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Georgette Gómez

District 9 Digest



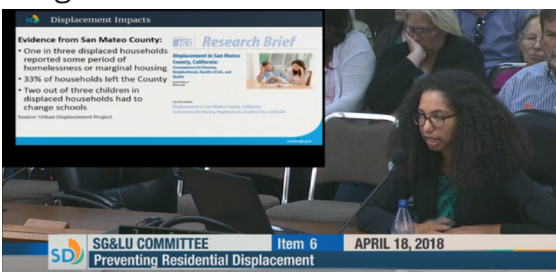
May 2018 Edition

Committee Discussion on Housing

On Wednesday, April 18, Councilmember Gómez held a committee discussion on strategies to preserve the City's current affordable housing stock and on how to prevent residential displacement. Stephen Russel, with the San Diego Housing Federation, and Kwofi Reed, with the Local Initiatives Support Corp., spoke about the strategies and challenges to preserving affordable housing in San Diego.



Our very own Keryna Johnson presented some solutions for preventing displacement of San Diego residents. The proposals included: protecting Section 8 tenants under existing tenant protection laws, exploring a Section 8 anti-discrimination ordinance, and protecting tenants from being displaced by renovated housing units.



Councilmember Gómez and the Committee heard a lot of great ideas and she is committed to having further discussions on actions that can be taken to prevent residents from being displaced while building more housing for all San Diegans. Please join us May 21, as we continue to discuss this important topic.

City Begins Budget Talks



We need your input on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY19) \$3.8 billion budget proposal which allocates your tax dollars.

On May 19, Councilmember Gómez and San Diego's Independent Budget Analyst, Andrea Tevlin, will hold a town hall meeting to discuss the budget process and how the FY19 budget proposal will affect you!

Join us, May 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Church of the Brethren, 3850 Westgate Pl. Visit www.sandiego.gov/cd9/fy19 for more information.

Town Hall with Chief Nisleit

On Tuesday, April 24, Councilmember Gómez held a town hall meeting with San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit at Crawford High School in El Cerrito.



Chief Nisleit and Councilmember Gómez took questions from the audience regarding public safety in San Diego. A number of residents expressed their gratitude for the work of our police officers and congratulated the Chief Nisleit on his new assignment.

Some concerns were brought up regarding the non-emergency police number wait times, concerns over the diversity of SDPD, and questions about community policing.

Overall, Councilmember Gómez thanked Chief Nisleit for engaging with the residents on these issues and committed to working with the Chief to address the concerns of residents with the police department.

More on back! D9 Highlight • City Heights Facelift • Mural Clean Up

Community Gets Together and Cleans City Heights Mural



On April 14, the Talmadge Patrol and members of the community came together to clean up and repaint parts of a beautiful mural on 51st St. and Polk Ave. near Fay Elementary.

Thank you to everyone who helped restore this mural for Colina Park!



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: Craig Madden



Craig Madden was raised in San Diego and has been a resident of D9 with his family for the past six years. After working as a carpenter and chef, he started his own business called "Yard to Table", where he takes care of his neighbors' gardens and helps them turn their crops into creative and delicious recipes. His advice for organic gardening is that one must put in "Lots of love and lots of time."

When he's not dedicated to his work, Craig likes to spend his time with his wife and his daughter Claire. They like to go fishing or spend family time in Balboa Park. Craig can be described as an energetic artist that loves teaching others about the things he enjoys.

He is thankful for the City of San Diego for providing him the opportunity to follow his passions and we thank him for improving our communities.

FaceLift City Heights

Have you heard of FaceLift City Heights? FaceLift is a recurring, one-day event that has transformed City Heights neighborhoods for over 20 years. This year's event was held on March 24, in the Cherokee Point neighborhood of City Heights.

With 36th Street closed off between Wightman Street and University Avenue, two homes and 17 parkways received some much-needed attention from over 300 volunteers, partnering with City Heights Community Development Corporation and Board.

Thank you to the many residents, corporations and community groups working hard to improve our community.



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