opportunity to advance a career in affordable housing and community revitalization! [Apply Here.](#)



### Fire-Rescue Chief

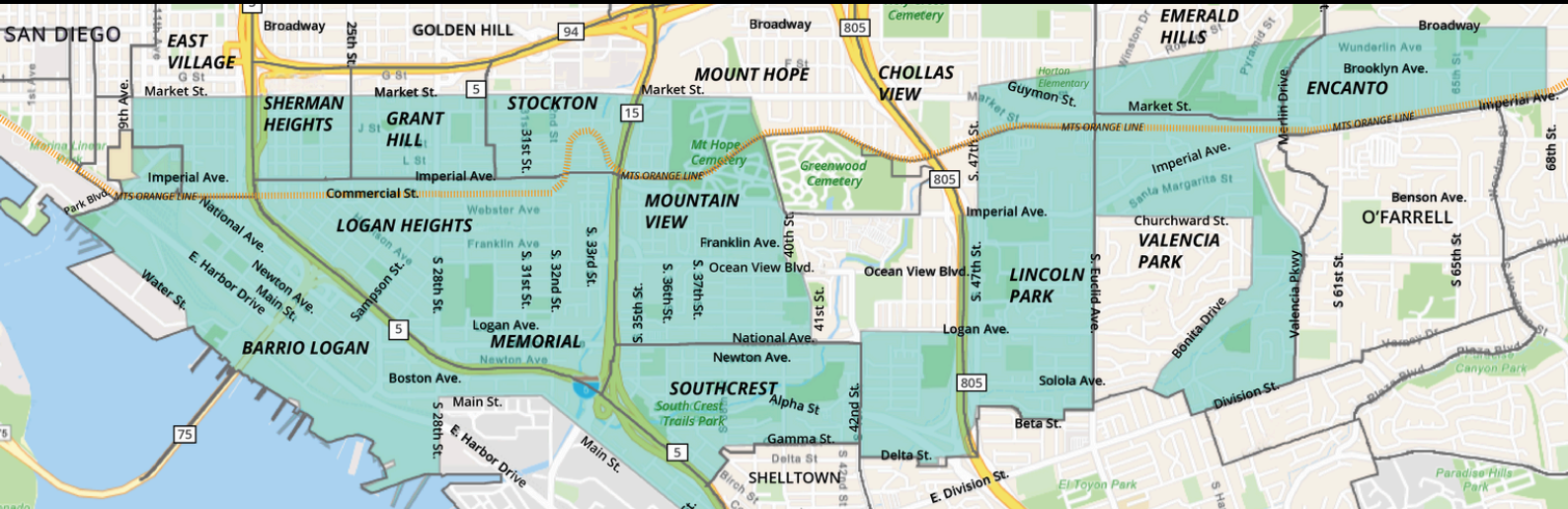
The City of San Diego seeks an outstanding and forward-looking leader to step into the role of Fire-Rescue Chief. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in resource management and implementing innovative business solutions. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Looking for more roles? Check out additional job boards!**

City of San Diego - [Personnel Job Board](#)

San Diego Workforce Partnership - [Job Board](#)

San Diego Regional EDC - [Job Board](#)



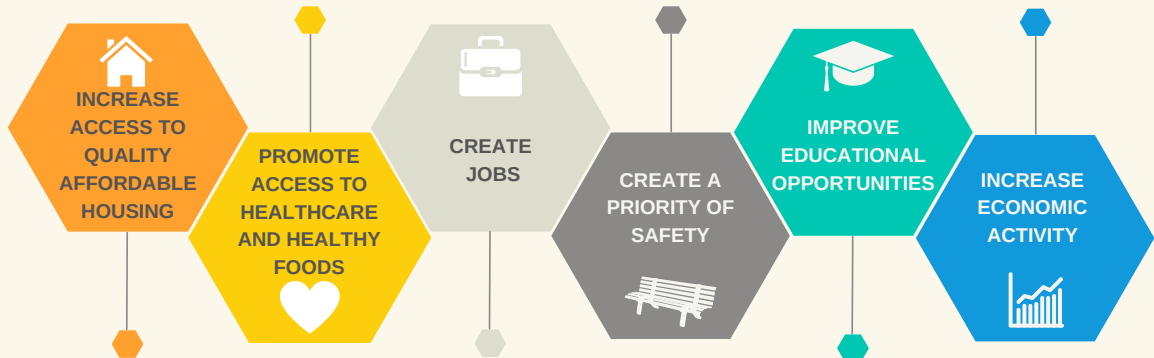
### ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto. It is home to the City's most culturally rich and ethnically diverse neighborhoods, but also some of the most under-resourced communities. Through the Promise Zone initiative, community-based organizations, direct service providers, residents, and business owners work with government agencies to enhance collective impact, streamline resources, and deliver comprehensive support.

Since 2016, the unemployment rate has decreased from 14.9% to 6.7%, and the poverty rate has fallen from 38.3% to now 22.1% (ACS, 2016, 2021). We recognize there are many factors that contribute to these numbers. We do know that in the 7 years since the designation, targeted efforts from the city and community-based organizations have supported some improvement in these areas, however, we recognize there is still plenty of work to do to continue improving the lives of our Promise Zone residents.

### WORKING GROUP GOALS

- Increase access to healthy foods
- Improve access to healthcare
- Support opportunities for active transportation and active living
- Dialogue with residents
- Create environments conducive to learning and working
- Improve infrastructure
- Increase and improve access to capital



- Create and preserve affordable housing
- Support renters, first-time homebuyers, and people without housing
- Cultivate opportunities for career exploration, applied learning, and youth leadership
- Create meaningful summer employment experiences for teenagers
- Increase the number of students meeting school readiness and grade-level expectations
- Increase educational and career supports for Opportunity Youth



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