



Office of Councilmember

Georgette Gómez

District 9 Digest



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Councilmember Gómez Proposes Ordinance Protecting Residents on Section 8

On June 27, Councilmember Georgette Gómez and Committee Consultant Keryna Johnson introduced the Source of Income Discrimination Ordinance, which prevents landlords from rejecting a potential tenant solely because they receive Section 8 rental assistance.



Councilmember Gómez said, "Our city has a responsibility to ensure all San Diegans have access to housing opportunities throughout the city. Protecting our families on Section 8 from discrimination is important for reducing undue barriers in an already tight rental market."

With a vote of 2-2 at the committee, the proposed ordinance will go before the City Council on July 31 for consideration. Members of the public are encouraged to contact our office with any questions, comments or concerns at georgettegomez@sandiego.gov or at (619) 236-6699.

Water Rate Increases

Water rates to go up slightly, wastewater rates expected to remain at 2018 levels



The Public Utilities Department recently made important announcements regarding customers and their water and wastewater bills as the result of two Cost of Service studies. On June 8, 2018, Public Utilities announced that water customers' rates will rise by 2.16 percent starting on Aug. 1, 2018, to reflect the rate increase approved by City Council in 2015. On June 21, 2018, Public Utilities reported at the Council's Environment Committee that wastewater rates will stay at fiscal year 2018 levels for the next two years. The next Cost of Services analysis will be performed for the Water and Wastewater Funds in fiscal year 2020.

LGBTQ Pride

On July 10, Councilmembers Georgette Gómez and Chris Ward will proclaim July 2018 as Pride Month in the City of San Diego. Then, on July 14, Councilmember Gómez and staff joined Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, in this year's Pride Parade. This year's theme "Persist With Pride."

Councilmember Gómez has a special message to all: ***"As we celebrate, let us take a moment to think about what Pride is all about. Let us think about the struggles of the past generations that got us here and about what we must do to continue advancing our pursuit for equal rights under the law."***

Happy Pride everyone!



San Diego Unity Games

In support of San Diego's Unity Games, Councilmember Gómez, District 9 staff, and some students from Hoover High School, formed a team and played in this year's games.



The 4th annual San Diego Unity Games was held on June 23, as a friendly single-elimination softball tournament, with music, food, youth activities, and more. These games are put on by SAY San Diego and the San Diego Police Department to promote the unity between SDPD and the community.

While the District 9 team was eliminated after the first round, we all had a great time and cannot wait to participate again next year!



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!

Have You Checked 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: Dr. Delores Jacobs



Dr. Delores A. Jacobs was the longest-serving chief executive officer of The San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center. She first joined The Center in 1998, and served as the director of The Center's Behavioral Health Services before being selected as its Chief Executive Officer in 2001. As of June 30, she retired from her role as CEO.

Dr. Jacobs is a nationally-recognized skilled and powerful leader, responsible for managing one of the oldest, largest and most dynamic LGBT community centers in the country. We are proud that Dr. Jacobs is also a resident of District 9.

Thank you Dr. Jacobs for all you have done to make San Diego a better place to call home for all and we wish you the best in your retirement.

Celebrating World Refugee Day

June 20 was World Refugee Day, and on June 23, Councilmember Gómez joined the San Diego Refugee Forum to present the proclamation in the District.



World Refugee Day serves to commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees that have been forced to flee their homes out of fear of persecution or to escape disasters. There are nearly 65,300,00 displaced people worldwide, the highest levels ever recorded, including almost 21,300,00 refugees, 40,800,000 internally displaced people, and 3,200,000 people seeking asylum. Of the 21 million refugees worldwide, 51% are under the age of 18.

A big thank you to the San Diego Refugee Forum, and others, for all that you do!

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