

Important City Numbers

Non-Police Emergency

San Diego Police Department
619.531.2000

Street Light Repair

Street Division 619.527.8000

Missed Trash Pick-up

Environmental Services 858.694.7000

Potholes

Streets Division 619.537.7500

Abandoned Vehicles

Abandon Vehicle Abatement
858.495.7856

Abandoned Trash or Debris

Environmental Services Code Compli-
ance 858.694.7000

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti Control Hotline 619.525.8522

Dead Animal Removal

Caltrans (freeways and off ramps)
619.688.6670
Environmental Services (Streets, Alley,
Sidewalks) 858.694.7000

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Environmental Services 858.694.7000

Any Issue Not Listed

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“Jose Montano’s Wish”

Over the course of representing District 8, I have met thousands of great people but recently I met an extraordinary young man. The first time I had the opportunity to meet Jose Montano was at his 11th birthday. In many ways, Jose is your typical fifth grader. He is a hometown fan of the Chargers, enjoys listening to music and playing with his friends during recess. At Jose’s 11th birthday party, I learned that Jose selflessness sets him apart from many of his peers.

the choice to go anywhere, meet anyone, become anyone or give anything. Of the over 3,000 recipients of wishes in San Diego this year, Jose was one of only two who decided to use his wish to give to others. His wish was for a new playground at his elementary school. Jose was granted his wish at a presentation ceremony on his 11th birthday on March 1st, 2012.



As I was standing on stage as Jose arrived for his ceremony, I could not help but feel humbled by Jose’s decision to give to others when given the opportunity to have or do anything. I was honored to have had the opportunity to see the joy on his face when cutting the ribbon to the new Jose Montano Playground at Berry Elementary. To honor Jose’s selflessness, the City Council declared March 13th “Jose Montano Day” in the City of San Diego.

In the spring of 2011, Jose was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a rare and terminal form of brain cancer. Jose was referred to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego, an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. When Jose met with the foundation, he was given

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What’s Next for Pond 20?



Since taking office in December of 2010, Councilmember Alvarez and his staff have been actively working with residents across the District 8 to address neighborhood needs. One of these projects is Pond 20.

Pond 20 is a large parcel of land located along Palm Avenue between 13th and 16th Streets, which was previously used for salt harvesting. The complex jurisdiction of Pond 20 has required the City of Imperial Beach, Port of San Diego, and the City of San Diego to come together to determine how to utilize this abandoned property.

In January, the San Diego Unified Port District Commission, who owns the property, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of San Diego and the City of Imperial

Beach to start the public process of developing a list of potential uses of this land. Over the next two months, the Port of San Diego is conducting a series of public meeting to gather input and suggestions from interested parties including local residents. These meetings are your opportunity to give input on the potential uses of Pond 20. The first public meeting is April 12th, 2012.

Please feel free to contact Councilmember Alvarez at 619-236-6688 for more information on upcoming meetings.

Preventing Contamination



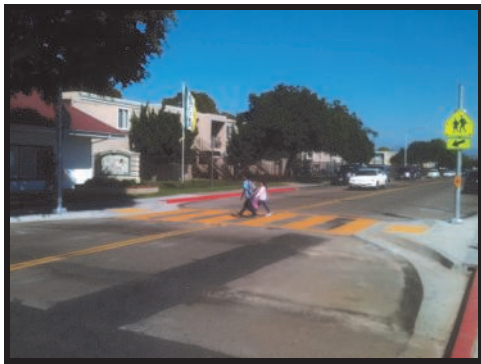
The City of San Diego recently received a state-based grant to conducted a recycling event in San Diego that allowed residents to dispose of batteries, oil, oil filters, florescent lights, anti-freeze, and other toxic materials illegal to dispose of as part of normal trash pick-up.

On March 24, 2012, the City’s Department of Environmental Services conducted a recycling event at Montgomery High School. This event was a huge success resulting in the collection of more than 10,180 pounds of recyclable hazardous waste including 650 gallons of used motor oil; 130 pounds of oil filters; 1 ton of automotive batteries; 105 gallons of antifreeze; 475 pounds of consumer batteries and 110 pounds of fluorescent lights from over 173 local residents. These chemicals could have been a hazard to our environment and waterways if disposed of improperly. Thank you to all the residents who participated.

Traffic Calming in Nestor

In 2007, the Nestor Traffic Calming (NTC) Working Group was formed to address safety concerns related to speeding vehicles on streets in Nestor often frequented by students walking or biking to and from school. This all volunteer working group consists of residents, Otay

Mesa-Nestor Planning Group members, principals from local schools, and school superintendents from the affected school districts, among others. Soon after forming, the NTC Working Group conducted a series of public workshops to identify areas where modifications in infrastructure would enhance student safety. The resulting list of solutions included crosswalks, speed limit signs, additional sidewalks, and median chokers, among others. After working with engineers at the City of San Diego’s Transportation & Engineering Division to determine the most appropriate and cost effective solutions, the City began installing traffic calming measures. Additional projects proposed by the NTC Working Group are being reviewed by City Engineers. For questions or concerns about these and future projects, please call Councilmember Alvarez at 619.236.6688.



Meet the Rest of the Council District 8 Staff

For a full list visit: www.sandiego.gov/cd8

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Lisa worked for the California State Legislature for 18 years, serving Senators Steve Peace, Martha Escutia, the late Jenny Oropeza and most recently, Denise Ducheny. She also served as a Consultant for the Senate Majority Caucus in the State Capitol. Lisa can be reached via email at lm Schmidt@sandiego.gov.

Kevin Smith—Chief of Policy, Natural Resources and Culture Committee Consultant

Kevin was raised in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He attended Bridgewater State College and earned his Bachelor's Degree in History with minors in Political Science and Secondary Education. For eight years, he served as Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff to former City Councilmember Donna Frye. He is currently in the process of obtaining a Masters Degree in Public Policy at San Diego State University. Kevin can be reached via email at ksmith@sandiego.gov.



Jeremy Addis-Mills—Constituent Communications/Council Representative



A native of Southern California, Jeremy Addis-Mills moved to San Diego in 2001 to attend California State University San Marcos. Prior to joining the District 8 Staff, Jeremy spent 6 years working as a Legislative Campaign and Communications Consultant for various local, national, and global non-profits, businesses and organizations. Jeremy is a graduate of California State University San Marcos with a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies and in Social Sciences. Jeremy can be reached via email at jaddismills@sandiego.gov.

Gabriel Solmer—Council Representative/Policy Advisor

Gabriel grew up in northern California. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication, both from the University of California, San Diego. She earned her law degree at the University of San Diego, and joined the California Bar in December, 2003. For eight years, she served as Legal Director for San Diego Coastkeeper, an environmental nonprofit focused on water quality. She also directed the Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, Coastkeeper's independent legal intern program. Gabriel can be reached via email at gsolmer@sandiego.gov



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