

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 Compliance 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

Office of Councilmember David Alvarez
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“Cap and Freeze Pensions”

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As a result of backroom deals over the last two decades, the City of San Diego has allowed millions of dollars to fly out of the pension system in the form of exorbitant pension benefits sometimes resulting in six figure retirement incomes. These backroom deals and their eventual cost to the city were unacceptable at the time and are unacceptable now. We must continue to reform the pension system and this time the process needs to be transparent and open to the public.

This month, I proposed a pension alternative called Cap and Freeze. My proposal is simple, cost effective and allows the City to utilize the same pension program that has worked for nearly 100 years while reforming its pork barrel giveaways. At its core, Cap and Freeze would require the City to **CAP** employee retirement income at \$99,999 preventing any future employee from receiving a six figure retirement income. Cap and Freeze would go one step further

and **FREEZE** employee salaries for the next 5 years, saving the City millions of dollars while providing some relief in future years of the City's pension obligation. At the end of the day, Cap and Freeze would result in immediate and significant savings of around \$94 million over alternative measures and would springboard the city towards an estimated \$24 million budget surplus by fiscal year 2014.

“Cap and Freeze
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While this proposal is a simple, easy and cost effective way to reform the current pension system, I believe it is important that any reform of the pension system be transparent. All options should be on the table so San Diegans, not politicians, can decide the best way to reform the pension system.

For more information on my proposed pension reform measure please visit: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd8. If you have any question or comments call: 619.236.6688.

Otay-Tijuana Cross Border Facility



For decades, San Diegans have known that one day soon Lindbergh Field will be operating at capacity and despite multiple efforts to find new air travel opportunities within the region, no tangible action to solve that problem has been taken. For almost as long, we have known that increased waits at our border crossings had a detrimental effect, to the

tune of \$6 billion a year, to the region’s economy. Recently, the San Diego City Council approved the innovative Otay-Tijuana Cross Border Facility, to address these issues.

This unique project will be the first of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Once completed, airline passengers can be dropped off in the U.S, check in, then proceed through U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Mexican Customs, over the International Border via a 500 ft. bridge, and directly into Tijuana International Airport’s terminals. Upon return, these passengers will never have to use the traditional ports of entry and wait the two, three or more hours to cross at San Ysidro and Otay Mesa.

In addition to becoming the foundation for future economic development in Otay Mesa, this facility is expected to provide San Diegans with easy access to flights that are not currently available at Lindbergh Field. All factors point to an increased use of Tijuana’s International Airport by US-based travelers, while complementing, rather than competing, with routes that will continue to be served by Lindbergh.

This unique and ambitious new project is an example of our cooperative relationship with Mexico and advances the vision that the border is no longer just a dividing line, but rather an opportunity to enhance the region’s bi-national competitiveness in the global market.

Most Interesting Constituent in District 8



Ramona Rodriguez, retired after 24 years working for the City of San Diego. Since moving to Sherman Heights, Mrs. Rodriguez has been a dedicated community activist. When

Mrs. Rodriguez moved to Sherman Heights, the area was plagued by crime, prostitution and drugs. She organized neighbors against bars and other locations that sold drugs and eventually got the SD Police Department involved in a clean-up of Sherman.

Mrs. Rodriguez is also one of the founders of the Sherman Heights Community Center; has been an organizer for the Fiestas Patrias celebration for Mexican Independences; and is a contributor for Dia de los Muertos and the las Posadas festivals at the Center.

She and her husband will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They have two children, seven grandchildren and three great– grandchildren.

Sherman Heights >>>

Creative Solutions For The Community

During Councilmember Alvarez’s Office Hours at the Sherman Heights Community Center in January of last year, Father Earl Eggleston, Priest from the Our Lady of Angeles, met with Councilmember Alvarez. He brought a list of items with him which he thought would benefit the community. After discussing the items on the list, Councilmember Alvarez and Father Eggleston agreed to work together on a number of these items.



One item on the list was lining G Street with trees and placing pedestrian crossing in areas where residents could walk and feel safe. With the combined support of Councilmember Alvarez and Urban Corps, 28 trees are planted along 2200 – 2500 blocks of G Street. Father Eggleston has committed to water the trees for one year or until the trees were mature enough to survive without constant attention. Additionally, Father Eggleston and his staff have been regularly cleaning the trash and debris along G St. This creative partnership between the City and community has not only beautified G St. but has created a safer and cleaner environment for the people who live there.

Otay Mesa >>>

Talking to the Community



While in Otay Mesa, COT Staffer David Sanchez spoke to a constituent about the condition of a survey marker on the corner of Ionian Street and 15th Street. This marker was a nuisance and hazard to vehicles driving along 15th Street. In addition, to the marker being located in a pothole, it had broken. Within 30 days of Councilmember Alvarez reporting this issue to the City’s Field Engineering Division, the marker was replaced and plans are in place to level the street marker during the next resealing of 15th Street and Ionian Street.

Each week, Councilmember Alvarez’s Community Outreach Team (COT) walks door-to-door in neighborhoods all across District 8. Their goal is to ask District 8 constituents what they think about the direction of the City; what the City should be focusing on; and what needs to be fixed in your community. COT has collected hundreds of cases over the last year including this one:

Sherman Heights >>>

Crossing the Road



Each day, hundreds of children from the neighborhood of Sherman Heights cross Island Avenue between Sherman Elementary School and the Sherman Heights Community Center to utilize the joint-use park and the community center. Staff from the Center have proposed a marked pedestrian crossing from the Center to the joint park. Last fall, staff submitted a petition for an evaluation for a pedestrian crossing to Councilmember Alvarez.

In January, Councilmember Alvarez was informed that the pedestrian crossing request had been approved. The Center staff is currently in discussions with the Engineering Department from San Diego Street Division to proceed with the marked pedestrian crossing, and the process should be completed shortly. The Sherman Heights residents will soon enjoy a safety crossing between the two facilities making this a much safer street for residents who use the Center and the park every day.

Upcoming Events>>>

March 1st
Jose Montañó: Make-A-Wish Foundation Event
Berry Elementary School,
2001 Rimbey Ave
9AM-9:30AM

March 2nd
"Read Across America"
Burbank Elementary
2146 Julian Ave San Diego
8AM-9AM

"Read Across America"
Silverwing Elementary
3730 Arey Drive San Diego
9AM-12PM

San Ysidro Office Hours
San Ysidro Community
Service Center,
663 East San Ysidro Blvd
10AM-12PM

Youth Town Hall Meeting
Joe & Vi Jacobs Center
Celebration Hall
404 Euclid Avenue
6PM-8PM

March 9th
Sherman Heights office Hours
2258 Island Avenue San Diego
3PM-5PM

March 16th
Otay Mesa- Nestor Office Hours
3003 Coronado Avenue San Diego
11AM-1PM

