Community, one of the best kept secrets about our district – and a rich part of the legacy of Councilmember George Stevens – are the Walls of Excellence located on Willie James Jones at Imperial Avenue.

It is an honor to carry on this legacy of conferring distinction on high achieving seniors from Gompers Preparatory Academy, Lincoln High School, Morse High School and the San Diego School of Creative & Performing Arts.

Since 2000, for nearly two decades, Fourth District Councilmembers have inducted three students from each of the four schools. To be eligible, each student must have a cumulative G.P.A of at least 3.0 and have demonstrated an investment in community service.

This year, during our ceremony held on Saturday, June 15th, each inductee received Special Commendations from Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber and from my office, along with an engraved glass plaque that is forever installed on these historic walls.

We are working hard to include achievement in the narrative about our youth. There is excellence in our community, and it is up to us to amplify and celebrate our students that excel in academics.

Meet the Class of 2019 Walls of Excellence Inductees:

- Morse High School: Tatiana Butte, 4.2 GPA; Kiana Florendo, 4.2 GPA; Sophia Canja, 4.47 GPA
- Gompers Preparatory Academy: Susan Fallas, 4.4 GPA; Victoria Orozco, 4.37 GPA; Danny Maganda, 3.89 GPA
- Lincoln High School: Aaron James Reynolds, 3.5 GPA; Phonisha A.I. Pruitt, 4.32 GPA; Christian Andrew Tocol, 4.55 GPA
- San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts: Marielle Jingco, 3.8 GPA; Marilaine Kate Roque, 4.1 GPA; Crystalinda White, 3.65 GPA
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Community, thank you for your participation and advocacy in this year’s budget process. It takes all of us working together to ensure that there is equity in the funding of our libraries, open spaces, neighborhood services and much more. As a part of my commitment to be our voice at city hall, I am pleased to announce our ‘wins’ during this budget cycle, including the following:

- **Oak Park Library Feasibility Study**: This will result in the creation of a new capital improvement project. The feasibility study will examine the library’s needs and evaluate the suitability of the existing site, including associated constraints. The study would also offer program layout options which would become the basis of the design.

- **Emerald Hills Park General Development Plan**
- **MLK Rec Center Moisture Intrusion**
- **Mobility improvements to include wider sidewalks and bike lanes**: Market Street–47th to Euclid–Complete Street
- **Sidewalks**: 54th–Market to Santa Margarita; 63rd St. from Broadway to Imperial Ave (West Side); Woodman St.– Cielo to Pagel Place
- **Capital Improvement Project** (design phase): Streamview Drive Improvements Phase 2
- **Street lights**: Market Street at Radio Drive, Southeast corner; Los Alamos Drive and Trinidad Way intersection upgrade; College Avenue at Meridian Avenue, Southwest corner
- **Traffic Signals and/or Modifications** – 47th St./Solola Ave.; 45th St. & Market St. – 2 Street lights on signal poles (new); 62nd & Imperial TS Upgrade new
- **ADA Compliant Curb Ramps**: Leucadia and Norm
- **Utilities Undergrounding**: Boundary and Toyne; San Vicente
- **Pure Water Program**: Chollas Building

**Brush Management and Abatement**
Addition of $626,000 to restore brush management to adequate service levels. This addition will increase the frequency of brush abatement activity in high priority Open Space areas citywide.

**Restoration of Park Rangers**
Restoration of three (3) Park Rangers to support the Developed Regional Parks and Open Space Divisions to meet several key performance measures such as customer satisfaction with the park system and the amount of habitat restoration areas.

**Private Property Graffiti Abatement**
Addition of $300,000 in one–time non–personnel expenditures related to contractual services for private property graffiti abatement services.

**Disparity Study**
Addition of $200,000 in one–time, non–personnel expenditures for contractual services related to a citywide disparity study. This addition, in conjunction with the $800,000 already included in the Proposed Budget, will provide the Purchasing & Contracting Department with $1.0 million to complete a citywide disparity study to identify gaps that exist in contracting with traditionally underrepresented groups, and it will include recommendations on how to remedy any gaps identified.

Please visit these links, for more information on the [FY 2020 Proposed Budget](https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv) and [May Revise](https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv). You can tune in and watch Council and Committee meetings on City TV24: [https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv](https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv)
❖ Looking for a job, please visit: https://bit.ly/2VWTQSb
❖ D4 Green Team Site Captains Meeting, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Skyline Hills Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Road.
❖ Mark Your Calendar: COMMUNITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS and SERVICES (CPPS) RFQ Submission begins JULY 1ST – SEPTEMBER 27TH. More information is forthcoming once the City’s website is updated after July 1st.
❖ Proposed Transitional Storage Facility in District 9 Town Hall, Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Teen Challenge Center, 5450 Lea Street.
❖ Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, Councilmember Montgomery, Chair: Wednesday, July 24th at 9 a.m. 202 C. St., 12th floor.
❖ National Night Out at Gompers Park, Tuesday, August 6th, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

For a complete list of community meetings and events, please visit our digital platform:

https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventslisting
June 1st | Thank you, Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council.

Our community clean up was a huge success. Sofas, chairs, mattresses, debris and much more – totaling over 4.5 tons of trash – were removed from our community. Safe and healthy communities are a top priority for our office.

Block by block. Neighborhood by neighborhood. To join the movement, please email Cd4news@sandiego.gov or call 619.236.6644.

Weed Abatement in the Medians on Skyline Drive and Imperial Avenue

A special thank you to the City’s Transportation and Storm Water Department.

During this year’s budget process, we mentioned how the medians in our community needed weed abatement.

City crews immediately went to work clearing the medians on both Imperial Avenue and Skyline Drive.