



Office of Councilmember

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Councilmember Gómez Presents HireSD Proposal

On March 14, Councilmember Gómez presented HireSD, a community workforce development program which seeks to invest tax dollars into high paying, local jobs for San Diegans and promote higher wages for skilled and trained construction workers. The proposal seeks to address income inequality in the City and provide San Diegans access to higher paying and higher quality jobs. The three main components of HireSD are a local hire program, a skilled and trained workforce program, and changes to the prevailing wage ordinance in the City.



Councilmember Gómez said, "HireSD will require construction projects that receive City taxpayer dollars to hire San Diegans, pay workers a prevailing wage, and have a highly trained workforce."

The Budget and Government Efficiency Committee voted 3-1 to request a legal analysis from the City Attorney and request the Independent Budget Analyst prepare a report on the operational and fiscal impacts for the program. The item will be scheduled to return to the committee in the fall.

For more information on HireSD, visit www.sandiego.gov/cd9/hiresd.

Councilmember Gómez Named Woman of the Year

On March 24, Councilmember Gómez was recognized as one of the California 80th Assembly District's Women of the Year by Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher.



Councilmember Gómez was one of several strong female leaders in the community recognized for their work in the 80th Assembly District. Congratulations to all the women!



Women's Empowerment International Day

The City Council proclaimed March 6 as Women's Empowerment International Day in the City of San Diego.



Councilmember Gómez acknowledged the work of Women's Empowerment (WE) and presented the proclamation along with her fellow female councilmembers. WE is a non-profit organization that works to provide women with tools to overcome poverty, care for their families, and strengthen their communities. In its 12 years of existence, WE has helped women to start 326 small businesses in San Diego, creating jobs and enabling low-income women entrepreneurs to thrive.

At the event, Councilmember Gómez said, "at a time when little girls and women are facing rape, genocide and abuse internationally along their journey to the U.S., organizations like Women Empowerment help foster a welcoming environment that helps uplift these women in our refugee communities. They do a lot to help our women locally and abroad and we thank them for what they do."

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Coffee in Rolando & El Cerrito

In March, Councilmember Gómez held two community coffee events in Rolando and El Cerrito. These community coffee events are an opportunity for residents to meet Councilmember Gómez and ask any questions they may have.



At a recent coffee, the Councilmember heard about concerns over housing and homelessness, code enforcement in the College Area, and issues pertaining to Hardy Elementary Joint Use Field. As a result, our office has been able to address some of the concerns regarding enforcement and, thanks to City staff, Hardy's field will be reseeded in the summer.



Join us for our next *Coffee with your Councilmember* on April 28, 2018 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Community Garden, 4261 Market St.

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!

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District 9 Highlight: Dana Springs

On March 12, the City Council proclaimed the day as Dana Springs Day in the City of San Diego.



Dana has worked passionately as an arts administrator for more than 20 years, culminating her service as the Executive Director for the San Diego Commission of Arts and Culture.

Dana accepted the honor with an inspirational speech that explained what her years of dedication represent. She said, *"Working in the government is one of the most exciting, relevant, important and meaningful types of work that anyone can do."*

Dana is a District Nine resident and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Thank you for all your years of service!

Speaking Up for Immigrants and Refugees



In anticipation of the President's visit to San Diego, Councilmember Gómez participated in a press conference to speak up against Trump's wasteful wall. The Councilmember called for

unity and support for our communities, in particular those who feel marginalized by the Trump Administration.

On September 19, The City of San Diego officially rejected Trump's Border Wall. This effort was led by Councilmember Gómez who introduced the resolution against the wall, as it is harmful to the environment and our local economy, as well as a waste of taxpayer dollars.



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