

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 101

What happens at the City of San Diego?



Mayor

- Directs administrative structure
- Can appoint or remove department heads
- Can approve/veto council actions
- Cannot vote on measures or ordinances, but:
- Can suggest to Council



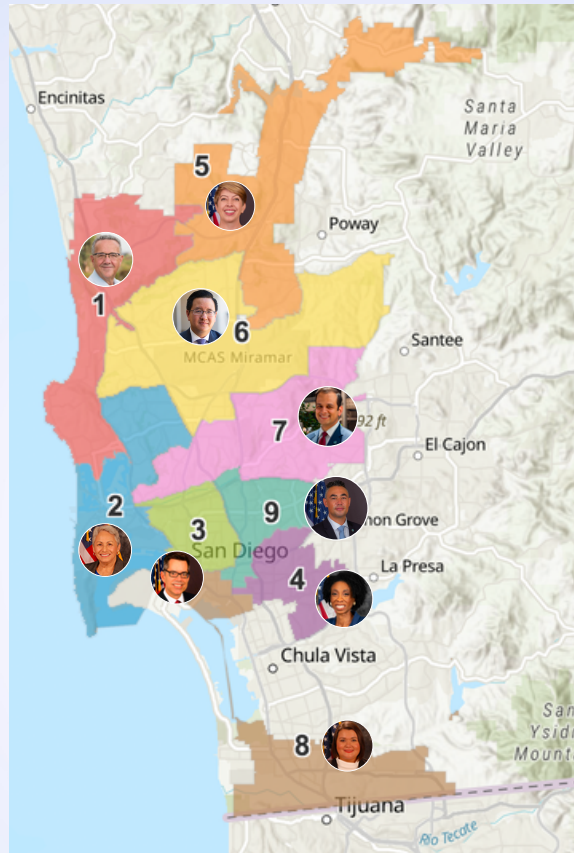
City Attorney's Office

- An elected position
- Chief advisor to Mayor, City Council, most City Departments
- Is the City's prosecutor
- The legal representation for the City
- Defends taxpayers in lawsuits
- Protects residents & neighborhood quality of life



Council President

- Sets Council Agenda
- Presides over Council meetings
- Handles parliamentary duties
- Determines key assignments to committees



City Council

- 9 Councilmembers (1 per District)
- Establishes/modifies committees, advisory boards, & citizen committees
- Committees allow for smaller groups to go in-depth on policy
- 10 active Council Committees
- Introduces/passes ordinances or resolutions
- Affirmative vote of 5+
- Mayor can veto- veto can be overridden by affirmative vote of 6+

Departments

- ADA Compliance and Accessibility
- City Auditor
- City Clerk
- City Treasurer
- Communications
- Compliance Department
- Development Services
 - Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
 - Community Development Block Grant
- Emergency Services
- Engineering & Capital Projects
- Environmental Services
- Finance
- Fire-Rescue
 - Lifeguard Services
- General Services
- Government Affairs
- Homelessness Strategies and Solutions
- Human Resources
- Independent Budget Analyst (IBA)
- Information Technology
- Library
- Parks & Recreation
- Parking
- Performance & Analytics
- Personnel
- Planning
- Police
- Public Utilities
- Purchasing & Contracting
- Real Estate and Airport Management
- Risk Management
- Special Events & Filming
- Stormwater Department
- Sustainability and Mobility Department
- Transportation Department

Link to all departments:

sdd9.info/depts

