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State Bill Pushes Gómez Proposal Forward



On Wednesday, February 14, Assemblymember Todd Gloria announced Assembly Bill (AB) 2372, the California Sustainable and Affordable Housing Act, known as the CASA Act. The bill is a result of Councilmember Gómez working in partnership with Assemblyman Gloria to spur the production of affordable housing within transit priority areas.

Councilmember Gómez first proposed the idea in her Housing Action Plan, changing the way developers build dwelling units, using a floor area ratio measurement, versus the current dwelling unit per acre measurement.

For more information, you can visit www.sandiego.gov/cd9.

New SDPD Chief

On February 26, the San Diego City Council confirmed the appointment of David Nisleit as San Diego's new Police Chief. Chief Nisleit has been with the department for nearly three decades and has served in various divisions and leadership positions.



As Chief Nisleit takes over, his work will include addressing the department's need to recruit and retain officers, while also improving police relations with the communities they serve.

In a statement, Councilmember Gómez said, ***"It is a new day in the San Diego Police Department with the appointment of Chief Nisleit and I look forward to working with him in addressing many of the concerns the community and I have."***

Centerline Route Officially Opens

On Saturday, February 24, Councilmember Gómez joined several community members to celebrate the opening of the MTS Centerline stop, making it the first freeway-level transit stop for the Bus Rapid Transit network.



This project is the culmination of several decades of community activism, where residents fought for more open space and safer passages for children, pedestrians, and bicyclists in the community.

The State Route 15 freeway in Mid City is a Complete Corridor, with one of North America's few freeway cap parks on top, two transit plazas, two bike/pedestrian bridges, two adjacent parks, and a brand new parallel running bike path. The Centerline completes the project and becomes a major step forward for transit in San Diego.



Congratulations to all the community residents who made this project happen!

More on back! D9 Highlight • Clay Park Clean Up • Southcrest Trails Park Opens!

Clay Park Clean Up In Rolando



On Saturday, February 10, Rolando community members and City staff came together to clean Clay Park. Work on the park

included cleaning up litter, spreading mulch, repainting benches, and disinfecting playground equipment. Furthermore, the overgrown vegetation in the ravine was trimmed down, and the trash along the park sidewalk was abated.

The Parks and Recreation Department provided the cleanup equipment and the San Diego Police Department helped community residents clean up.

This volunteer-driven cleanup saved two weeks of full-time labor for the Parks and Recreation Department, which can now more proactively focus on improvement projects for the park.

A very special thank you to the Rolando community leaders who orchestrated the event and to the community members who participated in beatifying the neighborhood. Your volunteerism strengthens our community and shows park users that Rolando cares about Clay Park. We could not accomplish this work without you!

Got Water Bill Concerns?

The Public Utilities Department will hold a workshop to help address any concerns you may have on Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation • 404 Euclid Ave., San Diego 92114.

**If you can't make it, contact Customer Service to discuss your account at (619) 515-3500 or email customercare@sandiego.gov.*

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District 9 Highlight: Anna Ochoa Medina



Anna is the latest addition to our District 9 team. She earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Boston College in 2017, with a minor in International Studies.

Anna also works as a dance instructor and has a passion for the arts and traveling abroad. While born in San Diego, Anna has lived in Tijuana for a majority of her life. She recognizes the importance of civic engagement and enjoys working with residents to address their concerns.

You may reach Anna at (619) 236-6699.

Friday Office Hours!

Weekly office hours every Friday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the City Heights Rec Center, by the tennis courts. 4380 Landis St. Drop on by, no appointment necessary!

Check Out Our Calendar!

Don't miss events happening in the District or around town. Check out our calendar at www.sandiego.gov/cd9/calendar. See you out in the community!

Southcrest Trails Park Opening

On Friday, February 16, Southcrest Trails Park officially opened in the Southcrest community. The project invested \$3 million into an area previously set aside for a freeway. However, with the community's involvement, the freeway was blocked and turned into a community park. The park features a skate park and basketball court, along with walking trails along Chollas Creek.



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